

City of Middletown
Parks & Recreation Department
100 Riverview Center
Suite 140
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of February 3, 2011
Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D'Aquila, Dan Drew, Sheila Jones and Ricky Romano. Director Raymond Santostefano and Superintendent Milardo representing the Parks and Recreation Department. Student representatives Dhruvi Patel and Jalen Jones.

Absent: Commissioner Jaskot and Pessina.

Call: Chairman Winzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the main room of the Recreation Office, at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140.

Public Hearing: None

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of January 6, 2011. Commissioner Romano accepted. Commissioner Drew seconded the motion.

Vote: The Parks & Recreation Commission minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports: Director Santostefano discussed the Parks Department overtime due to their snow removal schedule. He spoke about the Recreation Department's various donations being very beneficial to the departments programs. He stated that numerous recreation programs have been cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. Director Santostefano stated that the spring brochure will be going to the printer next week and mailed to Middletown residents when returned.

Discussion: The commissioners discussed the various properties that the Parks Department has been maintaining and the ones that they are actually responsible for maintaining.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: None

Old Business: Director Santostefano spoke about the rubber membrane for ice skating at Pat Kidney Field and stated that he is expecting an answer from Aetna within two (2) weeks, regarding the grant money that will be utilized to purchase it.

Director Santostefano stated that the Skateboard Park construction at Willie Pep Park will be underway again when the weather gets warmer.

Director Santostefano spoke about the Crystal Lake swimming sign and stated that it will read as follows: “Warning – No Lifeguard on Duty”, as approved by the Risk Reduction Manager and the City Attorney.

New Business:

Superintendent Milardo spoke about the CNR purchase revision and the money that is earmarked for parks equipment to purchase a snow blower attachment for our John Deere skid loader instead of a mower.

Director Santostefano spoke about the Long Hill Road Soccer Fields. He stated that Middletown Youth Soccer will maintain the fields, providing the city gives them \$350,000. The commissioners discussed the issue further but no decision was made.

Miscellaneous:

Director Santostefano stated that a youth grant application can be heard per the City Attorney utilizing residual money that is still available in that line item.

Superintendent Milardo spoke about the CIAC new user fees for Palmer Field and the question of whether or not it would be considered a local tournament or a non-local tournament and which fee would apply.

Director Santostefano mentioned that he is proposing at the next commission meeting, that all volunteers for any recreation programs will be required to complete a police background check at their own cost.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Sebastian Giuliano