Middlesex Township Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

In attendance: Ellen Van Weelden, Clara Jennens, Tammy Eberts, Kim Davis, Joe Vancosky, Denise Jumper, Scott Shepler and Tracy Heiter. The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Introduced Joe Vancosky. He is a new Middlesex Township Supervisor.

Public Comment
None

Director's Report
Submitted for record

Old Business
September minutes – approved as written

Discussion: Fall Festival – Reviewed areas of the Festival.

Inflatables – may look at a different company next year for price comparison
Crafts/pumpkins – the paint did not seem to be missed
Vendors
Games & bubbles – set bubbles station on grass
Police area (dunk tank, prizes) -dunk tank was a success; $643 was raised for McGeehan family; Participants really enjoyed dunking local school staff and police officers
Food area – Middlesex United Methodist Church sold out and needed to buy more food
Cake walk – enthusiastic crowd, thanks to Linda. 10 cakes and 2 donations given away
DJ – great job
Library read aloud – sessions were well attended
Emergency services vehicles
K9 Exhibition – popular with the crowd; will have the officer use a microphone next year
Pony rides – popular as always
Hayrides – small change to the route
Set up & tear down – went quickly and well
Photo area – will need a sign to not sit/climb on tractors

Discussion: Tree Lighting, Friday, December 4
Hoping to have everyone gather near the parking lot (not under the Pavilion) to have refreshments and wait for Santa. To help with logistics, the Pavilion will have retractable belts so the crowd will avoid coming under the Pavilion until after Santa arrives. There will be outdoor heaters this year.

Discussion: Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 5

Will have 2 separate seatings again this year. Menu will stay the same. The gingerbread house family gift has gotten to be expensive, so we are considering giving families a Christmas book.

New Business

Draft 2027 Meeting & Event Schedule – presented to Board members

Parks update

The new pavilion by the splashpad will be completed once the concrete slab is poured. The pavilion by the pickleball court will be assembled in-house sometime this winter. The court will be painted next spring. The electrical at the main pavilion is going to be updated. It may be completed in time for the Tree Lighting. Concerns at LeTort Falls Park continue with people consuming alcohol and building fires. The township is considering installing security cameras.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026.