

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from May 9, 2022**

Present: Debbie Marchesani, Kris Belser, Helene Ratner, Bill Fuller, Dan Giacomelli, Missy Kitzmiller, Joanne Morelli, Patrick Graham, and Paul Kopera
Absent: Dori Bower
Guests: Laurell Parris and Kevin Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Debbie Marchesani.

Public Comment: Laurell Parris came to the meeting to ask the Board to allow her pickleball club to purchase a lock box at Firefighters' Park so that this way, rather than constantly transporting all the equipment, everyone would be able to use and store it in this lock box and it would then be chained to the fence. A question came up regarding any insurance issues and Laurell was given the name of an insurance company that could help with that. Another discussion concerned the placement of the box and then that it would be determined subject to the insurance coverage and decided that this would be reevaluated once the process was in place. A motion was made by Missy Kitzmiller that there should be policy in place to establish the criteria for lock boxes and storage equipment; Kris Belser seconded this motion and it was approved by all. Kevin Robinson is from Silver Lake and represented LAA.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Dan Giacomelli and seconded by Helene Ratner; all approved the minutes.

Program Update/Past Events:

The Sports Block Party is Friday on 5/13 will start at 3:30 and include junior and varsity softball, baseball, and lacrosse. Jay's food truck, water ice, DJ will all be at the event. LAA to have the lower concession stand open. There will be three shuttle buses from Core Creek to bring people over to the area or you can walk from there. There are also races happening at Maple Point during this same time period. The last games will start at 7 pm.

The 4th of July parade is still on for the 4th. Change venue as to where groups will be in holding pattern since Amazon is in the parking lot on 413. Beer Garden events coming up at Styers will be having a beer garden featuring Harry Arnold's brewery with a band playing on 5/21 which is pending and then another one on 9/10 from noon until 5 pm.

This Saturday, 5/14, the Parkland Fire Company is celebrating their 100th year fighting fires; raffles will be available at the fire station. On October 8th will be Parkland Day at Firefighters' Park with a beer garden. Approximate time is 12-4.

The Day that Everything Happens will take place on November 19th and the Senior Citizens Corps will be out helping those that request it.

The Holiday Open house is scheduled for December 8th at the township building.

31 counselors were offered jobs and all accepted. There are also 4 site supervisors that were hired. There are 272 kids registered for camp so far. On 6/2 and 6/15 there will be training for CPR certification. Kickball has started at Firefighters' Park. Exercise classes continue to sell out – yoga, tai chi all continue to be big hits with people and all these programs are going

**Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from May 9, 2022**

well. For basketball which is for the ages of 8 and 17 years old, this is almost sold out. Skateboard camp is schedule for the summer as is archery again.

Trail Study is being performed by the Bucks County Planning Commission and will go from Northampton by Sturbridge to Core Creek towards the dog park by the NAC. Moving the African American museum from Langhorne Borough to the corner of Rt 413 on Bridgetown Pike. This was adopted in June by the County Commissioners.

The Twp is working to purchase the 2-acre plot adjoining Firefighters' Park. The plot has rusty fences that are covered and owned by Comcast. It will cost approximately \$15,000 to fix and applying for PECO grant for \$10,000 for this. The Twp. is working on an appraisal.

A resident in Sturbridge had contacted the P&R Board about a playground in their development. We currently have 12 playground – 2 for two to five-year-olds and 10 for five to twelve-year-olds. Cobalt Ridge is getting a playground with many inclusive features at the cost of \$235,000. The ribbon cutting for this playground will be on 8/1, weather and things permitting.

Old business: The park cleanup which took place on 4/16 in Community, Firefighters', Cobalt and Juniper Hill greenbelts, Forsythia Crossing had 50 people, 70 bags of trash, 8 car tires, a television and some tires – great response and good event. The Bare Root tree planting took place on 4/21 and 4/22 with 15 trees plants in Forsythia and 5 in Deep Dale East.

Earth Day was held on 4/23 and was a good event with participants, crafts and giveaways at our table. The Senior Center garden cleanup was held on 4/30 and was open to everyone along with the EAC. 20 people showed up for this cleanup. The MCF run on 5/8 had over 100 participants along with having a K-9 demonstration.

Can't find the time capsule bench that was damaged at the skatepark.

Reminder: Our next meeting is Monday, 6/13 and will be in person in the upstairs conference room at 6 pm with a BOS supervisor meeting then at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm with a motion by Debbie Marchesani and seconded by Missy Kitzmiller.