

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from April 8, 2024

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kris Belser, Dori Bower, Helene Ratner, Dan
Giacomelli, Missy Kitzmiller, Patrick Graham, Paul Kopera, Joanne Morelli
Absent: Bill Fuller, Nicole Tener
Guests: Bill Thomas and Rich Webb

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Debbie Marchesani.

Public Comment: No public comment on non-agenda items.

A motion was made by Kris Belser and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller to approve the March 11, 2024, minutes; the motion was approved by all. The Parks and Rec director asked for a motion for the June meeting to be moved to June 3rd; motion was made by Debbie Marchesani and seconded by Kris Belser to approve; the motion was approved by all 6-0.

Bill Thomas, Vice President of MAA and Rich Webb, President of MAA came to the meeting to discuss a petition to add a third batting cage and a new 10x10 structure with electrical service located between the softball fields (Fields 6&7) at Twin Oaks Park. MAA will bear the cost of construction and any inspection fees paid to third parties for electrical. Rich Webb will apply to the Township's Building & Zoning Dept. for permits as deemed necessary by the B&Z Dept. After a thorough discussion, a motion was made by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Helene Ratner; the motion was approved by all to proceed with the project after submitting plans through Middletown's Building & Zoning Dept. (The cost of the batting cage was being donated by a family in honor of their father's involvement with MAA for 30 years.)

Summer Guides were mailed out on April 1st and some new classes were included: three classes of "Wood Creations" by Sage and Oak for kids to make wooden cutouts; parents and me cooking class, ceramic flower making class, mother/daughter glow party, Junior Under the Sea for ages 4 to 7, archery, skateboarding, legos, chess, summer hand sewing. Weird nature.

Program Update: Summer Rec program is going well with 381 total signed up and some of the trips this year include going to the Franklin Institute, Museum of Illusion, Snipes Golf. Will be using the Lower Make pool again this year. Exercise classes are going well this year. There is a slight increase in prices to keep in-line with neighboring Townships.

Youth and art classes are also going well.

Pickleball news: As of the end of March, 193 people have registered as members of the Middletown Pickleball Club through CourtReserve. It's about a 50/50 split R/NR. At Firefighter's Park, automated Musco lights are still not working but the electrician hooked up a timer so that the lights work every night from 7-10 PM. Electrician is waiting on some parts to complete the fully automated job.

Upcoming Events: Park Cleanup scheduled for 4/6 in Juniper, Snowball, Forsythia from 9 to 11 am and had 40 volunteers with 1,225 pounds of trash collected, 700 lbs collected at Forsythia Park alone! Garden cleanup/tree planting for 4/20 at the Senior Center. Fifteen trees will be planted in Twin Oaks Park by Trail Rd. Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for 4/27 at Core Creek Park from 11 am until 2 pm. The Senior Games will have Bocce on 6/7 at the Middletown Senior Center and Pickleball on 6/10 from 9 am until 2 pm with the Agency of Aging. The Middletown Community Foundation is having their annual golf outing on June 24th that will be taking place at Spring Mill Country Club. Grooving at the Gates is Saturday, 9/28 from noon until 5 pm.

Deck at Barn needs to be replaced; out to bid until May 1. The Forsythia Crossing Park rink replacement project has started. The Township P&R Comprehensive plan had their first meeting on March 21st and the RFP for a consultant will go out to bid in May.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at the Middletown Twp. Municipal Bldg. 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA 19047 at 6:00 pm.

Missy Kitzmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kris Belser seconded; the motion was approved by all 6-0 and meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Several P&R Board members then attended the Board of Supervisors meeting in progress in the Public Hall.