

Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

July 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. 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, five balls \$3). 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. The Recreation Department will purchase some equipment to donate to the give aways. The Police will raffle them off throughout the afternoon.

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

Linda will be helping with Middlesex United Methodist Church's food stand, but we have a few Playground counselors working along with some younger helpers. They will help kids with the crafts. Other members of the Board said they would help where needed.

Parking lot will be paved before Fall Festival.

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

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

Discussion regarding cloth tablecloths vs plastic coverings. Plastic coverings are most practical, but would like to decrease use of plastic coverings where possible.

New Business

Letort Falls Park- located on N. Middlesex Rd by the creek.

Discussion regarding two weekends in July where groups of 100+ people were using the park. Vehicles were stacked two or three deep in parking spaces and vehicles were parked in the grass. Trash was left in the park to include empty alcoholic beverage containers. Police had been called due to congestion, noise and trespassing on private property. At the suggestion of the Police, the park was closed. Maintenance crew cleaned up the area. New signs will be posted, and hopefully park will reopen soon.

We adjourned at 6:45pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6pm.