



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
7:31PM

**Roll Call**  
**Present:** Higbie, Gipson, Galdamez  
**Absent:** Strenfel, Ramkissoon

**Correspondence**

**Thank you Letter from MHS Diversity Club**  
*Thank you letter from MHS Diversity Club*

**Approval of Minutes**

**Accept minutes from 4/9/25**  
*Accept the Recreation Commission minutes from the April 9, 2025, meeting. No quorum for the May 2025 and June 2025 meetings.*

**Motion by:** Galdamez **Seconded by:** Gipson  
**AYES:** Higbie, Gipson, Galdamez  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Audit**

**April 2025, May 2025, June 2025, July 2025, August 2025 Audit**

| <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Amount</i></b> | <b><i>Budget Detail</i></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>April 2025</i>  | <i>\$23,170</i>      | <i>Program Revenue</i>      |
| <i>May 2025</i>    | <i>\$24,715</i>      | <i>Program Revenue</i>      |
| <i>June 2025</i>   | <i>\$44,357</i>      | <i>Program Revenue</i>      |
| <i>July 2025</i>   | <i>\$71,683</i>      | <i>Program Revenue</i>      |

*August 2025*  
*2025 Total Revenue*

*\$19,533*  
*\$216,926.90*

*Program Revenue*  
*Year to Date Revenue*

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Personnel
  1. ALL full-time positions are FULL. 4 seasonal workers working with our Parks Department. 2 end Friday and 2 working park patrol until the end of October.
- Recreation Activities
  1. FREE – Teen & Youth Open Gym, Storytime Come Alive, Music for Littles and Youth Fitness.
  2. PAID Youth – Boxing Club, Boxing Clinics, Boxing Workout, Little RECers Toddler, Art Classes, Cheer Clinic, Soccer Stars, Youth Soccer, Yoga, Basketball Clinic and Lacrosse Clinic.
  3. PAID Adult – Pickle Ball Clinics, Volleyball Open Play, Boxing Club, Boxing Cardio, Get Fit Fitness, Tennis Clinics and Yoga.
  4. SPECIAL EVENTS – Community BBQ with Senator Skoufis, Fall Festival, Radio City and Disney on Ice.
- Maintenance
  1. Reservoir trails upkeep.
  2. Little League Field upkeep.
  3. Garbage daily.
  4. Wolslayer field updates – painting the scorers' booth, flooring installed, set steps into concrete and will dig for power.
  5. Mowing.
  6. Over the Summer – Jerome Neil Park cleaned up, Wolslayer Field walkway, State Hospital clean-up of police buildings and Degnan Square sod.

### **Remarks from the Recreation and Parks Committee Members**

Alderman Kleiner reported they had not met. He asked if the back-to-school event was rescheduled and recommended using the backpacks at the Community BBQ and/or Kids Celebration.

### **Old Business**

### **Membership - Juan Avalos**

### **Boxing Open House**

### **Reservoir Mountain Bike Trails Ribbon Cutting 5/17/25**

## **Recreation Commission Awards**

- 1. Distinguished Service — Boxing Staff**
- 2. Community Partner — Ryan Yasika**

## **Recreation Commission Dinner 7/9/25**

### **New Business**

### **Summer Wrap - Up**

#### Sports Camp

Week 1 - 75

Week 2 - 111

Week 3 - 132

Week 4 - 122

Week 5 - 122

Week 6 - 113

#### Little People Playtime

Week 1 - 26

Week 2 - 35

Week 3 - 33

Week 4 - 32

Week 5 - 33

Week 6 - 28

#### Playgrounds

Erie Way - Avg. 34/Wk

Sporat - Avg. 53/Wk

Davidge - Avg. 42/Wk

Academy - Avg. 60/Wk

Pop-Up Playground - Avg. 47/Wk

### **National Fitness Campaign - Grants**

Working on grant. Hoping to secure funding to get a Fitness Court Plus Studio

### **Splash Pad Mural Ribbon Cutting 9/12/25**

### **NRPA Conference**

Mayor DeStefano, Superintendent, Raelynn Bertholf & Assistant to the Superintendent, Nicole Psarakis will be attending.

### **NY Swims Grant**

Working on finally going into contract with the OCYB and will eventually get reimbursed.

### **2026 Budget**

Submitted and waiting for a budget hearing. Requested an additional full-time Program Coordinator. Also submitted capital budget needs along with it.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

8:44pm