

Middlefield Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 3rd, 2022

Meeting Called To order by Chris Hurlbert at 6:40

Members Present:

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

Quorum was met

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

By Cindy. Seconded by Brain McDermott

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve minutes from Feb 2022,

Motion Made by Frank. Seconded by Chris

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Finance Report

Peckham Budget \$24,320.00

Beseck \$1,452.00

Capital \$55,600

General fund \$25,858

Old business

Events

Valentine's movie was a success. There were about 35 people. The commission's overall thought is that the group was very well behaved and made for a successful night.

Clean up day will be a repeat of last year's event led by Selectman Carol Buffithus. This will be on April 23rd to coincide with earth day. Most of the residents will be doing a road clean up and scouts and commission members will do clean up at the park. There will be supplies distributed and light breakfast treats.

Facility Captains checkup / Park Updates

Brian checked out the Dino park and will coordinate a volunteer to leaf blow it.

Frank reported that there will be 4 bat houses installed at Peckham. Hannah sent an email about specific locations as well. Park and rec will purchase the poles for this

Chris asked what was asked for in the budget for the parks. Hannah said that we asked for money for a gate installed at the sakte pond. Chris has asked for specific information about making sure that if a gate goes up, "will we be assuming responsibility and liability if someone falls through." More research will be needed for this to make sure we are in compliance before this is installed.

Programs updates

Ski club ended but it was well attended.

Programs that are in session are going well. Those include youth sports camp, zumba, mens bball, indoor pickleball, and table tennis. Table tennis is our newest program and is gaining traction and is mostly focused on more advanced players. Table tennis is drop in and organized as "friendly play" without extensive competition. Chris suggested purchasing a new table to have 3 new ones for the club to use. The commission agreed and asked Hannah to go ahead and purchase it.

Hannah reported about a temporary popup club on facebook for an online word game called "wordle". Hannah runs this club week to week. From Saturday-Friday people report their score that they get. The goal is to get the lowest cumulative score. Whoever has the lowest score that week gets \$10 to Lyman Orchards. There are regularly over 60 participants. This will run for a few weeks as it is a lot of clerical work inputting the scores.

Hannah reported on the breakdown of summer camp this year. It will start July 27th-Aug 13th, with a break for July 4th and 5th. Hours will be from 9-4 with 1 hour early drop off at 8:30. Camp will be located at Lyman School. There are options to sign up per week or for "flex days". The cost per week or 5 days is \$125/ child if you have 3 or more kids signed up, \$150/child for 2 children signed up, or \$160/child if there is only 1 child. The camp is looking to get more creative with the the older children by offering more exciting things for them to do.

Wish List items that were discussed was adding "grass" carpet to the skate pond entry. More pingpong tables and benches. Chris requested looking into having a concert series brought back with concessions opened and duck races for more funds.

New business

New event discussion was tabled for next month.

Final thoughts

Chris asked for the budgeted number for the concerts. There is \$1000 in the budget for the concert. Chris would like there to be a concert at the beach and at the park

Meeting Adjourn at 7:20

Motion to adjourn

Motion Made by Chris Hurlbert. Seconded by Cindy

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted on 4/7/2022 by Hannah Malcolm