

**Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**January 16, 2014**

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

**Also present:** Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Ms. Carrie Ehrhart-Office Assistant, Mr. Mike Dutton – Recreation Director, and Ms. Billie Warren –Recreation Program Supervisor, Char Kuchta-Burton Recreation Vice President and Callie Jezewski-Burton Recreation Fundraising Commissioner.

**Agenda:** Addition & deletions to the agenda:

**Approval of Minutes:** December 19, 2013 regular meeting – Hofstetter moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Seyer. All in favor: Yeas (3)

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Burton Recreation Department Representatives** – Mr. Hofstetter introduced Ms. Char Kuchta -Vice President and Ms. Callie Jezewski-Fundraising Commissioner, representatives from Burton Recreation. Hofstetter stated that he spoke with Tim Young and realized that Burton's organization is all volunteer. Hofstetter is looking at other ways to subsidizing Middlefield's department; looking to get enough participants to support the department. Discussion regarding the various programs that Burton offers, the budget that they work with and the various fundraisers that they have each year.
2. **WIFI Proposals from Newbury Technologies** – Mr. Weir introduced Andrew Mihaly of Newbury Technologies. The committee has been looking at adding Wifi to Mineral Lake Park and Eagle Park. Discussion regarding the location and mounting of the equipment. Mayor Garlich asked about the difference in the expense between the parks. Mr. Mihaly stated that Mineral Lake Park is a much bigger area and there is no infrastructure to support the equipment. Discussion regarding how the Wifi will work and if it will be password protected. Mr. Seyer would like to start with Eagle Park. Mayor Garlich stated that the Econ is looking at revamping the park at the center of town, would like Mr. Mihaly to look at wiring that area. ***Hofstetter made a motion to install the Wifi at Eagle Park based on the proposal submitted by Newbury Technologies, seconded by Seyer. All in favor: Yeas (3)***
3. **Home for the Holidays** – Mr. Dutton Stated that Company Front Awards came in and got the pictures for the plaques and they should be completed within the week. Mr. Seyer asked how many houses were judged. Ms. Warren stated that they judged any house that had a display or lights. Mr. Seyer feels that this program worked really well this year.
4. **Website** – Mr. Dutton stated that the website is a work in progress and is kept up to date each day; all the winter schedules are located on the webpage. In the process of meeting with the baseball commissioners to prepare for the baseball season. Posted a complete 2014 program guide and a one page calendar. Mr. Hofstetter asked if the school will be helping out with getting information out to the kids at school. Will be utilizing the school to send information home.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Grants and Donations for Programs** – Mr. Dutton stated that they were able to secure new batting helmets with face guards, also received a \$500.00 grant from ODNR for the cops and kids fishing. Created new material for sponsorship request for local businesses. Discussion regarding some businesses that have committed to sponsorships. Will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt at Mineral Lake Park on April 12, 2014. Discussed getting a group of parents together to do some event to possibly fundraise and then donate to different sports programs.
2. **Basketball Youth Nights** – Mr. Dutton stated that the school is hosting youth night's for the recreation program kids. Working with Mr. Cardinal to set up camps and clinic for all the recreation sports program with the High school coaching staff.
3. **Spring Sports** – Mr. Dutton stated that the spring sports programs will start registration on Feb 3 and baseball/softball will start on Feb 14. Mr. Seyer asked if all the programs for spring are developed. Mr. Dutton stated that everything is planned and ready.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Seyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 am, seconded by Hofstetter. All in favor:  
Yeas (3)

**PENDING**

1. Parking Along Ameda Drive