

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
May 21, 2015

The committee met in regular session. Mr. Hofstetter called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Rick Seyer, Mr. Carl Hofstetter and Mayor Ben Garlich.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator and Ms. Billie Warren – Recreation Director.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: *March 19 2015* regular meeting – ***Mr. Mayor Garlich moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (2). Mr. Seyer abstained***

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Department Budget Review:** Ms. Warren stated that the Recreation Department is on target for the budget and is trying to stay within the transfer amount of \$65,000 this year. The new football helmets are ordered; these are the #1 rated helmets for concussion prevention. Discussion regarding the recreation phone and the amount of usage. Discussion regarding increasing the fee for nonresident usage at Eagle Park. It was the consensus of the committee to increase the fee to \$100.00 effective immediately. Discussion regarding fencing the Splashpark and charging for usage. Discussion regarding maybe privatizing the park.
2. **Softball/Baseball/Soccer Sign-Ups:** Ms. Warren stated that signups are closed and everything except t-ball have started games; they will be starting in after Memorial Day. The only issue is that the major team. There were 9 kids and 2 quit and one left for medical reasons. Moved the kids down to the minors team and there are several unhappy parents. The registration numbers are down for baseball but soccer has increased. Discussion regarding giving refund to the major's parents. The committee feels that if there is a team available for the kids to play with than no refunds should be issued; the kids have been moved down to play on the minor's team.
3. **Cops-N-Kids Fishing:** This event will be held June 13 for 9 am to 11 am. The village received a grant to help defer the costs. Walmart, Ace, Geauga Bow and Flambeau have all committed to donations.
4. **Safety Town:** Registration is not going well. Still need about another 10 kids to have the program. Need at least 20 kids to hold the program. Discussed advertising that was done and what else could be done. Discussed changing the format of the program. Mr. Seyer suggested getting more of the Amish run schools involved with the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Splashpark:** Discussed earlier in the meeting under Department Budget Review.

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2. **Dugouts on Field #7 – Repair Work:** The dugouts are in need of repairs. Mr. Seyer stated just get it done if the money is available in the recreation budget. Ms. Warren stated that she has applied for a grant to see if she can get some funding. Looking at repairing the roofing with metal roof and some of the block has deteriorated.

Mr. Seyer requested an update on the Easter Egg Hunts. Ms. Warren stated that the kids Easter Egg Hunt has approximately 200 kids. The Adult Easter Egg Hunt had 100 participants. The weather was very cold but it seemed like everyone had a great time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None before the committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Hofstetter adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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