MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

The Middletown Recreation Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Daniel Higbie, Shawna Strenfel, Dr. Lynnette Williams, Vice-Chairman Norris Gipson and Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Absent: Student Representative Gabriella DeJesus and Student Representative Keymell Gill.

GUESTS: Alderman Kleiner and Alderman Witt

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting were accepted by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Norris Gipson with everyone in favor.

AUDIT: Program Revenues for:

October 2023 totaled:	$12,730.00
'23 Grant and Donations Received	$0.00
'23 Year-to-Date Revenues	$262,757.98

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: **Personnel** – ALL fulltime employees are working. We are still down 1 full-timer from MS resigning. 2 seasonal employees working with our maintenance. All programming staff is full.

Activities – FREE: Teen and Youth Open Gym Basketball, Teen Boxing, Storytime Come Alive, Youth Fitness, Cooking Class and Special Events.

PAID: Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECers Toddler, Youth Art Classes, Adult Pickle Ball, Adult Pickle Ball Open Gym, Crochet for Adult and Youth, Youth Soccer Clinics, Youth Martial Arts, Youth Breakdancing, Adult and Youth Volleyball Clinics and Adult Volleyball Open Gym.

Special Events - Planning for Santa Paws, Yuletide on Union Street, The Grinch, Tree Lighting Parade, Holiday & Light Decorating Contest and Candy Cane Hunt.

Maintenance – Daily leaf removal and assisting DPW with leaf clean-up. Scoreboard installed at Wolslayer Field and working. Slowly tearing out and installing new benches. Getting ready for Ice-Rink install. Netting on Miller Field and Lybolt Filed going up.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE: Alderman Witt invited myself and my team to the Committee meeting Tuesday, December 5th to present on all we do throughout the year. We will gladly be there!

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Preparing for a Winter Festival with the Middletown Lion's Club. I presented on CivicRec and all it has to offer us. Everything that is lacking within BAS, CivicRec is capable of doing and then some. We discussed the initial pricing and also the 2nd year pricing with the annual 5% uplift. A motion to move forward with CivicRec was made by Dr. Lynnette Williams, seconded by Dan

Higbie with everyone in favor. I am proud to report I am on the planning committee for the Orange County Human Rights Conference being held on Thursday, December 7th. The Ice-Skating Rink is getting installed tomorrow November 9th and our opening day will be in conjunction with the annual tree lighting. I discussed the major miss communication with the Presidential Park PTO at their Fall Festival. Thanks to PTO member Nicole Barringer everything has been resolved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15pm motion made by Shawna Strenfel and seconded by Norris Gipson.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023** at 7:30 pm in the Recreation & Parks Department gymnasium building located at 393 County Route 78.

Respectfully submitted,

Raelynn Bertholf, Superintendent of Recreation