

Middlefield Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 2nd, 2021

Location: Middlefield Community Center, Floor 2

Meeting Called To order by Chris Hurlbert at 7:01pm at the middlefield Community Center

Members Present:

Chris Hurlbert (Chair), Hannah Malcolm (Park and Recreation Director/Non-Voting member), Cindy Sanchez (Regular Member) Brian McDermott(Regular member),

**Frank Wolak (Regular member/secretary)

**Frank called in over phone

Quorum was met

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Amend the Agenda to include a section to set the meeting dates for 2022

By Frank Wolak. Seconded by Brian McDermott

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Commission discussed the meeting date and agreed to continue to have the meetings on the First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 at the Middlefield Community Center.

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve minutes from February

By Cindy Sanchez. Seconded by Chris Hurlbert

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Finance Report

Report given by Director Hannah Malcolm

See report Attached

Changes to the active fund. We have added about \$1,200 to the administrative fund for us. This was from ski club and kayak club

Old business

Events

Christmas tree lighting ceremony

Fire dept will continue to take park but will likely move the food from inside to outside due to the increase of COVID related cases. The library

will have their SMORE distribution over by the library. Hannah will request that they join us by the tree to avoid road crossing issues. Chris will be Santa and will be there at 5:00.

Brain shares with the group that we put the lights on the tree using Bobby Monthie's truck. He requested that we provide Bob with a gift card to trackside for his assistance. The commissions agreed to a \$50 gift card for him to trackside. A discussion continued to include providing a gift card to the fire department for their help throughout the year.

Motion to buy Bob Monthi a \$50 gift card to Trackside for letting us borrow his bucket truck

By Brian McDermott. Seconded by Chris Hurlbert

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Motion to spend \$15 per person of the Middlefield Fire Dept in the form of a gift card to Trackside to be used when they want to.

By Frank Wolak. Seconded by Chris Hurlbert

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Ice Skating Night

The commission would like to host the community at the ice rink when the weather is good for it.

Old Homes Day

Chris spoke to Joe Lisco to see if he would join the commission for this event but there would be discretion about paying him in the future for his services if needed.

Facility Captains Checkup/Park Updates

Dino Park- Brian updated that his son and sister would go and blow leaves at the facility.

Peckham Update- Basketball court. The basketball court will be funded by the grant money. The commission brainstormed another way to use this money up. Some suggestions were water fountains, garbage pad, ect.

Program Update

Mens Basketball- Hannah reported that it is going well.

Zumba- Happening on Thursdays at 6:00 with Mary

Ski Club- We have 118 signed up. Powder ridges cost was more so we had to cut our fee to \$7.50 per person and Cindy lowered hers to \$7.50 per person

Indoor Pickleball- We are piloting an indoor pickleball club at Brewster on Wednesdays with a few adults. We are seeing how this will go so we can try to expand it next year.

Summer Camp Location- Memorial will be under construction so we will not be able to use it. The options could be Lyman or Strong. The commission prefers Lyman if we can get that to work.

Wish List

Beseck snack shack will need a tune up in the spring.

New Business

Trolley Trail Bridge

There was \$5000 put aside to put a new bridge over the Coginchaug river to connect the trolley trail to the towns open space. The town will be creating an ADHOC committee to make this happen. We need members for this committee to make this happen. The committee discussed some of the logistics hurdles of making this plan happen.

Permits

NA

Looking Ahead

The Town might consolidate the park maintenance position for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. This position would expand beyond the 8 hours per week to work with the park and rec dept and assist the town crew for their extra projects as a full-time seasonal position. The commission asked Hannah to provide a list of tasks that we would require get done every week.

Final Thoughts

None

Adjourn

No Motion to adjourn. Meeting was dismissed by Chris Hurlburt at 7:50

