

Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

In attendance: Ellen Van Weelden, Tracy Heiter, Marian Smyser, Linda Eckenrode, Tammy Eberts, Bill Gillingham
Denise Jumper

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Public Comment

Bill asked when the Pickleball court would be complete. Denise reported that it may be done by fall.

Bill noticed some buses at the Splash Pad. Denise said they are permitted, but we prefer groups to call ahead so we do not have several buses on the same day. We also ask that groups larger than 10, divide their group, so that one group is not taking up the entire Splash Pad.

Old Business

June minutes- Approved as written.

Fall Festival Preparations- Saturday, September 21, 2024, 12noon-4pm

Scheduled: Magician, DJ, Bounce House & Obstacle Course, Pony Rides, Pumpkin painting, crafts, Bruster's Ice Cream, Middlesex United Methodist Church Food Stand. Middlesex Township Police Department will continue to make arrangements for food, crafts and other fun activities. The Police requested a dunk tank for the officers to take turns sitting on the bench. A Recreation Board Member or a Playground counselor will need to collect the money (One ball- \$1, Three balls \$5. Donations will go to the Recreation Department.) Police Department is using the theme, "Let's Play" They are requesting donations from the community, and they will purchase play equipment like baseball gloves, footballs, hula hoops, jump ropes etc. They will raffle them off throughout the afternoon.

We plan to do a cake walk, so any donations would be welcome.

Make sure to have "FREE" on all advertisements.

Park Improvements- As stated before, Pickleball courts are in the process of being completed. We still need a final paving, line painting, fence installation and finishing touches like signs and racket holders. We are hoping it will be complete in the fall.

Parking lot should be paved before Fall Festival.

Event Recap: Concert in the Park was well attended with about 100 people, and several were dancing.

New Business

We have a new Santa! His name is Paddy Connor, and he is a professional Santa. Denise met him, and he will be a good addition to our event.

Tree Lighting, Friday December 6, 2024, 7-8pm

Discussion about the low attendance at the event last year. Decided to continue with regular plans, and if the attendance is low this year, we can consider changes.

Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 7, 2024, 8:30-10:30/11am

Discussion on how big the event has become, and maybe it is too big for the Recreation Building. Again, we will continue with regular plans, and evaluate after the event.

We adjourned at 7:02pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6pm.

