

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Kevin Dotey
Bob May
Sherley Penrose
Rich Rutkowski
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Cassius Kennick
Lileen Schwarz

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept July 2016 minutes with a second by Rich Tarbous and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

1. Brian Eslick – 139 Harris Avenue, discussed his request to hold his free one day Hypnotizing seminar. The hypnoses with help individuals of all ages to stop smoking and also be an educational information session. He explained he would be handling all of the details and work to hold this one day session. Commission agreed on this request.
2. Barbara Gorka – 94 Wilton Avenue, requested her daughter be placed on a different soccer team due a transportation problem. Commission agreed on this request.

Directors Report

- Basketball Clinics will be run by Jared Goldstein for 3rd – 8th graders on Mondays and Wednesdays at MHS from September 11th – November 16th. The form is available and registration is open. Clinics for 9th – 12th graders will be offered and awaiting approval from the school for the dates and times.
- Bowling summer session runs through August 22nd. There are 4 children registered.
- Buddy Ball 2016-2017 registration is now open.
- Yoga new session will run from July 18th until October 3rd. There are 10 registered.

- Toddler program Happy Camper Club ended on July 28th. Forms for the fall programs are out for registration.
- Movie in the Park movie night showed Zootopia after National Night Out on August 2nd. The movie was well attended.
- Soccer has 208 children registered. Emails were sent out to the groups that needed additional volunteers. Teams and schedules will be made with games beginning on September 17th. Rutgers Safety Clinic for all coaches and volunteers is on September 9th from 6:30pm – 9:30pm.
- Track program has 24 children registered for a summer program with Mike Walters. They meet Mondays and Thursdays at the track and finish on September 1st.
- Tennis US Sports Institute is offering fall classes.
- Summer Playground had 115 children registered. There were 42 children at Watchung and 73 at the High School. The program ended on August 5th. They took a trip to iPlay America on July 19th and had a field day on August 4th with a DJ, inflatables, Lets Boom Together, pizza and sno-cones.
- Slide at Haverstick Park – steps on the dinosaur slide are damaged from years of wear and tear. The governing body has allocated capital funds to replace slide and we are just waiting for approval.
- The Fall Festival will be held on October 8th.

Councilmatic report –

1. The Mayor requested to review budget line by line with Recreation Director. A meeting will be set up with Recreation Director by August 11th.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Kevin Dotey pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Rich Tarbous. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports- No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence –

1. Recreation Director received a thank you letter from Officer Auricchio thanking Mike Girvan for helping out with the Fishing Derby.
2. Recreation Director received a request from Beverly Yoson, Zumba instructor, to start a new fitness program called Pound Fit. The Commission stated that due to lack of help new proposed programs have been put on hold.

Volunteer nomination - None

New Business

1. The Commission approved the list of soccer coaches which were given by the Recreation Director pending they all are current with the Rutgers safety course, fingerprinting and submitted the signed policy. Motion was made by Rich Rutkowski seconded by Bob May; roll call vote was taken, all in favor.
2. Commissioner Penrose requested the consideration that the Summer Playground program to be extended later into the month of August.

Old Business

1. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director met with DPW the week of May 16th as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.
2. The Policy Sub-Committee recommended changes to be made to Policy #1 Item #1 Appendices E – Participant Guidelines and updates to Item 3. Motion was made by Rich Rutkowski seconded by Rich Tarbous to accept the changes to Policy #1 Item #1 Appendices E and updates to Item 3. The roll was called and all were in agreement.

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 8:19 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be September 12th, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary