

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
February 8, 2024
5:30 PM

The committee met in regular session. Mr. Blue called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue and Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti. Mayor Garlich is excused.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Ms. Vikki Naples, Mr. Jimmy Soltis, and Ms. Jessica Winemiller.

Agenda: No Additions/Deletions.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 11, 2024 were presented for approval. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (2).**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Winter Youth Sports- Wrestling, Basketball, and Cheerleading:** Ms. McCoy stated basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading sports are going on right now. Ms. McCoy stated there are about eight wrestlers that are making it to States. Ms. Naples stated she will get a list of names together to present to Council. The date for States is to be scheduled. Ms. McCoy stated this is the last year for youth basketball cheerleading.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SPRING YOUTH SPORTS- Registration opened 2/1:** Ms. McCoy stated registration is open until April 5 and once the registration closes the teams will be put together. Ms. McCoy stated there is a baseball clinic in Lake County and a softball clinic that will be done with the Guardians at Cleveland State. The baseball clinic is free and the softball clinic has a fee.
2. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Jessica Winemiller is present to speak. Ms. Winemiller stated her children have played through the recreation program for a little over 10 years. This is their first year playing recreation basketball. Ms. Winemiller stated her biggest concern is that Mr. Soltis' daughter plays for Burton Recreation. Ms. Winemiller stated she thinks it is a huge conflict of interest. Ms. Winemiller stated she thought the 3rd grade team would be in the Big Leaf League and is disappointed they were not placed in the league. Ms. Winemiller stated her children do not attend Cardinal. There are 9 girls on the 3rd / 4th grade team. Ms. Winemiller is also upset that there are inexperienced 4th grade girls included in the 3rd grade basketball team. Ms. Winemiller would also like to comment about the soccer program. Ms. Winemiller stated that the program is disorganized. Mr. Soltis stated Ms. Winemiller's daughters coach was given a schedule and it was at the discretion of the coach to practice later or to cancel practice on the days the gym was in use for a middle school basketball game. Mr. Soltis stated he has not had any complaints from any other parents, coaches, or teams. Mr. Soltis stated Burton did not start their basketball program until the 2nd week of January which left the recreation department short trying to find a team to play. Mr. Soltis stated himself and Ms. Naples have been reaching out to multiple K-4th grade teams in Northeast Ohio to try to find teams to play. Mr. Soltis stated there are only three 4th graders on the 3rd/4th grade girls' team and they willingly wanted to play down because of the skills level that they are at. Mr. Soltis stated this did not require the 3rd grade team to actually play up. Ms. Winemiller stated there is cheating going on in a 3rd grade basketball team. Ms. McCoy stated there is an option for

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next year for girls to try out for the Big Leaf Team. Ms. McCoy stated there will be a survey sent out at the end of the year in an email blast. Ms. McCoy and Mr. Soltis stated they will look into possibly playing teams in other counties and bettering the communication.

Next Meeting, March 12, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Arganti made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (2).

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

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