

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes from June 2, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Debbie Marchesani. There was no public comment. Dan made a motion and Debbie seconded to approve of the May minutes and it was approved 6-0.

Joanne gave an update on Summer Rec and Programs: for example, on election day May 20, there were 18 children from five different townships that participated in an archery class. Exercise classes are doing well, and P&R program revenue overall is following budgeted revenue expectations, generally approaching 90% of budget by June 30. For Summer Rec parents, there will be a meet up with the parents on 6/3 to meet the counselors and everyone can pick up their shirts. Also, counselors will have name tags this year, recommended as a 2024 survey result from parents. Pickleball has 350 members and club revenue is similar to 2024 revenue; there are no admin issues with PB to note at this time.

Senior games are 6/5 with pickleball and 6/6 with bocce. The Middletown Community Foundation Golf Outing is on June 23rd at Spring Mill Country Club. Movie Night at Community Park is on August 7th starting at dusk. Groovin at the Gates in 9/27 from noon to 5 pm and so far, we have 23 vendors participating. The Holiday Open House is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Construction and Capital Improvements: Patrick informed the P&R Board that the LED at Community Park will start soon. The awarded grant in the amount of \$1 million from the DCED will relamp all four fields soccer fields, five baseball fields and the skatepark, ten fields in total. Armour's work will occur all mid-July and is expected to end by September 1. Besides all new LED lights, all the electrical components on the mechanical room are new as well. This comes with a 25-year warranty.

Meanwhile, Lions Park playground will include new playground equipment and parking spaces. The BOS approved this \$120,000 project at the April 7, 2025, meeting.

Old Business/New Business – discussion regarding the 4th of July parade for 250th year.

Reminder: Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in the Executive Conference Room upstairs.

Dan Giacomelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kris Belser seconded; the motion was approved by all, and meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.