

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2015

Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski called the meeting to order at 6:50PM

Commission members present:

Cassius Kennick	Lileen Schwarz
Bob May	Rich Tarbous
Rich Rutkowski	

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey
Sherley Penrose

Also present:

Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director
Stephen Greco, Council Liaison
Sean Kaplan, Council President
Aravind Aithal, Borough Attorney
Andy Hodulick, Hodulick & Morrison, Borough Auditor
Gregg Katzer, Hodulick & Morrison

Cassius Kennick made a motion to accept January 2015 minutes with a second by Bob May and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

Mr. Hodulick attended to discuss the Recreation Trust account. The Trust Account is held within the general fund however it is ear marked for Recreation Trust. This is standard practice within municipalities. Money can be used by the municipality when there is a cash flow shortage and then returned. Dina asked about how the Trust fund originated. Councilman Kaplan suggested looking in the code book. Commissioners followed up with questions on making the Trust account a separate, stand-alone bank account. Mr. Hodulick said it could be done but it is not a common practice as this would make the accounting process more difficult. Dina asked about the amount of money that can be carried over from year to year and Mr. Hodulick said that the answer is a governing body decision.

Directors Report

- Basketball has 214 children registered. Games begun on January 10th. Photo day has been scheduled for February 11, 2015.
- Wrestling has 36 children registered. The novice tournament went smoothly.

- Travel Basketball Garden State League is underway. The 5th-6th grade boys team is 8-1, the 5th-6th grade girls team is 8-0, the 7th-8th grade boys team is 5-3 and the 7th-8th grade girls team is 1-6.
- Bowling program started with 15 children registered.
- 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.
- Baseball/Softball forms were delivered to the schools and e-blasted.
- Men's Softball League information was mailed to the 2014 managers.
- Yoga: The session is ongoing. There was no class on 2/2/15 due to weather.

Councilmatic report -

Councilman Greco had nothing new to report.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Bob May pending the auditors review and seconded by Cassius Kennick. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners in attendance approving.

Commission Committee reports - No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence – None

Volunteer nomination – Dina would like to recognize the three adult and six youth volunteers who ran the Buddy Ball Cheerleading program. They are Barbara Sibree-Rodrigues, Kim Reddick, Lisa Lissy, Lia Chacon, Kate Heulit, Megan Brower, Haley Resch, Avery Reddick, Alyssa Rodriguez. All Commissioners in attendance approved. They will be invited to the March 9, 2015 meeting.

New Business

1. A new program questionnaire was submitted by Jim Petty for an over 40 Sunday co-ed softball league. Dina mentioned that Simchock Park may be the only location for such a league. Dina said she would not know the spring field schedule until late February or early March. The Commission gave Dina the discretion to approve or deny the request as she sees fit with both programming and field space.
2. A new program questionnaire was filled out by James Surace and Sean Sarnowski for a summer basketball league. The league would be held on a Tuesday night at Mt. View Park with games at 7pm and 8pm. Rain dates will be built into the schedule. Dina sees no issues with the proposal and will contact the

insurance agent for information. The Commission has given Dina discretion to move forward with the program as she sees fit.

Old Business

None to report

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Rutkowski 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 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Bob May made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Rich Tarbous.

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

Minutes submitted by
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director