

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board  
Minutes from October 11, 2022 (Tuesday)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Debbie Marchesani.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Helene Ratner and seconded by Bill Fuller; all approved the minutes 6-0.

**Program Update:**

Joanne reported that all the exercise classes (yoga, tai-chi, zumba) are full; adult and kids' kickball is now into the 4<sup>th</sup> week and doing well, no rain on Fridays so far. Educational seminars are scheduled including on Medicare, financial planning, both at the Municipal Center. There is a princess prep class, ballet for tots, and ballet and tap also scheduled throughout the fall. Various art programs including ceramics and pottery will be starting up shortly. Registration for all these programs has been solid.

A new event has been scheduled – a pumpkin contest with a 10/17 deadline. All the pumpkins will be displayed in the Municipal Center. A new event we are thinking about is a Flower Drive By where you get tubes of 100 single roses for upcoming Valentine's Day. The CSI program will be held on an upcoming day off from school. Other programs include golf and pickleball. Will have a 35-week season of pickleball at Firefighters' Park and charge \$35.00 per person which will cover all the expenses associated at that location as there are a lot of members of the current pickleball group interested in playing there.

**List of future and completed events:**

- September 20<sup>th</sup> presentation in the main hall BCCD on the Lake Luxembourg dredging, 49 people attended.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> was the garden clean up at the Senior Center and had 15 adults helping inside the garden, while Paul took 6 high schoolers to weed the front of the Senior Building.
- On October 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation by PECO called Homeowner's Guide to Solar also being held in the main hall.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> there will be electronic recycling at Oxford Valley mall which will be free to everyone.
- The Holiday Open house is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Santa, Hutch with his horse drawn carriage are all back and this year having four (4)

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food trucks (Kona, Chick Fil-A, Waffle Truck and Sandy's). Everything will be outside as we are having one 60' heated tent. BC Stage (like at Earth Day) will be used for music. For the children, there will be a blowup slide, Frosty the Snow Man and they will be able to sit on Santa's lap and get pictures taken. Looking for P&R volunteers for the event.

- For the September 17<sup>th</sup> fall trash pickup along Oxford Valley Rd (meeting at Walter Miller elementary school), we had 23 volunteers that picked up 47 bags of trash.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> was Parkland Fest Day and the cornhole tournament went well – this was a solid event with a lot of activity and plenty of events to choose from. Weather was cool but dry and sunny.

**Budget and Capital Projects:**

Two projects being worked on: Twin Oaks Parking lot parking lot paving and drainage is done and working well; asphalt and curbing needs to be done and the trail to Dunkin Donuts was redone. At the Senior Center, 3 new pickleball courts will be there hopefully painted and operation by year's end.

Budget meetings scheduled for 10/17 and 10/24 with the Board of Supervisors.

**Other business:**

Had a nice discussion at our last meeting about the Teen Task Force that both Cole Ksiazek and Brie Quirple will be involved with; Brie and Dawn will be at the garden clean up and then have both Brie and Cole at the Holiday Open House to help with the event and at the teen talent event.

**Reminder: our next meeting is Monday, 11/14 and will be in person in the upstairs conference room at 6 pm. (The BOS is at 7 PM.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm with a motion by Missy Kitzmiller and seconded by Dan Giacomelli.