

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2015

Recreation Director, Dina Fornataro-Healey opened the reorganization meeting at 7:30PM by reading the Sunshine law and that all requirements in the sunshine law have been met. She then asked for nominations for Recreation Commission Chair. Cassius Kennick nominated Sherley Penrose, Second by Rick Rutkowski and approved by the Commission as a whole. Recreation Director then asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Cassius Kennick nominated Rich Rutkowski, seconded by Bob May and approved by the Commission as a whole.

Lileen Schwarz was also sworn in by oath of office as a new Recreation Commission Member.

Commission members present

Cassius Kennick
Bob May
Sherley Penrose
Rich Rutkowski
Lileen Schwarz

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey
Rich Tarbous

Also present:

Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director
Steve Greco, Council Liaison

Bob May made a motion to accept December 2014 minutes with a second by Rich Rutkowski and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

No one present

Directors Report

- Basketball has 212 children registered. Games begun on January 10th. Photo day has been scheduled for February 11, 2015.
- Wrestling has 36 children registered. We will be co-hosting the annual novice tournament on January 25th.
- Travel Basketball Garden State League is underway. The 5th-6th grade boys team are 2-1, the 5th-6th grade girls team are 4-0, the 7th-8th grade boys team are

2-0 and the 7th-8th grade girls team are 1-1. The 5th-6th grade girl's team won the Readington Holiday Tournament.

- Bowling program winter session will run from February 2nd -April 6th.
- Tennis will be using US Sports Institute for a First Play program at Mt. View from April 13th – June 1st for kids ages 3-14 and also adults. There are different time slots for different age groups. We will also host a tennis tournament on June 20th.
- Toddler winter session has started. There are 31 children registered.
- PonyShare might have a week long program planned during school spring break which is April 6th – April 10th.

Councilmatic report -

1. Councilman Greco explained that in the Mayor's New Years Day Speech the tax increases will be limited to \$50.
2. Council member Greco will attempt to schedule a meeting with the Borough Auditor prior to the regularly scheduled February Commission meeting which will include the entire Commission and Borough Council president Kaplan. The meeting will be at 6:45 pm and Council member Greco will notify the Commission if this meeting is convenient with the Borough Auditor. The meeting will be for the purpose of discussing the Recreation trust accounts, their use, lack of statements and other financial concerns.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski and seconded by Cassius Kennick. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports - No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence – None

Volunteer nomination – None

New Business

1. Recreation Director asked for approval of the employment of Christopher Shattle and Chris Fuscoletti as Facilities Managers at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Motion to hire Christopher Shattle and Chris Fuscoletti at said hourly rate was made by Rich Rutkowski with a second by Cassius Kennick. The role was called and all were in agreement.
2. Mauger PTO requested donation of movie tickets. Cassius Kennick made the motion to donate 4 movie tickets with a second by Bob May and approved by all members present.

3. Alaina Chemey, who runs the Buddy Ball program with volunteers, has been continuing to practice cheerleading. Suggestions have been made to use excess funds to purchase uniforms and awards for the cheerleaders. This was approved by the Commission.

Old Business

1. Two facility managers have been hired for Mauger and Watchung to make sure children, not participating in a sport, are with an adult and not alone. Two more facility managers need to be hired. The jobs have been posted on the website.
2. A meeting was had regarding Mt. View Park redevelopment regarding making the football field all turf. A new committee will be formed by the Mayor. The Commission has concerns that the Recreation Director and Parks Supervisor have not been included in this meeting.
3. A meeting was had with the Borough and Board of Education's field committee discussing every field condition including the softball and baseball fields of Mauger and Watchung. Councilman Greco suggested Recreation Director, Dina Fornataro-Healey and DPW Parks Supervisor, James Ianetti be included in every meeting.
4. Consideration has been asked to create soccer and basketball programs for high school students who wish to play while not on the high school teams. The director would love to create these programs but needs additional help. Councilman Greco will advise the Mayor and Council about the need for more help in the recreation department office with existing programs and with the opportunity to add more programming primarily for high school students who are not on other teams but still want to participate in a sport.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:05 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be February 9th, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary