



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 8, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

7:32pm

Roll Call

Present: Higbie, Gipson, Galdamez, Ramkisson

Absent: Strenfel, Avalos

Guests

Alderman Witt

Correspondence

Nothing to Report

Approval of Minutes

Accept Minutes of March 11, 2026, meeting.

Audit

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budget Detail</u>
March 2026	\$15,351.00	Program Revenue
2026 Total	\$43,301.00	Year to Date Revenue

Superintendent's Report

- Recreation Activities

1. Starting next month, I will report out on Senior activities as well.
2. FREE Youth – Teen & Youth Open Gym, Storytime Come Alive, Sensory Time, Music for Littles, and Youth Fitness.
3. FREE All – Community Bike Ride Registration and Reservoir Bike Ride Registration.
4. PAID Youth – Little REcCers Toddler, Art Classes, Cheer Clinic, Basketball Clinic, Soccer Clinic, Hometown Harmony, Tennis Registration, Sports Camp Registration, and Little People Playtime Registration.
5. PAID Adult – Pickle Ball Open Play, Volleyball Open Play, Soccer Open Play, Basketball Open Play, Get Fit with Coach Darilyn, Knockout Workout, Yoga, and Tennis Registration.
6. PAID All – Boxing Club and Fairy House Building.

Remarks from the Recreation and Parks Committee Members

Alderman Witt announced the Little League Parade is Saturday. He also confirmed with Kalli and the Superintendent that the school is aware of it and clubs are going to sign up.

Old Business

Transission Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the transition of Parks to DPW and Seniors to Recreation. Overall, the transition is moving forward, and Julisa has been great to work with throughout the process. On my end, there is still a lot to learn as I get more familiar with the senior programs and operations. Some immediate changes have already been identified, and once they receive approval from the Mayor, we will begin moving forward with implementation.

NY Plays Grant

The Superintendent provided an update on the NY Plays Grant. I am currently working on identifying a location for a new playground, as well as a site for a major playground upgrade.

I also shared a proposal to develop a new Bike Playground at the back of Davidge Park, in the area where the horse rings are currently located. This type of amenity is unique and not currently offered in neighboring communities, which could make it a valuable addition. This concept would be considered in place of constructing a new playground at Wolsayer Field.

Several potential locations have also been identified for playground upgrades, including Thrall Park, Linden Avenue Park, and Beattie Avenue Park.

New Business

OCYB Awards Recipients

The Superintendent is proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 Orange County Youth Bureau Executive Awards, to be held on June 4, 2026. We celebrate these outstanding

individuals for their dedication, leadership, and impact on our community:

Zyire Rivers – Healthy Living Award

Anthony Rodriguez – Healthy Living Award

Malcolm Gaye – Positive Change Leading to Success Award

Latrell Lamont – Betty Jane Polanis Asset Builder/Adult Volunteer Award

Antonietta Macri – Outstanding Business Community Partner Award

Daniel Mercado – Outstanding Youth Worker Award

Logan Flynn – Spirit of Success Award

Adalynn Poirier – Spirit of Success Award

Idris Douglas – Healthy Living Award

Isabella Fratto – Positive Change Leading to Success Award

Scott Reseirt – Outstanding Youth Worker Award

Kevin Witt – Outstanding School-Based Professional Award

Gerald Kleiner – The Susan Murray-Tetz Legacy Award

Congratulations to all of this year's recipients! Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and yourselves is truly inspiring.

Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

8:03pm