

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2014

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

Commission members present

Cassius Kennick
Bob May
Sherley Penrose
Rich Rutkowski
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey
Libbye Nevitt
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director
Steve Greco, Council Liaison

Also present:

Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director

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

Public Session:

1. Ken Beck, 5 Heather Lane discussed the Middlesex Wrestling Booster Club's Novice Tournament which will be held on January 25th, 2015. It was explained that JCY Tournaments has been contracted to handle online registration, deduction of fees, payment through PayPal, pairings and weight classes. They are asking to be permitted to continue with this process.

2. Nick Giardina, 541 Giles Avenue, President of Middlesex Little League and Jason Swain, 9 Garden Place, proposed the opening of a Little League sponsored t-ball program for children ages 4-6. This program will be 10 weeks with a \$50 entry fee. This Little League program will be rivaling the Recreation Department's Lil' Sluggers program. They are asking the Recreation Department to suspend their Lil' Sluggers program so as not to compete with their new T-Ball registration.

Directors Report

- Fall Family Festival will be held on October 11th from 3pm-6pm. Petting zoo has been added.
- Registration forms are out for the playgroup program. The fall session will run from September 15th-November 25th and there are 32 children currently registered. An additional playgroup will be offered on a Monday night for working parents.
- Soccer has 226 children registered.

- Photo day will be on October 25th in the old gym at Mauger pending BOE approval.
- Buddy Ball baseball and cheer program will run from September 27th -October 18th at 12pm – 1pm at the Mt. View Park Softball Field. There are 9 playing baseball and 3 cheering. The program has been successful thus far.
- Basketball and Wrestling registration forms will be sent home very soon.
- Travel Basketball registration forms were delivered to each 5th-8th grade classrooms at Mauger on October 1st. Try out dates will be October 14th and October 15th.
- Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 13th.
- Bowling program will be held at Stelton Lanes from October 13th – December 15th. Forms were delivered to schools and there are 3 children registered.
- Cross Country program will run from September 30th – November 26th. Registration forms were delivered and handed out and it continues to be a rolling registration. There are currently 16 children registered.
- Kid Quest, formerly Pre-K Art, will have two sessions held on October 16th-November 13th and November 20th – December 18th.
- Toddler Fun Time will have two sessions held on October 16th – November 13th and November 20th – December 18th.

Councilmatic report - No representative

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 –

1. A thank you letter was received from Det. Joleen Duca regarding National Night Out and its success.
2. Emails and phone calls were received about commotion which occurred at the September 20th soccer game.

Volunteer nomination – None

New Business

1. Request made by Little League to start a t-ball program for children ages 4-6.

Old Business

1. Toddler Program Instructor position is still vacant. The Commission agreed to allow the Rec. Director to approach individuals for the job that she feels are qualified since the open position has been posted twice with only one response.

2. 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 should be posted on the website shortly.
3. 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 9:20 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cassius Kennick.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be November 10, 2014, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary