

# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

**ATTENDANCE:** Daniel Higbie, Wayne Hawkins, Anthony Williams, Alderman Kevin Witt, Alderman Jerry Kleiner and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Chairwoman Shawna Strenfel and past member Rollin Lybolt.

**GUESTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to report.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting were accepted by Wayne Hawkins; seconded by Daniel Higbie.

**AUDIT:** Program Revenues for:

December 2021 totaled:	\$3472.50
'21 Grant and Donations Received	\$220.00
'21 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$165,561.45

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Personnel** – All full-time workers working. Two seasonal employees remain in the Parks Dept. and we continue to have a part-timer working at the reservoir. All Winter programming positions are full. We are still using part-timers to fill voids and help out in the Program Coordinator position.

**Activities** – FREE: Teen Open Gym Basketball, Teen Boxing, Storytime and Adaptive Sports. PAID: Boxing Training, Martial Arts, Pre-School, Painting Classes, Teen Crafting, Youth Breakdancing Clinic, Youth Indoor Soccer. Registration is open for Adult Crafting, Kitchen for Kids and Cartooning Class.

**Maintenance** – Completed work on garage transformation at Recreation Campus into workout gym. Continued work on VanDuzer parking lot bathroom project at the Reservoir. Completed Memorial Bench walkway for Rollin Lybolt; waiting on plaque and memorial stone. Davidge Park Expansion project is moving along; currently looking for prefabricated restroom and concession building.

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE:** Wayne Hawkins expressed his concern for the mold on the tiles in the studio room; the Superintendent will handle it. Alderman Kevin Witt mentioned ice at Davidge Pond and if it was ready to be skated on; the Superintendent reported ice thickness is at 3 inches as of 1/9/22. Alderman Kevin Witt recommended Lisa Estrada as a Recreation Commission member; the Superintendent informed every one of her recommendation to Mayor DeStefano of Lynnette Williams. Alderman Kevin Witt brought up the issue of transportation to our facility and everyone agreed it was major issue; the Superintendent and Daniel Higbie will continue discussion about ideas for bussing youth to our facility. Alderman Kevin Witt mentioned a student representative on the Recreation Commission; Anthony Williams and I will work together to find a new student representative. Alderman Jerry Kleiner notified us of the 2022 Common Council assignments to the Recreation Commission; Alderman Witt Chairperson, Alderman Tobin Vice Chair, Alderwoman Ramkissoon, Alderman Kleiner and Alderman Masi.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reported out still looking into an ice-skating rink but we are moving in the direction of a refrigerated rink; the Superintendent, John Bianchi, Mayor DeStefano and Maria Bruni went to visit/inquire about a similar rink in the Town of Neversink. Reported out the lighting has been installed at the entrance of the Recreation Campus and it is a making a huge difference; this led to conversation about signage for our building.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reported out about COVID cases and having to close the Winter Break Program early. Reported out about Civil Service Exam for Recreation Program Coordinator position not being offered until 2023; we will now move forward with hiring a Provisional Program Coordinator. Reported out about 2021 Annual Report and presented it to the Commission (not finalized).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Wayne Hawkins expressed a sincere thank you from Tom Burr for the plaque and recognition he received from the Recreation Commission at the Common Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:51pm Motion made by Dan Higbie, Seconded by Alderman Kevin Witt.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 9, 2022** at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

*Raelynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation*