

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
September 18, 2014

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 and Mr. Carl Hofstetter, excused absence Mayor Ben Garlich.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Ms. Billie Warren – Recreation Director, and Mr. Dave Detweiler –Recreation Program Supervisor.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: **August 21, 2014** regular meeting – Mr. Seyer moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (2).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Soccer:** Ms. Warren stated that soccer has started and the teams are doing well. Registration is down this fall due to the Middle School having a soccer team. There are about 45 registrants on coed teams.
2. **Football:** Football is in their third week of games. Discussion regarding equipment. Mr. Seyer asked how the village receives all the equipment back at the end of the season. Ms. Warren stated that at the time that equipment is passed out a form is completed and parents are required to sign the form. At the end of the season there are designated times to drop off equipment. If equipment is not returned an invoice is generated for the cost of the equipment; if this invoice is not paid the amount is placed on the families account and has to be paid in full before any other registration will be accepted. Currently working on a grant from the Cleveland Browns organization to replace the helmets next year.
3. **Basketball:** Currently taking registration. Held a meeting with the various communities that participate in the league to discuss the rules and any changes that might need to be made.
4. **Volleyball:** Ms. Warren stated that practices started this week. There are 37 girls this year as opposed to 22 last year. Games schedules are currently being created.
5. **George Knox Park:** Ms. Warren stated that she has been working on plans for a fitness trail at the park. Working with Ms. Gambosi to find grants to help fund this project. Need a budget and approval from council to move forward; most of the grants are matching grants. Are looking at 8 pieces of equipment at about \$35,000.00 roughly; this does not include the path installation. Mr. Seyer does not feel that George Knox is the best location for a fitness path. Would like to see the fitness path at Eagle Park. The asphalt walk is already installed. Discussion regarding what other ideas can be installed at George Knox. Committee's consensus is Knox Park should remain a passive park.
6. **Eagle Splash Park:** The Park is closed for the season and will reopen on the Friday before Memorial Day. Discussion regarding fencing the area and

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charging nonresidents a fee to use the park. The committee sees no way to reasonably accomplish charging a fee but remains open to the idea.

7. **General Discussion Regarding Recreation:** Discussion regarding the recreation department becoming self-sustaining. The committee is looking to have everything but the salaries and benefits paid by the registration fees. Discussion regarding summer fest and having the community donations pay for the festival. Mr. Seyer would like to see Summer Fest moved back to Mineral Lake Park. Discussed putting a copy of the committee's budget into each committee packet. Mr. Seyer stated that years ago a committee was organized to raise money for Community Days and that the village should look at doing that again. The committee thought that the MAC committee should maybe look at fundraising for Summer Fest since they are the primary organizers of the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None before the committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.