

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Shawna Strenfel, Vice-Chairwoman Daniel Higbie, Wayne Hawkins, Dave Bechtle, Michael Torres, Alderman Jerry Kleiner and Supt. Chris Brinckerhoff.

Absent: Rollin Lybolt

GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Dave Bechtle

AUDIT: April program revenues were \$28,181.85. Bringing yearly revenue total to \$92,119.35

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: **Personnel** – No changes in staff from last month. We are in the process of completing hiring for all our summer programs and planning and scheduling program orientation and staff training.

Activities – Egg Hunt was canceled due to rain. The eggs and donated rabbits were used for an egg hunt at the Spring Break Program. Spring Break program had 72 campers enrolled. The Ribbon Cutting for Disc Golf Course was well attended. The course will be a positive addition to our park system and the downtown businesses. Spring Soccer and Cheerleading began on May 4th and will continue for 6 weeks at Watts Park. Stroller Walks began this Tuesday at Davidge Park. Police Academy this summer will be held in July at Presidential Park Elementary. Brochures are getting printed and should be out by next week. Fishing Derby will be held on Sat. June 15th at Davidge Park in the Lions Shelter. On June 6th is the Orange County Youth Awards Luncheon. Boxing Coach Francis "Paco" Santiago will be receiving the county's Positive Youth Worker Award in making a positive difference in young people's lives.

Maintenance – 5 hybrid oaks trees were planted in Fancher Davidge Park, with assistance from the Shade Tree Committee. Another 8 trees have been purchased by Shade Tree Committee and will be planted in the Dog Park this week. The Eagle Scout Project at Maple Hill Park is almost completed. The scout has made a beautiful walking trail behind the Kiwanis Shelter for all to use. Playground equipment is being installed in Maple, Bennett, Jerome Neil and Sproat St. Parks. Our crew is getting each park site ready and Miracle Equipment is doing the installation. The Parking lot at Davidge Park is almost complete to accommodate the crowds we are getting at the pool and the disc golf course. Single shelters are being installed in 5 parks, 2 parks are complete. Men are keeping up with mowing, garbage and the care ballfields as well.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Kleiner mentioned he will be requesting a meeting of the Recreation & Parks Committee to discuss an additional fulltime laborer position in the Parks Department with the addition of more facilities into our park system.

OLD BUSINESS: Drainage project at the Dog Park is halfway complete. Installation of playground equipment in four parks is almost complete. Weather has slowed work on both projects. The City's water retention project at Maple Hill Park is close to completion. They are currently dredging the pond. We were able to tour the Start Center facility on County Route 78. There is a lot of potential at the facility to expand recreational opportunities for our residents. City is hoping to close on the property sometime in June. The Davidge Park Expansion Project will soon go to bid. A required traffic study has to be completed. The commission reviewed drawings from the architect and liked what they saw.

NEW BUSINESS: We will once again be having youth through the Summer Youth Employment in Training program with the County. Contract has been signed by the Mayor. The date of the Recreation Commission Picnic will be Wednesday, July 17th at the Lion's Shelter. The Commission chose the McCormack Family for the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. The McCormack family was instrumental in the financing, designing and development of the Davidge Park Disc Golf Course. They continue to work on the course to improve it and are looking to add another nine holes. The course is a wonderful addition to the park and the community both recreationally and economically.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wayne Hawkins announced that Commission Chairwoman, Shawna Strenfel, has won Teacher of the Year for New York State Consumer Science Educators. Congrats Shawna!!

ADJOURNMENT: The May meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a MOTION by Wayne Hawkins and seconded by Dave Bechtle.

NEXT MEETING: The June meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department office.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brinckerhoff, Superintendent