

North Middleton Township
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
January 27, 2009

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Ciuffo at 6:30 p.m., on January 27, 2009. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the October 28, 2008 Recreation Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Linda Castle, seconded by Marilyn Hannah. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 Recreation Advisory Board: Following a discussion of the reorganization of the Recreation Advisory Board, Wendy called for a vote to approve the suggested reorganization of the 2009 Recreation Advisory Board. Mehdi Atar recommended the board stay as is presently formed.

Chair: Wendy Ciuffo
Vice Chair: Linda Castle
Secretary: Marilyn Hannah

The Board welcomed Wendy Ciuffo's return, her term expiring December 31, 2013.

Directors Report:

- A. Budget:** Copy of 2009 budget (Mailed) There were no questions.
- B. Field Usage:** It appears the fields will be used throughout the summer and fall with football, baseball, and youth softball.
- C. Recreation Calendar 2009:** (Mailed) Sally inquired if there were any questions. In all likelihood, changes will be forthcoming. Sufficient changes required a new calendar, which was handed out at the meeting.
- D. Pavilion Rentals:** Opened to North Middleton Township residents January 5. Open to everyone February 5. As of 1/27, there were eleven rentals, for a total of \$360, with approximately 740 guests. This compares to twenty-two rentals for a total of \$450, with approximately 1350 guests on January 21, 2008. The new pavilion at Village Park is not available for rental until the necessary work of replacement on the cement pad is complete.
- E. Travel Program 2009:** (Mailed) Sally asked if there were any questions. She noted there appears to be an interest in both the New York on Your Own, and the Annapolis trips. She is awaiting information on the Philadelphia and Alexandria trips and has requested any updates from Lowe's.
- F. Playground Equipment:** Sally informed the Board she was advised the Board of Supervisors indicated both the choice of equipment and the choice of park where it will be installed will be at the discretion of the Recreation Advisory Board. She handed out various sale items for equipment that has become available and asked the Board to review the items and get back to her in about one week. Members reviewed the equipment at the meeting and unanimously picked two items (attached), finances permitting and would prefer to have said pieces installed in North Middleton Park. Sally recommended they not consider Creekview at this time because of the vandalism that occurred the past several months.
- G. Carlisle Parks & Recreation Meeting:** Sally noted the Carlisle Parks and Recreation personnel will meet on February 2 to brainstorm how to promote attendance at programs sponsored by both entities.

Parks Report: Dick Cockley was not in attendance.

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New Business:

A. Youth Softball: She noted softball registration will be held on February 24 and March 24, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mike Matter will do the registration during the Recreation Advisory Board meetings. In that way, if he has any questions, we will be available for responses and assistance.

B. Easter Egg Hunt: Sally said the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Village Park on Saturday, March 28. She advised she contacted Taylor Rental and reserved the bunny suit for the event. She asked Wendy to find out if Jeni would be available to play the Easter Bunny for the event. Linda will prepare three baskets, one for each age group as prizes for the child who finds the "lucky" eggs. Sally will be responsible for the jelly bean jar.

C. Concert & Car Show: Wendy advised work will begin shortly on the event. Typically, a meeting is held in late March. Ric LeBlanc of Cheap Sneakers was contacted, and confirmed July 19th date, and a contract has been signed. Dash plaques were ordered, arrived and passed out to the members. Sally contacted Rose Wickard as the food vendor, and she is on board. A letter requesting sponsorship of the group was sent to Orrstown Bank and Carlisle Cement Inc.

Because of the economy, Marilyn queried the Board regarding the possibility of not pursuing gifts from the various vendors this year. She noted she and Sally discussed this and both were in agreement to wait until the economy improves to look into requesting gifts. Sally and Marilyn said they felt the car show and concert would, in all likelihood, bring in just as big an audience. The Board discussed the recommendation and unanimously agreed.

Old Business: Sally thanked the Board members for their excellent help during the Christmas tree lighting. She noted the excess cookies were sent to Domestic Violence. Wendy queried if there was any old business and if there was any interest in regard to purchasing the golf type shirts for the Board. The Board decided to pursue the shirts. Linda will look into the final choice of color, preference being khaki and maroon writing.

Announcements: Wendy announced golf lessons will be available at Eagles Crossing on April 28 & 30, and on May 5, 7, 12 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Lessons will be \$70 per person and taught by Rick Zander, GPA member.

The next meeting will be held at the Township building February 24 at 6:30 pm. The June, July, and August meetings will be held at the parks, North Middleton, Creekview, and Village respectively.

Sally noted she contacted Bob Moser of the AARP Safe Driving Lessons for 55 and older. She has tentatively scheduled both the eight hour and the four hour course at the Township Complex. Sally said she or Marilyn would query the seniors next week to ascertain interest.

Adjournment: Wendy adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Marilyn Hannah recommended closing the meeting, seconded by Mehdi and Linda. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally M. Scharadin
Recreation Director
North Middleton Township
Attachments