

Middlefield Park and Recreation Commission
161 Strickland Rd, Middlefield, Ct (Peckham Park Pavilion)
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 3rd, 2020

Meeting Called To order by Chris Hurlbert at 6:02

Members Present:

Chris Hurlbert (Chair), Hannah Malcolm (Park and Recreation Director/Non-Voting member), Frank Wolak (Regular member/Chair), Cindy Sanchez (Regular Member),

Quorum was met

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

By Brian McDermott. Seconded by Cindy Sanchez

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve minutes from May and June Meeting.

Motion Made by Chris Hurlbert. Seconded by Frank Wolak

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Finance Report

Not discussed

Old business

Events

Drive in Movie- This event was previously scheduled but the august tropical storm impacted the event. It is not scheduled for September 26th at Peckham. Will be displayed along the back stop of the minor league field. The boy scouts will help park cars. The event will likely start at sundown, plus ½ hour which is 8pm. The commission will gather the weekend to check out the logistics and parking.

Facility Captains Checkup/Park Updates

Peckham/trolley trail- Hannah pitched an idea to connect the trolley trail to the Strickland open space. The loop would be about 5 miles long. Hannah Mentioned the Lion's club has agreed to help with the man power to connect this. The concept includes receiving permission from DEEP since the pathway

would also go over the Coginchaug river. Hannah has been in discussion with them and Deep has requested more research and for Hannah to talk with the previous town planner, Geoff Colegrove. Conceptual ideas were discussed amongst the group.

Lake Beseck- Hannah filled in the commission on a thought to increase the pass checker hours to cover the month of September. This is Due to the increase in attendance at the beach. Hannah shared that ed would like to shift the pass checkers hours from 2-7 on weekdays and 11-7 on weekends. The gate will also now remain open during the weekdays of the rsd13 kids who take the bus. Frank W. asked about the air bnb policy and how that was executed. The commission decided to table this thought until December.

Program Update

Hannah filled the commission in on the Health districts thoughts regarding sports and their usage at peckham. Hannah explained that the health district would like for us to follow what the school district decides. If and when the schools no longer believe that sports are a good option due to covid, we will also shut down our facilities for sports practice.

Sports club if it is to happen will only happen outside or come to Peckham
Art club might also need to happen at Peckham

Halloweenfest- As of now the commission is not I favor of having the typical Halloween trunk or treat due to issues with COVID. Other replacement ideas such as a Halloween candy delivery will happen instead. The commission will make the final call during the October meeting.

Wish List

Brian would like to replace the picnic table that was broken due to the storm.

Fundraising ideas were discussed. Hannah noted that the department didn't really have a strong revenue due to the pavilion not being rented out. Hannah suggested renting out our equipment to the community such as the projector, popcorn machine. The commission decided that it was not worth the effort just yet but maybe in the future. Brain suggested looking into what the state of Connecticut can offer for projects. Chris mentioned selling calendars with important phone numbers.

Permits

Hannah explained that she approved two permits for small parties in September.

Chris approved a boy scout meeting at peckham

Looking Ahead

No discussion

Final Thoughts

The ropes at the beach will be pulled in October

Adjourn

No Motion to adjourn. Meeting was dismissed by Chris Hurlburt at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted on 9/10/2020 by Hannah Malcolm