

Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

Ellen Van Weelden and her daughter Maura introduced themselves. Ellen will be serving on the Recreation Board. Ellen retired from the military. Maura came to Middlesex Summer Playground, so Denise is excited that Ellen will be sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with the Board and the bonus is that we will get to see Maura too! The Recreation Board members introduced themselves and welcomed Ellen to our group.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

August minutes- Approved as written

Recreation Director's Report was submitted for record.

We discussed the concert on Sunday, August 13, 2023. It was a good concert. Very similar to the concert we have at the end of June. The style of music is Old Country/Blue Grass which is similar to the June summer concert. Unfortunately, we do not have the funds to support another band in the summer. We discussed possibly having a classic rock band join our Fall Festival next year. Denise will research some local groups and report back to the group. There was a suggestion to do an "Open Mike" type event. We can discuss it more at our next meeting.

Fall Festival- Saturday, September 16, 2023, 12noon-4pm

Discussion was held regarding set up, clean up and monitoring the event.

Cake Walk- Marian said we will take as many cakes as we get, and we may give two out at a time if we have a lot.

Linda has a simple craft planned. She will show the helpers so they can do it with the kids. She will be helping the church with food.

Denise will be at the park at 7am, but Rec Board members can join anytime 8-10:30am if interested in setting up. At 12noon, please direct attention to the VFW Post as they present the flag, pledge and national anthem.

Middlesex Township Police Department has been very involved in planning the event, and they will have some giveaways throughout the day and towards the end of the day, they will giveaway four bikes. We are grateful for the Police presence at our event. It promotes a good relationship between the community and the Department.

We are looking ahead to the Tree Lighting and Santa Breakfast at the next meeting. We will confirm music and other details for the Tree Lighting and considering a family gift for the Santa Breakfast.

We adjourned at 7pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 12, 2023 at 6pm.

