



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Higbie, Williams, Strenfel, Gipson, Galdamez

Absent: DeJesus, Gill

Guests

Joining was Ald. Kleiner and Ald. Witt

Correspondence

Raelynn read a Thank You letter from the Salvation Army.

Thank You Letter from Salvation Army

For information only.

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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Motion by: Strenfel **Seconded by:** Gipson

AYES: Higbie, Williams, Strenfel, Gipson, Galdamez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Audit

Audit, January 2024*For information purposes only.*

Date

Amount

Budget Detail

<i>January 2024</i>	<i>\$11,070.00</i>	<i>Program Revenues</i>
<i>2024</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>Grant Money Recieved</i>
<i>2024 Year to Date</i>	<i>\$11,070.00</i>	<i>All Revenues</i>

Raelynn reviewed the January 2024 revenues received.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel

Hired NEW full-time employee Brendan Beirsto in February 2024. We are still waiting to hire a full-timer. 1 seasonal worker working with our Parks Department. Looking for a lacrosse instructor for clinics.

Activities

1. FREE – Teen & Youth Open Gym, Teen Boxing, Storytime Come Alive and Youth Fitness.
2. PAID – Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECers Toddler, Adult Pickle Ball Clinics, Adult Pickle Ball Open Gym, Youth Martial Arts, Youth Volleyball Clinics, Adult Volleyball Open Play, Youth Basketball Clinics, NEW – Baby & Me Fitness.
3. PROGRAM REGISTRATION – Mid-Winter Break Camp.
4. SPECIAL EVENTS – Nothing to Report.

*Shawna mentioned having birthday parties again in our gym. Raelynn will look into it.

Maintenance

1. Ice Rink Maintenance.
2. Snow removal and salting.
3. Pruning of trees at Watts Park and other parks.
4. Prepping the pool house at War Memorial Pool for the installation of rubber flooring in the spring.
5. Working on trails at Reservoir.
6. When they have extra time assisting at the fire training tower with small projects.

Remarks of the Recreation & Parks Commission

Alderman Witt acknowledged the Recreation Department for a job well done when we spoke at the Council Meeting. He stated it was very informative and received well by the Common Council. He would like to make it a yearly thing and Raelynn agrees with that. He also asked if we needed assistance with anything upcoming and offered his assistance.

Alderman Kleiner spoke about the Winterfest and how excellent it was. He mentioned the DJ and how he heard songs with lyrics about "shooting and grabbing glocks." Raelynn didn't hear any of that while she was there, but she will speak to the DJ about it.

Old Business

Update on Maple Hill Splash Pad

Raelynn stated John Bianchi met with TAM, and they are going to give us a ballpark price for the installation of the splashpad. Once we have that price, John Bianchi will present it to the Mayor, so we can get the funding to complete the project.

Lacrosse and Cycling Program

The request for these programs was presented at our last meeting by a guest.

Raelynn stated the request for a lacrosse clinic and cycling program from the high school students at last month's meeting was heard. We are looking for a lacrosse coach and making plans for a spring cycling program.

*Norris asked about the Heritage trail and Alderman Kleiner updated him

New Business

Annual Report

The final annual report was handed out.

Summer Sports Camp

Raelynn will speak to the Athletic Director David Coates and Superintendent Amy Creeden about summer. We are hoping we can get into one of the schools again.

Announcements

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Motion by: Williams **Seconded by:** Strenfel

AYES: Higbie, Williams, Strenfel, Gipson, Galdamez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None