

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
February 27, 2014

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

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

Agenda: Add item number 2 under unfinished business, Wi-Fi.

Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2014 regular meeting – Mr. Seyer moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (3).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Website and Online Program Sign Ups** – Mr. Dutton gave a brief update on the website and online program sign ups have gone live. The department has had several individuals use the online option to sign up for recreation activities.
2. **Wi-Fi Update** – Mr. Weir stated that he spoke with Andrew, and he is waiting for the weather to break. It should 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, and flag football. Early bird deadline for baseball is next week. Mr. Dutton is offering a coaching program and a free skills clinic with the high school students. Mayor Garlich asked if the coach program is mandatory. Mr. Dutton stated at this time no; but he is strongly encouraging the coaches to take the program. The recreation department is working with the school to try and get the program going.
2. **Martial Arts Class** – Mr. Dutton stated the department is offering a youth martial arts class; 2 days a week; 1 class; for ages 6-18. They would like to use the high school wrestling room. Ms. Warren stated that later, a women safe course will be taught.
3. **Appreciation Award to Arby's** – Mr. Hofstetter stated that during the construction, Arby's allowed the construction crew to park their equipment in their lot. A plaque thanking them for their continuing support with the Village.
4. **Downtown Park Improvements** – Mr. Weir presented to the committee a drawing of park improvements to the downtown park. Discussion was held. Mr. Weir is trying to obtain grant funds to help defer the cost of the project. Mayor Garlich stated he would like the bike path paved. It would be a huge economic boost for the Village.
5. **American Fireworks Contract** – It was the consensus of the committee to continue to use American Fireworks. *Mr. Hofstetter moved to take the American Firework contract to council; Mr. Seyer seconded. All in favor: Yeas (3).*

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General Discussion

The committee opened up for general discussion. Ms. Warren presented total budget of basketball and wrestling. The department made \$478.00 for basketball and \$223.35 for wrestling.

Discussion was held on various programs to offer the residents that are not a sport. The department is thinking about a cooking class; a flea market for children; bike club; etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Seyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m., seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. All in favor: Yeas (3).

PENDING

1. Parking Along Ameda Drive – Mr. Hofstetter requested to remove this from pending items.