

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
Recreation & Community Services Department
100 Riverview Center
Suite 140
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

MINUTES

Recreation & Community Services Commission Meeting of November 13, 2014
Held at Recreation Office at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140 at 6:00 PM

Present: Mary Bartolotta, Ed Dypa, Rick Romano, Lucy Bettencourt, Bill Wasch, Deb Stanley (Acting Director Recreation and Community Services), Parth Kekare (student)

Absent: Phil Pessina, Tom Hutton, Gordon Adams, Tony Jasckot, Jerry Winzer, David Bauer

Staff & Students: Deb Stanley, Parth Kekare

Public: no members of the public

Call: Called to order by Mary Bartolotta at 6:00.

Minutes: a motion to accept the September minutes was made by Ed Dypa and seconded by Rick Romano

Report: Deb Stanley, Acting Director, reported that the Fall Festival and Down Town Trick or Treat program was very successful. About 3-4 thousand people attended. The Chamber of Commerce, Kid City, Liberty Bank, Middlesex Eye Physicians, Big Lots, Metro Movies, Stop and Shop, Froyo World, Lymans Orchards and Krust Pizza sponsored the event. Dean and Karen did a great job planning for this event. Boys and girls basketball programs have begun and we are using every gym in the City every week night. The department has begun collecting Toys for Tots toy drive. 55 Seniors enjoyed a bus trip to Newport, RI. Our new Senior Center Manager, Ann Gregg, reached out to Joe Kronenberger from Dispatch and he gave a presentation about our 911 system to about 40 seniors. Vinal Technical students will be coming to the Senior Center on November 21 to offer free tech support on smart phones, digital cameras and lap tops. Tomorrow is our Annual Turkey Dinner and about 60 people have signed up. Laura and Heidi are great cooks.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Ron Brown and Loretta Reinsch answered questions about the Boys Prof Gallitto Basketball program including criteria for free or reduced rates for participation.
- Harold Panciera answered questions about the Girls Prof Gallitto Basketball program including a breakdown of costs versus enrollment fees.
- Frank Marchese answered questions about the Youth Soccer Program including fees for officials, equipment, goals that have been purchased by the program and stated that the program serves approximately 900 children.
- Marco Gaylord answered questions about the Youth Football and Cheer Programs including expenses and participant costs, volunteers, costs for replacing/refurbishing equipment, costs for officials, costs for field maintenance not covered by the BOE and insurances that are required.
- Steve Ladd answered questions about the Ahern Whalen Baseball Program including funding for referees, participant expenses, batting cages, and equipment storage expenses.
- Giuseppe and Heather Laderosa answered questions about the Little League Program including fees, uniforms, equipment, the ages of children participating, insurance costs, the cost of equipment storage and number of families taking advantage of financial aid/scholarships.
- Mary Bartolotta stated that she will check into a storage space on City owned property for the youth sports programs as a considerable amount is being spent by individual leagues on expensive storage areas.
- A motion was made by Ed Dypa, seconded by Rick Romano, to accept the following grant fund distribution:
 - Football \$14,7000

- LaCrosse \$11,750
- Little League \$10,380
- Soccer \$9,805
- Ahern Whalen Baseball \$7,345
- Boys Basketball \$5,385
- Girls Basketball \$3,135

New business:

Miscellaneous:

Motion: Motion to adjourn 8:07 by Ed Dypa, seconded by Lucy Bettencourt.

Respectfully Submitted by Heidi Geores

cc: Mayor Daniel Drew