

Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 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 6:09pm

Public Comment

None

Old Business

September minutes- Approved as written

Recreation Director's Report- Special thanks to all who made the Fall Festival a wonderful day- especially all the Recreation Board Members and their family members.

New Business

2024 Meeting Schedule was handed out.

2023 Events and expenses were handed out. Due to increase costs, will request additional funds. Need to remember to place donation boxes out for our events (Except Santa Breakfast) Mention boxes in newsletter.

Discussion on the Fall Festival- It was the most successful Fall Festival to date. The Highway Department helped park cars, and they estimated around 2000 people.

- Crafts were popular and well liked by the children.
- We ran out of pumpkins at 2pm. The first time we ever ran out of pumpkins.
- Library "excavating" activity was a hit.
- Magician was great according to people who attended show.
- Church food was delicious and seemed to have a long line all day.
- Hayrides and Pony/Horse rides were as popular as ever.
- Corn bins were easier to clean up since we had a tarp under the bins.
- Cake Walk was popular. Tracking the number of remaining cakes was a little challenging. (Give winners a ticket next time?)
- DJ placement made it easier to hear him at the craft tent.

- Have an American flag front and center so all can see
- Congestion outside between Rec Building restrooms and tent. Too many events in one place. Suggest moving some of the activities. The Balloon Artist needed help to cut off the line because so many children were in line. Move Balloon Artist to gazebo? Eliminate Balloon Artist? We will consider this as we plan for Fall Festival next year.
- Police enjoyed being part of the event and want to make their presence even bigger next year.

Tree Lighting Event: Friday, December 1, 2023, 7-8pm, Sweet Adelines will perform

- Need glow sticks
- Wrapped books
- Drinks/cookies
- Craft bags

Santa Breakfast: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 8:30-10:30am

Discussion on foods to serve, table clothes and family gifts. Will continue discussion and finalize plans at November Recreation Advisory Meeting.

We adjourned at 6:59pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6pm.