

North Middleton Township  
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
August 25, 2009

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Ciuffo at 6:35 pm, on August 25, 2009 at Village Park. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Recreation Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Linda Castle, seconded by Marilyn Hannah. Approval motion carried unanimously. There was no meeting in July 2009.

**Summertime Adventure:** Cindy Bear reported the program registration was approximately sixty children on a regular basis. An ice cream social was held on Friday, June 26, followed by a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic on Friday, July 3. A very popular event this year was the Summer Birthdays. The group traveled to Carlisle for the Peanut Carnival held at LeTort Park. Cindy presented her 2010 budget. She presented a list of needs for her program and asked for folks to assist her with said items. (Attached)

Cindy noted 2010 will be her 25<sup>th</sup> year of Summertime Adventure. The Board feels something should be done to recognize said anniversary.

**Youth Softball:** Mike Matter reported the first year as coach was challenging but well worth the challenge. (Reports attached.) Sally advised Mike she would need his information for the 2010 season prior to September 1 for inclusion in the *North Middleton Township Newsletter*.

**2009 Budget:** The Board discussed the second quarter budget and questioned if the balance of \$3965 in Capital Outlay, account # 1540-0700 is the amount remaining from the \$15,000 allotted by the Board of Supervisors for purchase of equipment for North Middleton Park. Sally responded she believed it was. The Board would like to purchase several benches, grills, or some other item(s) to beautify the parks. They feel it is necessary to update our parks on an annual basis to attract people to the parks and to increase pavilion rentals. Sally said she was advised by Debi Ealer the amount would be available after the balance of \$68,000 + grant is received from the Federal Government. Sally noted to date, following much correspondence with DCNR, we are still owed said amount. The Recreation Board requested additional information regarding the \$3695, and if it is not given to them this year, will it be available as an additional line item for 2010? The Board does not understand why all financial requests must be itemized and money allotted must be used for said line item how money allotted for equipment can be transferred for bathroom expenses. Sally said she did not fully understand and would ask Debi Ealer

Debi explained that the amount of actual cash in the bank is different from the budget figure, and at the present time she needs the cash reserve from the equipment for expenses incurred for the bathroom until the balance of the money is received from the grant. She advised the township is not in financial difficulty; however, she would prefer not to expend any more cash until we have receipt of the grant funding. Sally questioned if the money is not received in 2009, will said balance be available as an additional amount of funding for the 2010 season. Debi advised putting in the requested amount of \$15,000 for 2010, and also a line for the additional \$3965 balance. Debi has reviewed above paragraphs for accuracy.

**1. Directors Report:**

**A. Pavilion Rentals:** As of 8/24/09, there were one hundred and seventy-nine rentals, for a total of \$5720 with approximately 10,155 guests. This compares to one hundred and thirty seven rentals for a total of \$5,155, with approximately 9542 guests on August 26, 2008. This year is more active for rentals than in the past.

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**B. Travel Program 2009:** Philadelphia After Hours has been cancelled. Fallingwater/Bedford trip is a go. There are eighteen from North Middleton, Middlesex has nine and Carlisle has twelve. New York has twenty-eight, twelve of whom have paid.

**C. 2010 Travel Program:** A tentative schedule has been set, with an option of the White House at Christmas. Late in July, Chrissie advised she had a computer “breakdown” and lost most of her work for 2010.

**D. Upward Football:** Upward Football will not use North Middleton Park this year. This coming season, they are playing at Waggoner’s United Methodist Church. Sally noted she was never notified by the group they would not require the field. She learned of this when she sent an e-mail questioning if the fields would be necessary in 2009.

**E. Hot Air Balloon:** The balloon is presently using several farmers’ fields for take-off.

**2. Parks Report:** Dick advised grass cutting continues. Following the storm of August 21, several trees will need to be removed at Creekview Park and one at Village Park. Dick advised there is much debris to clean up, especially at North Middleton Park.

**3. Old Business:**

**A. Concert & Car Show:**

- a. Workers: Wendy & Sally thanked everyone for taking part in the event.
- b. Tent and Parking: Worked out much better than using the lower pavilion.
- c. Car Registration: A total of one hundred and twenty-five cars registered prior to the event, with approximately one hundred and thirty-five to one hundred and forty total. This compared to approximately one hundred and forty-four in 2008’s registration.

Questions arose regarding the possibility of an outdoor sign at North Middleton Park. Sally advised, electric would not be available, and there is no way of moving said sign into and out of the building. She also noted it would be difficult to update the sign with any regularity. The fire company stores our present sign, moves it in and out as necessary, and provides the electric. Wendy noted it might be possible to look into some sort of sign similar to the banners used for sponsorship at the concert. Sally will call John Rumberger in an attempt to ascertain where he purchased their banner. Sally noted she felt unless there is some way of advising of the date, the sign would be useless.

**4. New Business.**

There was none.

**A. Halloween:**

a. Sally showed a tentative flyer for the Halloween Egg Hunt. The hunt will be held at Village Park. It was decided a parade will be held around the perimeter of the upper portion of the park, including the newer area of the park. Following the parade, the children will continue on in a group and will be directed to the proper area for their particular age grouping for the hunt. Because of Marilyn’s current spinal difficulties, Sally asked if the board would divide her flyer venue between them for delivery. Jim Spangler volunteered to take all of Marilyn’s venues.

b. Flu Inoculations: Sally advised she contacted the Visiting Nurse Association regarding flu shots. The regular flu inoculation is scheduled for 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 3 at the Municipal Complex. This date was chosen because Sally felt there might be a possibility of attracting more people because it is Election Day, and signs will be put up outside and at the firehouse. We are on the VNA schedule for swine flu inoculations.

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However, when the initial swine flu shots are available, they will, in all likelihood not be available to the general public. They will be used for children, pregnant women, health care providers, adults with chronic illness, etc. Shots for the general public will, in all likelihood not be available until some time in late November or early December. At present, it is a series of two shots, with a follow-up inoculation necessary in twenty one to twenty eight days. Sally was advised by the VNA not much information is available at this time.

Wendy reminded the Board the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held at the Municipal Complex; September 22 at 6:30 pm. This will be our 2010 budget meeting. Sally asked that any thoughts on the budget should be directed to her at the earliest convenience so she would have all available information when she begins work on the 2010 budget.

**Adjournment:** Wendy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Jim Spangler recommended closing the meeting, seconded by Linda Castle and Marilyn Hannah. Approval motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally M. Scharadin  
Recreation Director  
North Middleton Township

Attachments