

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

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of February 2, 2012
Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D’Aquila, Tony Jaskot, Phil Pessina, Sheila Jones and Ricky Romano. Student Representatives, Dhruvi Patel and Malcolm Alleyne. Director Raymond Santostefano, Superintendent’s John Milardo and Raymond Jacobs, representing the Parks and Recreation Department.

Absent: Commissioner Todd Berch arrived at 7:04 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: None

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of January 5, 2011. Commissioner Jaskot accepted. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioners Romano and Pessina abstained.

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

Department Reports: Director Santostefano discussed the Pat Kidney Skating Rink and stated the weather has not been conducive for skating. He also spoke about the Parks Department’s winter storm removal and other miscellaneous maintenance and repairs that are being completed.

Director Santostefano discussed the fireworks that will be taking place this year. He spoke about the success of the various Recreation Department’s programs. He also stated that the Spring/Summer brochure is posted on the city’s website but has not yet been printed or mailed to Middletown residents because of lack of funding.

Correspondence: None

Miscellaneous: None

Old Business: Director Santostefano spoke about the revised youth sports grant application. He stated that he spoke to Joe Samolis, who then spoke to the Director of Personnel regarding this matter and it was decided that certain regulations be followed.

Motion: Commissioner Pessina made a motion to accept the proposed language which will state on the youth sports grant application, “Receiving this grant will be contingent on the

league's providing information on a state/and or national criminal background check of coaches and other volunteers in their league". Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Commissioner D'Aquila opposed the motion.

New Business: Chairman Winzer spoke about the negotiation of tournament fee (s) at Palmer Field for the CIAC and the American Legion, per 214-38. of the Middletown Code of Ordinances. The issue was discussed and it was decided that the total fee per game for the CIAC Tournament will be \$250.00 per game for three (3) years (\$100.00 per game user fee and \$150.00 per game advertising on the Palmer Field scoreboard) and \$175.00 per game for one (1) year (\$100.00 per game user fee and \$75.00 per game advertising on the Palmer Field scoreboard) for the American Legion Tournament.

Motion: Commissioner Berch made a motion to accept the fee for the CIAC Tournament at \$250.00 per game and the American Legion Tournament at \$175.00 per game. Commissioner Pessina seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved by a five (5) to two (2) vote. Commissioner D'Aquila and Jones opposed the motion.

Motion: Commissioner Pessina made a motion for an addition to the agenda, regarding the lease agreement for parking at the Little League fields. Commissioner Romano seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimously approved.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed the lease agreement for parking at the Little League fields. It was stated that Middlesex Hospital is responsible for any maintenance and security issues and that parking signs are posted to indicate the hours for parking.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Romano. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Daniel Drew