

## **Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**In attendance:** Linda Eckenrode, Denise Jumper, Scott Shepler, Debra Gauker, Ellen Van Weelden, Tammy Eberts, Tracy Heiter. The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **Introductions**

Board members introduced themselves

### **Old Business**

*November minutes-* Approved as written

*Tree Lighting: December 5, 2025* – the event was well attended. Suggestions for next year include using the sound system for announcing, keeping participants in parking lot until Santa lights the tree, investing in outdoor propane heaters for the pavilion, and continuing to advertise event at Middlesex Elementary.

*Santa Breakfast: December 6, 2025* – the event was sold-out. Items to consider for next year include possibly having to find a new Santa as our current one may have another event, possibly eliminating the gingerbread house family gift and replacing it with something more cost effective, adding scrambled eggs to the breakfast menu.

### **New business**

*Resolution 2026-7* – reviewed

*Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28, 2026* – Board members were asked to be at the Park by 8:45am. Linda agreed to play the role of Easter Bunny. Board members offered to help fill eggs, if needed.

*Pickle Ball classes* - Vaughn Ludwig has offered to teach Pickle Ball classes

*New Pavilions (Pickle Ball courts & Splash Pad)* – both structures will give the areas shade. The pavilion at the Pickle Ball court will be 20x24 and provide space for picnic tables.

*Summer Playground Program – June 8 – July 16 & opening for Playground Program Director* – Still need to fill this position. Denise will look into the pay/salary.

*Fill vacant Recreation Board seat* – 2 seats available. Discussed possible replacements

*Fall Festival, Saturday, September 19, 2026* – Discussed possible new vendors and utilizing Bosler Library for over-sized yard games.

*Miscellaneous* – clearances for board members

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6pm at the Township Office, 350 N. Middlesex Road.