

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2014

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

Commission members present

Bob May  
Libbye Nevitt  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey  
Cassius Kennick

Also present:

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

Bob May made a motion to accept November 2014 minutes with a second by Libbye Nevitt and approved by all members present.

Libbye Nevitt made a motion to accept November 2014 closed session meeting minutes with a second by Bob May and approved by all members present.

Vincent Nordhaus was presented with the Volunteer Award.

**Public Session:**

1. Denise Stuhldreher – 114 S. Lincoln Avenue, requested her son be placed on the same basketball team as her nephew due a transportation problem. Commission agreed on this request

**Directors Report**

- The playgroup program fall session ended on November 25<sup>th</sup>. A new session began on December 1<sup>st</sup> and there are 35 children currently registered.
- Basketball has 208 children registered. Coaches meeting was on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and practices can begin as of December 8<sup>th</sup> with games beginning on January 10, 2015. Photo day has been scheduled for February 11, 2015. The job posting for faculty managers is on the Borough's website.
- Wrestling practices have begun and has 35 children registered.
- Travel Basketball has been practicing and games will start on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Bowling program will end on December 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 9 children registered. A new session will begin in early February 2015.
- Cross Country program ended on December 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 children registered.
- Boys Basketball Clinics with Bill Lester ended on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 23 boys registered in grades 9-12.
- Tennis indoor program has been postponed due to lack of enrollment. It will be tried again in mid January.
- Soccer program ended on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The return of equipment was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Councilmatic report** -

1. Councilman Greco explained how the Recreation Department does not actually have a dedicated trust account which was previously stated by Council President Kaplan. He will follow up with Council to have them look into the Recreation Department receiving a separate trust account starting in January 2015.

### **Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Tarbous and seconded by Libbye Nevitt. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

### **Commission Committee reports** - No reports

### **Board of Education Report** - No representative

### **Correspondence –**

1. An email was received from Commissioner Libbye Nevitt submitting her recognition from the Commission.

### **Volunteer nomination –** None

### **New Business**

1. The Commission thanked Commissioner Libbye Nevitt for her years of service.

### **Old Business**

1. For the upcoming basketball season, two facility managers should be hired for Mauger and two facility managers should be hired for Watchung to make sure children, not participating in a sport, are with an adult and not alone. The jobs have been posted on the website.
2. 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 Boro 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 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Rich Tarbous.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary