



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
MAY 13, 2026 - 7:30 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance
7:32pm

Roll Call
Present: Higbie, Strenfel, Gipson, Galdamez, Board Member Avalos
Absent: Student Representative- Recreation Commission Ramkissoon

Guests
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Correspondence

Thank you e-mail from Diversity Club

Approval of Minutes

Accept minutes from 4/8/26

Motion by: Gipson **Seconded by:** Higbie
AYES: Higbie, Gipson, Board Member Avalos
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Shawna Strenfel

Audit

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budget Detail</u>
April 2026	\$23,805.00	Program Revenue
2026 Total	\$67,106.00	Year to Date Revenue

April 2026

Superintendent's Report

- Recreation Activities
 - Starting next month, I will report out on Senior activities as well.
 - FREE YOUTH – Teen & Youth Open Gym, Storytime Come Alive, Sensory Time, Music for Littles (2 classes), and Fishing Derby Registration.
 - FREE All – Community Bike Ride Registration, Reservoir Bike Ride Registration, and Stroller Walk Registration.
 - PAID YOUTH – Little RECCers Toddler, Art Classes, Cheer Clinic, Soccer Clinic, Hometown Harmony, Tennis Registration, Sports Camp Registration, Swim Lessons and Little People Playtime Registration.
 - 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.
 - PAID ALL – Boxing Club, Fairy House Building Registration, and Radio City Registration.

Remarks from the Recreation and Parks Committee Members

Jaun Avalos stated he is working with the Superintendent about setting up Folklore dancing for our community. Superintendent added that we can start these as free classes for families and, if there is interest, we can move to structured classes with performances at the end.

Old Business

Transition Update

The Superintendent reported after the next Common Council she is hoping to be financially done with the Parks Department so she can focus more time on seniors. The time she has had with seniors has been focused on the transportation RFP and getting that in to secure grant funding. Besides time constraints, the transition is going smoothly and everyone has been a pleasure to work with.

NY PLAYS Grant Update

The Superintendent reported that playground companies are very hard to request estimates from. They take forever to respond and when they do respond they need a few months to deliver quotes. The Superintendent explained that we just need a rough estimate for the equipment, installation and surfacing. Even with this explanation, it is still hard to get the estimates or quotes in a timely manner.

New Business

Discussion about the Annual Recreation Commission Awards:

Distinguished Service Award

Community Partner Award

The Superintendent explained the 2 yearly awards given by the Recreation Commission annually. She explained she didn't have anyone particular in mind. We reviewed previous recipients and agreed upon the following recipients for 2026.

Distinguished Service Award — Evelyn Massie

Community Partner Award — Retired Sgt. Jacqueline Welch and the Middletown Community Policing Unit

New Date for June Meeting

The Superintendent spoke about a meeting date conflict. We agreed to move June's meeting to Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Announcements

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

8:14pm