

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from March 13, 2023

Present: Kris Belser, Dori Bower, Helene Ratner, Missy Kitzmiller, Bill Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Joanne Morelli, Patrick Graham and Paul Kopera
Absent: Debbie Marchesani
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Kris Belser. A motion was made by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Dori Bower to approve the minutes from the February 13th meeting; the motion was approved and passed by all.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: We did a debrief from last month's sports meeting and we were pleased with all the participants and look forward to this upcoming year working with them.

Program Update: Summer recreation discount period ended 1/31. At capacity with enrollments at the Barn with a waitlist, but there is some space at the Senior Center and Core Creek. The adult fitness classes this session are either filled or close to it so they are good programs. A new class, Vibration and Sound, already has 16 people signed up and will take place on Fridays. The CPR certification class on 3/31 is filled. Kickball, which starts on 4/15, has 6 teams so far. A Minecraft-themed class is filled. New program guides for Spring will be mailed out on the week of 4/1. Basketball as of right now is half full.

New Business: The Township has received an AAA credit rating, the highest there is, and takes great pride in its thorough reporting. Paul shared some numbers with the P&R Board. The CAFR numbers for 2022, there were 16,900 people served at our events and programs, 14500 at events, 2400 that did classes, 62 programs were done with 272 sessions. Thirty-five percent (35%) of our classes were 18 years of age or under; 62% were over the age of 18. We have no good way to determine this split at events. Pickleball courts – the red and blue paint is scuffing off on one court at the Senior Center. Dan is going to get certified for the pickleball league reffing. The pickleball club starts on 4/1 at Firefighters' Park and has a lot of participants there. This will be our last year (we sincerely hope) having the 4th of July parade as it is our 10th year. In 2026, we will celebrate the country's 250th birthday with a Community Day based in Levittown.

Upcoming events: Baseball/softball will be starting soon – opening day for LAA is 4/1, MAA opening day is 4/15. There is no spring shredding event through the Township – we rely on local politicians for this community feature. Bare root tree planting (4/22) and garden cleanup is scheduled for 4/15; Park cleanup scheduled for 4/22, and Earth Day is being held at Core Creek Park on 4/29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and looking for people to help with that event. The Sports Block Party at Community Park is on 5/5 and also looking for volunteers to help with this event. The 40th Annual Bucks County Senior Days will have open registration starting on 4/3 and bocce will be at our Senior Center on 6/2. On 6/3, the Middletown Community Foundation will be having their Woof A Palooza run/walk at Forsythia Crossing. Patrick, Paul, Joanne will be attending the PRPS conference from 3/19 to 3/23 In Hershey. The Environmental Advisory Council hosted a presentation by Waste Management on best practices for recycling and 90 people attended. There will be 2500 32-gallon bins that will be available for residents; postcards will be sent out and you can sign up online for these new bins. Other events coming up include the Outdoor Walk on 3/25 and another seminar, Rain Garden Seminar, scheduled for 3/28 hosted by the EAC.

Reminder: The April 10th meeting will be held at 3 Municipal Way on the second floor at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Dori Bower and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller that **June 5th** will replace our June 12th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm with a motion by Kris Belser and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller.