

Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

In attendance: Ellen Van Weelden, Linda Eckenrode, Kimber Rohrer, Deb Gauker, Bill Gillingham, Scott Shepler and Tracy Heiter. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

A new Recreation Board member, Clara Jennens, was appointed at the July 31, 2026 Supervisor's Workshop meeting. Clara was not able to attend tonight's meeting

Public Comment

Bill Gillingham reported there seems to be an increase in dog waste at the park this summer.

Director's Report

Submitted for record

Old Business

July minutes – approved as written

Fall Festival Preparations – The Police hosted a National Night Out and there was some concern about how this event would impact the Fall Festival. Based on feedback, the community liked dunking Middlesex teachers and staff. It was suggested that the Fall Festival be advertised in the Middlesex Elementary Principal's newsletter. A game of some sort will be purchased and bubble activities will be available for the games area. Rec board members volunteered for specific areas (pumpkin decorating – Kimber; crafts – Deb; cake walk: Linda; need a volunteer for the dunk tank). It was decided to limit the cake walk to 10 cakes. All proceeds from the dunk will be given to the family of Mike McGeehan. A donation box and QR code will be available at the Police table for anyone wanting to donate to the family. It would be appreciated if those volunteering could arrive the day of the event between 8-8:30.

Discussion: Tree Lighting, Friday, December 4, 2026, 7-8pm – Discussed roping of the Pavilion so people are encouraged to wait for Santa near the parking lot. May need to brainstorm additional ideas to keep people from congregating under the Pavilion before Santa arrives.

Discussion: Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 5, 2026, 8am-11am – Briefly discussed possibly adding eggs to the menu.

New Business

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026