

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from June 5, 2023

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

Absent:

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Debbie Marchesani.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Old Business: A motion was made by Helene Ratner and seconded by Debbie Marchesani to accept the minutes from our May 8th meeting; motion was approved and passed by all. Discussion about the water situation at the Senior Center Garden.

Program Update: Summer Rec: There are 396 enrolled in the program – 83 are in Core Creek, 83 at the Community Park, 20 kids are half day, 147 are at the Barn, 63 are tweens; we have hit our budget revenue already. So far, 250 have signed up for basketball. There are also 121 people for pickleball though not all of them are in the meet up. Moved pickleball to the Middletown Senior Center with the renovations going on at Firefighters' Park due to the park needing to be cleaned out from the inside out and the pickleball courts will have a complete teardown. Starting on Wednesday, exercise classes begin, and they are either filled or close to capacity – yoga, tai chi, Zumba. MIP had their latest meeting on 5/30 and 13 people attended. We should encourage people to go on the website and add comments about issues/suggestions that concern them. Need to find out if emails can be accepted if they don't go on the township website. The next distribution date for bins is 6/10 so between 5/12, 5/19 and this date there was a total of 2500 bins given out with another 1100 to be ordered and given out after Labor Day.

Debriefing of past events/Upcoming events: Two volunteer cleanups went well - Soby Post at Simmons Park on May 11th and Oxford Valley Mall group had 8 volunteers at Twin Oaks Park on 5/16. The 40th Annual Bucks County Senior Days with the bocce game at our Senior Center on 6/2 was an amazingly smoothly run event! Great turnout and Juniper retirement village provided lunch. On 6/3, the Middletown Community Foundation will be having their Woof A Palooza run/walk at Forsythia Crossing. **Groovin' at the Gates** is scheduled for October 14th from noon to 5:00 pm at Forsythia Park which will replace the 4th Parade. We still need coaches for basketball.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th at 3 Municipal Way on the second floor at 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm with a motion by Dan Giacomelli and seconded by Debbie Marchesani.