



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

Pledge of Allegiance

8:09am

Roll Call

Present: Higbie, Strenfel, Galdamez

Absent: Williams, Gipson, DeJesus, Gill

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes

Accept the Minutes of September 11, 2024

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Audit

Presented by Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf.

Date	Amount	Budget Detail
September 2024	\$8,705.00	Program Revenue
2024 Year to Date	234,846.53	All Revenue Year to Date

Superintendent's Report

Personnel - All full-time positions are full! 3 seasonal workers are currently working with our Parks Department.

Recreation Activities -

- FREE: Tenn & Youth Open Gym, Storytime Come Alive, Music for Littles, Youth Fitness, Cooking Classes and Youth Archery.
- PAID: Young Warriors Boxing Program, Little RECers Toddler Program, Adult Pickleball Clinics and Open Gym, Youth Art Classes, Youth Soccer Clinics, Youth Cheer Clinics, Crochet Clinic, Youth Basketball Clinics, Stroller Walk Fitness, Martial Arts Clinics and Adult Tennis Clinics.
- SPECIAL EVENTS: Preparing for Pumpkin Party in the Park, Radio City Rockettes Trip and Tree Lighting.

Maintenance - Working on Reservoir trails and parks upkeep. Wolslapyer Field and Watts Park upkeep. Getting the machines and vehicles services. Getting the winter machines ready.

Remarks from the Recreation and Parks Committee Members

Alderman Kleiner reported that they didn't have a committee meeting.

Old Business

OCYB Funding

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf reported we applied for grant funding from the OCYB.

Playgrounds - \$10,725.40

Boxing - \$16,516.00

Toddler - \$5,000.00

Youth Fitness - \$20,604.66

Total - \$52,846.06

Legislative Initiative Grant

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf reported they will start making the purchases on October 18th. \$25,000

Posters with info in local businesses

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf reported posters are being created and will go up in local stores once we receive them from the printer.

New Business

2025 Budget Hearing

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf reported they were not approved for a additional Program Coordinator. We will try again next year and hire additional part time employees to help with

the work load.

Old Skewl Sports

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf introduced Mike Tepper from Old Skewl Sports. She spoke about the unwritten 75% rule and how it is not in the City Code or written anywhere. Mike Tepper spoke about the challenges of meeting 75%. If kids from other towns don't play, Middletown wouldn't be able to hold the league. The Middletown young people may struggle to travel to another town to play. Mike requested the rule be waived and/or moved down to 50%. His league is an in-house league, unlike other leagues like Youth Football and Little League that travel and host games vs. teams from other towns. The Superintendent is in full support and will proceed with allowing approval of his permits.

Announcements

Superintendent Raelynn Bertholf reported we will be receiving \$19,000 in funding from the NY Swims Grant that will be used towards training the lifeguards last year and this year.

Adjournment

8:24pm