

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
March 20, 2014

The committee met in regular session. Mr. Hofstetter called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hofstetter, and Mr. Rick Seyer. Mayor Ben Garlich was absent.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Mrs. Tiffany Mekeel – Fiscal Officer, Mr. Mike Dutton – Recreation Director, and Ms. Billie Warren –Recreation Program Supervisor.

Agenda: agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2014 regular meeting – Mr. Seyer moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (2).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Wi-Fi Installation at Eagle Park** – Mr. Weir gave a status update. He spoke with Andrew, the Village's Information Technology professional, Andrew planned on starting the install today. It should only take 2 days to get it installed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Spring Sports Programs** – Mr. Dutton stated the department is moving into spring programs including baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, and martial arts. The department currently has 123 children participating in spring programs. 5 in flag football, 34 in soccer, 67 in baseball, 14 softball and 3 in martial arts. The department has had a lot of telephone calls and e-mails about the new martial arts class. The department is planning on scheduling a demo at the elementary school. The program starts in mid-April. The classes will be held at the high school.
2. **Baseball/Softball Players Camp** – Mr. Dutton stated the department is offering a baseball and softball players' camp. The skill camp will be offer this weekend and next weekend. The high school baseball and softball coaches will be instructing the camp. This is a free program being offered.
3. **Egg Hunt** – Mr. Dutton stated the annual Village Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Jordak Elementary on the blacktop. The Middlefield Relay for Life team will be offering a breakfast with the Easter Bunny before the Easter egg hunt. All children will receive a treat bag. There will also be a drawing for bigger prizes. Some of the eggs in the various age groups will have a special ticket inside for a prize. The Easter egg hunt runs, rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine.
4. **Summer Day Camp** – Mr. Dutton stated the department is working on offering a summer day camp program. It will be a 5 week program for children ages 6-12. The camp will run from June 16th through July 21st with a holiday break the week of June 30th, because of the Independence Day holiday. The time the camp will run with be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with early drop-off and late pickup for an additional fee. The cost is \$100.00 per week, 4 days or 3 day options. Each week will have a new theme each week. Pirates, game show, and water week. Mr. Seyer asked if the department was offering a discount for families that

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register for the full 5 weeks. Mr. Dutton stated at this time, no discount is being offered.

- 5. Expansion of Senior Center** – Mr. Hofstetter stated that he was in the senior center building and thinking about expanding the building by 40' x 32' (1,280 sq. feet). He stated that the Village could construct a Lake View Room and increase the rental and programs offered by the Village. Mr. Hofstetter stated that he estimates the expansion would cost about \$60.00 to \$70.00 per square foot. Mr. Seyer stated that a Lake View Room would be a wonderful addition to the building; however, there is not enough parking available. The Village would have to look at expanding the parking lot to accommodate the additional number of people the building will be able to hold.

General Discussion

The committee opened up for general discussion.

The department is working with the company that made the plaques for the Home for Holidays program to thank Arby's for allowing the Village to use the drive for the baseball season and for the reconstruction of Sperry Lane. The department is using a picture from Arby's baseball team last year.

Mr. Seyer asked where the park and recreation pickup truck is. Ms. Warren stated that it is parked in the garage for the winter. Mr. Seyer asked if the department really uses the truck. Ms. Warren stated the truck is used during the summer months running equipment from the different fields to the storage garage.

Ms. Warren stated the department will be conducting a background check for the coaches on Monday, March 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$60.00. The department will conduct a background check for all new coaches and will conduct another back ground check every couple of years on the current coaches that volunteer.

Mr. Dutton stated that the department has 2 Minor teams, 2 t-ball teams, 1 peewee team, and 1 Colts team. The department did not have enough registrations to have a Majors team. The department will also offer an adult softball league (Friday Nights' Men League) from mid-May through mid-September on Fridays. The department will have a minimum of 5 teams. The Village teams compete with softball teams from Chardon, Huntsburg, Burton, and Mentor. The department is adding an additional week at the end of the season to cover any cancellations through the season.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 a.m., seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (2).