

Village of Middlefield Recreation Committee Minutes
April 11, 2024
5:30 PM

The committee met in regular session. Mr. Blue called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm with the following members present: Mayor Garlich, Mr. Bill Blue, and Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Ms. Vikki Naples, Mr. Jimmy Soltis, Mr. Rob Ammons, and Ms. Sarah Havel.

Agenda: No Additions/Deletions.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 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:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **U8 Soccer:** Mr. Soltis stated there was an incident at the last soccer game where Middlefield Team 1 U8 and Middlefield Team 2 U8 were playing each other and the kid playing goalie was getting frustrated when his hand was getting stepped on accidentally. Mr. Soltis stated the goalie tackled the other kid and the coaches removed him from the game. Mr. Soltis stated at the end of the game the two kids shook hands and apologized. Mr. Soltis stated the two coaches exchanged words and Mr. Soltis applauded Coach Rob Ammons for making the kids settle it but Coach Lou Champney was not happy with how it was handled. Mr. Soltis stated he thinks Rob Ammons did what he was supposed to and removed the child from the game and made them shake hands after the game. Ms. Naples stated at the next practice the two coaches exchanged more words. Mr. Soltis stated this turned into a much bigger issue than it needed to be. Parents on the team have sent Mr. Soltis emails stating Mr. Ammons is very intense and swears a lot around the kids. Mr. Soltis stated he has not gotten any complaints from parents on Rob Ammons team but this may be because they feel intimidated. Mayor Garlich asked Mr. Soltis to speak with both coaches and advise what is expected of coaches.
2. **FALL YOUTH SPORTS- Registration opens 6/1 will close 7/28:** Ms. McCoy stated this is for football, cheer, and fall soccer.
3. **Tiny Line Marker ProX- Robot to line fields split after grant with schools:** Mr. Soltis stated he looked into this because they do a lot of painting for the fields. Mr. Soltis stated this would be very beneficial and there are some grants that can cover the majority of the costs. Mr. Soltis stated the price includes the first 6 years and then there would be an annual fee after the 6 years is up. Ms. McCoy stated she can apply for the grant and present it to Council once the grant application opens in July. Mr. Soltis stated the fields need painted every week.
4. **Agreement for 2024/2025 School Year:** Mr. Soltis stated he will get a breakdown of the costs and this would bring it to the max that it would need to be. Mr. Soltis stated he doesn't see there having to be an increase after that. **Ms. Arganti made a recommendation to take the Recreation Agreement for 2024/2025 School year, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

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5. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Discussion held regarding the fence at the lighted field. Mr. Soltis stated they have a received a couple of quotes. Mr. Soltis stated it is in very bad shape and has been in bad shape for a while. Chief Tucholski stated the last time it was replaced was long before he started. Mr. Soltis stated he will continue to monitor the conditions of the fence.

Next Meeting, June 13, 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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