

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes from March 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

The **In-person meeting** was called to order at 6:10 pm by Debbie Marchesani. There was no public comment. The minutes from the February 2022 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Dan Giacomelli and seconded by Bill Fuller; all approved the minutes 6-0.

**Upcoming Events:**

Kickball starts Good Friday 4/15 at 6:00 pm at Firefighters' Park and both Bill and Dan will be umpiring. Baseball/Softball opening days are on 4/2. The Spring Shred Day is on 4/9 at Oxford Valley Mall from 9:00 am until noon and the event flyer is on facebook, has been sent out via constant contact, is on the Middletown Township website and plenty of other sites - 3 box limit. Park Cleanup is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 different parks (Community, Firefighters, Forsythia Crossing and the greenbelts in Cobalt Ridge & Juniper Hill) so please get people to volunteer to help with these parks. Tree planting event is scheduled for 4/21 and 4/22 where 20 trees will be planted throughout the township. Earth Day is going to be at Core Creek Park on 4/23 from 11 am until 2:00 pm and we need people to volunteer for this event - have vendors and different acts already signed up for this but need help for the event. The Middletown Senior Center Garden cleanup is on 4/30. On 5/8, the Middletown Community Foundation is having their run at Forsythia Crossing which is Mother's Day morning and will be on the same course that was used for the Run the Gates. The Sports Block Party will start at 3:30 on Friday, 5/13 and include junior and varsity softball, baseball, and lacrosse.

The Parks and Rec staff will be attending the PRPS conference from 3/28 to 4/1 - Rita Wilson will be in the office.

**Program and Summer Rec Update:** Currently interviewing counselors as many of our counselors have been with us for years and have moved on so we do need to hire new counselors. Counselors will be paid a starting rate of \$12.00 per hour; up from \$8.25. As of right now, 242 participants have been signed up. Some things we are looking at for camp - going to Legoland, private screening at the movies, Judy Tudy. Muscle Nerd is this Saturday and has been a fun class. Coming back is country line dancing, for Mother's Day is flower design, there is a ballet for tots class along with a ballet and tap class, a mind and motion class for spring break, skateboarding and archery will be coming up as well as a creative theater class.

**Grants:** Three grants are being applied for; a) DCED for \$1 million, no match for Forsythia Crossing to include new playground, rink, b) AARP which would be for upgrade for the Senior Center garden area for \$12000 and then c) the C2P2 to redo the 2005 P&R Comprehensive Plan for \$110,000.

**Parade Update** - Big Whiskey & Uptown String will be performing at the parade on Monday, 7/4.

**Old Business/New Business** - Styers will have a new pavilion soon and also is getting new plumbing. There is also going to be an outdoor walk on 3/19 at Tyler. Cobalt Ridge playground opening sometime in August. Check on fence at Community Park.

**Reminder:** Our next meeting is **Monday, 4/11** and will be in person in the Municipal Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm with a motion by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Dan Giacomelli