

**Middlefield Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 3rd, 2022**

Meeting Called To order by Chris Hurlbert at 6:55

Members Present:

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

**Quorum was met**

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

***Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda***

***By Chris Hurlbert. Seconded by Brain McDermott***

***Vote: Unanimous***

***Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

***Motion to approve minutes from December 2021,***

***Motion Made by Frank. Seconded by Chris***

***Vote: Unanimous***

***Motion Carried***

Finance Report

Hannah Reported that there was an additional \$300 to the general fund since last meeting

Chris announced that he was emailed about getting the budget turned in for the upcoming fiscal year. Hannah reported on the upcoming ideas for the budget. She explained that there will be changes for the mowing contract that expires in october, our current cost is \$485 but Hannah will estimate more for the 6 mows needed in 2023. Hannah mentioned that there is a potential savings of \$1,400 in the peckham budget for safety fiber in the playground but this would require more coordinating. Other costs that Hannah is evaluating includes the eversource bill, washing and staining the pavilion/covered bridge, and for a fall clean up at the skate pond. Brain would also like to have some artificial grass carpet installed at the skate pond.

Chris Hurlbert interrupted the meeting to welcome Selectman Jim Irish to the discussion. Jim explained that he was just observing and learning about his new position as selectman and wanted to observe the board meeting.

Hannah spoke about the minimum wage increase for lifeguards this summer. The board had a discussion about what to pay the lifeguards and its comparison to other facilities. The commission decided to start new lifeguards at \$2 above minimum wage. The commission also discussed covering costs for certification of people who promise to work for Lake Beseck.

#### Old business

##### Events

Hannah and Brian commented on the ice skating nights. There were three ice skating events this year which were very well attended.

The commission discussed plans for the Valentines Movie night. This will take place at the community center on Saturday, Feb 12th from 5:45-9:15. The charge per kid will be \$5 and that will include child care pizza and snacks.

##### Facility Captains checkup / Park Updates

No major discussion due to non activity at the parks in the winter.

##### Programs updates

Hannah reported on the Current clubs which are being well attended. Mens basketball, Ski Club update, After School Sports, Indoor Pickleball at brewster. There was an update about upcoming programs including Table Tennis and Summer Camp. Summer camp will be held at Lyman school this year. Chris would like to see Swim lessons, couples dancing, dodgeball and other interesting activities. Chris explained that he was excited that covid is starting to decrease so it will be exciting to see what people will be comfortable doing in the future. Hannah mentioned that there was a rugby club that was interested in using the facility.

#### New business

##### Budget

Earlier discussion on this topic happened during the financial update.

##### Commision Member update

The commission listed the updated roster due to recent turn over. The park and rec commission is made up of 5 regular members and 3 alternates. The following list is the updated roster for the commission.

##### Regular Members

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| 1. Vacant<br>of 3                          | 1/1/2022-12/31/2027 | 1      |
| 2. (R) Cynthia Di Lauro Sanchez<br>of 3    | 1/1/2019-12/31/2023 | 2      |
| 3. (U) Brian T. McDermott<br>3             | 1/1/2021-12/31/2026 | 3 of 3 |
| 4. (D) Frank Wolak, Secretary              | 1/1/2020-12/31/2024 | 2 of 3 |
| 5. (R) Christopher Hurlbert, Chairman<br>3 | 1/1/2018-12/31/2022 | 1 of 3 |

##### Alternate Members

Vacant	1/1/2017-12/31/2021	
(R) David J. Lowry	Alternate	1/1/2022-12/31/2024
Vacancy	Alternate	

One permit for Brian McDermott

Meeting Adjourn at 7:30

***Motion to adjourn***

***Motion Made by Chris Hurlbert***

***Vote: Unanimous***

***Motion Carried***

Respectfully Submitted on 3/7/2022 by Hannah Malcolm  
Approved by Park and Recreation Commission on 3/3/2022