

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from June 7, 2021

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

Absent:

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Debbie Marchesani. (June meeting was moved to the first Monday of the month to avoid conflicting with the BOS on second Monday of this month.)

Public Comment: No public comment.

The minutes from the April and May meetings were read and a motion was made by Helene and seconded by Kris Belser to approve the April minutes; a motion was made by Bill Fuller and seconded by Helene Ratner to approve the May minutes; all approved.

Program Updates: Basketball league has 220 registered and starts July 12 to August 19th. Keeping with the normal classes of Zumba, tai chi, yoga at the senior center all summer - moving to in person slowly. Summer programs including two archery camps skateboarding camp, chess camp. \$250,000 P&R revenue was budgeted, P&R looks to be on track to attain this. Summer rec program - 240 have been signed up with the Barn being closed; middle school program still open for applications though. June 2nd is the first meeting with the counselors; most assumed vaccinated or in the process of getting it done since they are teachers, college students and older HS students. Second training, June 16, is CPR with all of them. Paul is hosting a zoom with all summer rec parents June 15 to discuss Covid protocol and answer parent questions. This year, Friday swimming at Lower Makefield pool since MT Country Club closed for good.

Senior bocce ball games will be on June 18th. Summer rec starts June 21 through August 13 and registration has been good so far. Seniors are returning to the Community Center on Trenton Road beginning on June 28th from 8 am until noon. National Night Out is still being planned for August 3rd. The parade committee cancelled 2021 parade but will start planning 2022 parade with initial meetings after Labor Day to confirm route. September 26th the Vietnam sculpture will be unveiled between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm; P&R requested 1,000 feet of closure of Veterans Hwy from PennDot. Parkland Day is scheduled for 10/2 with a raindate for 10/3.

Skatepark had its annual maintenance May 10-11 and was closed for two days; Barn roof bid - 7 bids were submitted; all are rejected for RCO. New bids are due by 5/26. Twin Oaks lights and parking lot - part of the project that the BOS approved April 19; Armour Electric is the installer.

Sitting area at Tareyton Park - the benches from boy scout project are falling apart, the plant area is overrun by weeds. Residents complain. P&R Board looked at several different options - S shape or C shape concrete sidewalk with benches on it, definitely make it better in appearance. Simply landscaping for easier maintenance.

Maple Point Development - Twp is looking at connecting walkway from Maple Point to Walnut Way - 500' - getting quotes now. Cobalt Ridge playground is next for replacement in 2022 and getting prices for special needs children. Upper Orchard has several inclusive features that are well received.

Our next meeting is September 13th - in person is possible. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm with a motion by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Helene Ratner.