

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

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

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D'Aquila, Tony Jaskot and Sheila Jones. Director Raymond Santostefano, Superintendent's John Milardo and Raymond Jacobs representing the Parks and Recreation Department. Student representatives Dhruvi Patel.

Absent: Commissioner Drew and Pessina. Student representative Jalen Jones. Commissioner Romano arrived at 7:07 p.m.

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: John Patterson from the Ct. Eliminators Girls Softball Tournament, requested use of city fields for their annual tournament on Mothers and Fathers Day weekend.

Peggy Bryam with the Hartford Marathon Foundation requested permission to have a three (3) day open water swim clinic on July 11, 18, and 25, 2011 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. A fee will be charged to participate in the clinic.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of February 3, 2011. Commissioner Jones accepted. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion. Commissioner Jaskot abstained.

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

Department Reports: Director Santostefano discussed the Parks Department's budget regarding overtime for snow removal and other expenses incurred. He stated that the city parks are now opened as of March 1, 2011.

Director Santostefano spoke about the Recreation Department's numerous activity cancellations due to inclement weather. He also discussed the various recreation programs in progress.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: Director Santostefano stated that Middletown Youth Soccer (Long Hill Road) bond request will be presented at the Common Council Meeting on March 7, 2011.

Old Business: Director Santostefano stated that the grant proposal for the rubber membrane for ice skating at Pat Kidney Field was denied by Aetna at this time.

Director Santostefano spoke about the skateboard park construction at Willie Pep Park and the donations that have been received.

New Business: Director Santostefano discussed the details of the back-ground checks for volunteers. He stated that it will be the volunteer's responsibility to pay a small fee for employment clearance.

Director Santostefano and the commissioners discussed the Ct. Outlaws Baseball and Softball Youth Grant Application.

Motion: Commissioner D'Aquila made a motion to reject the Ct. Outlaws Baseball and Softball Youth Grant Application. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion: The commissioners requested a clarification on the two to one match, as it pertains to the Sports Grants line item.

Superintendent Milardo spoke about the Ct. Eliminators Tournament for Mother's and Father's Day. He stated there was a conflict regarding the dates and that Little League was already scheduled to have Mother's Day. The commissioners advised that the Ct. Eliminators could have Father's Day, unless both parties can provide documentation that they have worked out the conflicting dates.

There was a discussion regarding the Hartford Marathon Foundation's request in the public hearing, regarding use of Crystal Lake. Chairman Winzer suggested that Director Santostefano gather more information and that this issue be put on next month's agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Jaskot made a motion requiring all volunteers who work with children in the Parks and Recreation Department to have a back-ground check, paid for by the applicant. Commissioner D'Aquila seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Miscellaneous: Commissioner Jaskot spoke about the possibility of the city utilizing farm land on Randolph Road from Xavier High School, after Xavier turns the land into playing fields.

Adjournment: Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Romano. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati