

North Middleton Township  
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
March 23, 2010

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair James Spangler at 6:30 p.m., on March 23, 2010. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the February 23, 2010 Recreation Advisory Board meeting were approved on motion of Medhi Atar, seconded by Wendy Ciuffo with one correction being made that Dave Ely and add (an Associate) attended the meeting of February 23, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**Summertime Adventure:** Cindy Bear gave a presentation of what she will be doing this summer with the Summertime Adventure Program. Through the Recreation Board's support and their families, they have been saving bottle caps, packaging bubbles, drink mix containers, and old cd's. These items will be used for snowmen, fish and mosaics.

Cindy has also advised that they feature one child a week, throughout the program, with their sports. Annette inquired if Cindy had any new helpers this year and reminded her if she does they would require background checks. Cindy advised there are no new helpers with the program. Cindy also asked for the key to Village Park shed so she may start to get everything ready for this year's program. Annette will make sure she receives the key.

**Recreation Report:**

**A. Pavilion Rentals** – Annette reported as of March 22, 2010, there were sixty-one rentals, totaling \$2,200.00, with 5,765 guests, compared to March 24, 2009 were fifty-five rentals, totaling \$1,930.00 with 4755 guests.

**B. 2010 Travel Program** - Williamsburg trip had sixteen registered and have had no feed back on the trip. Ellis Island has fifty-three and includes three from Middlesex. NYC overnight has eight; however, we have been joined with another area and there are no numbers available. NYC in June has eleven, Baltimore has eight, with three from Middlesex, Ocean City has two, Philadelphia in September has seven, NYC in December has eleven, and Christmas in D.C. on December 9 has thirty-one and includes two from Middlesex.

**C. 2011 Travel Program** - Sally & Annette met with Denise, Recreation Director at Middlesex, and Chrissie from Lowee's on February 24 to discuss bus trips for 2011. We scheduled nine tours for next year. February 12 & 13 – Valentines Weekend in NYC; February 26 & 27 – Williamsburg, VA; April 9 – NY – Tour of Brooklyn, etc.; May 7 – Strawberry Festival – Peddlers' Village – Mt. Hope; June 18 – New York City; August - TBD - Ocean City, Maryland; September 10 – Seafood Fest – Annapolis, Maryland; October 8 – Fall Foilage - Steamtown, Scranton; December 3 – Christmas in New York City

**D. 2010 Youth Softball** – Mike Matter was at the township building to do registrations tonight. There have been twenty-three registrations as of March 23, 2010. The 2009 season had a total of 46 players. The board decided since there have not been very many registrations, we will waive the late fee of \$5.

**Parks Report:** Dick Cockley was not present for the meeting. Chairman Jim Spangler advised two new employees were hired for the parks crew, Johnnie Zimmerman and Ernest Christopher. Parks will be open on April 15, 2010.

**New Business:** Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:**

**A. Bathrooms at North Middleton** – Jim advised Lester and the Public Works Department are working on the restrooms. The bathrooms stalls, paper holders and grab bars need installed and the water supply lines to the plumbing fixtures need completed in the utility area. They are expected to be up and running by April 15, 2010.

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**B. Easter Egg Hunt** – The Easter Egg Hunt was held at Village Park Pavilion #1 at 10 am on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Jim thanked Wendy for being the Easter Bunny and Linda for doing the prize baskets. He also thanked everyone who showed up to help. Jim apologized for not being able to attend. Everyone wants to thank Lee Koch and Dick Cockley for opening the restrooms for this event. They were heavily used. There was a very large turnout. Robin Shatto estimated around 500 people. Supervisors Harry Kelso and James Hare attended for the event.

**C. Playground Equipment** – Annette placed an order with George Ely & Associates for the playground equipment for North Middleton Park and Village Park totaling \$17,959.00. She left an allotment of \$2,000.00 for tan bark, which brings us to a total of \$19,959.00. The remaining balance is \$2,736.00. The Recreation Board has decided to purchase two new pieces of equipment for Creek View Park and also purchase three artificial cameras. They will be placed at Village Park pavilion #2, pavilion #4 and one for North Middleton Park lower area. Annette will check and get prices for the cameras. There is concern about vandalism at Creek View Park. Since new equipment will be installed at North Middleton Park and Village Park, the Recreation Board anticipated the residents of Creek View Park area would also ultimately expect some upgrades.

Wendy advised the park benches being donated from Giant Corporation will be delivered sometime in May. She directed Giant to contact Annette for delivery of these items. The benches are six feet in length. Dick Cockley is working on ideas so that we may attach the benches to something durable so they are not vandalized or stolen.

**D. Sign @ Firehouse** – Jim advised, Mike Murray, from the firehouse, has been keeping the sign updated.

**E. Tree for 2010** – Marilyn has talked to her neighbors about a tree and there is no new information at this time.

**Announcements:**

**A.** Jim advised the next meeting will be held at the Township building April 27 at 6:30 pm at the township complex.

**Adjournment:** Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. Marilyn Hannah recommended closing the meeting, seconded by Medhi. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette M. McKillip  
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North Middleton Township  
Attachments