

# Town of Middlebury Parks and Recreation



**Betsy Anderson, APRP  
Director**

**COMMISSIONERS**  
Ron Clark, Chairman  
Jack Worgan  
Carolanne Browne  
Mike Roach  
Mark Nagrabski

## **MIDDLEBURY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes  
Thursday June 10, 2021**

Present: Ron Clark, Chairman  
Betsy Anderson, Director  
Mike Roach  
Jack Worgan  
Carolanne Browne

Absent: Mark Nagrabski

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Ron Clark called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Carolanne Browne and seconded by Mike Roach to **APPROVE** the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes.  
The May 13, 2021 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **GREENWAY REPORT**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **BUDGET**

Nothing to report

#### **PERSONNEL**

Nothing to report

### **BUILDING AND PARKS**

Mike Roach reported he has walked most of the fields and they are all looking good, but he hasn't gotten to School House yet. He said that he went to Shepardson with Betsy today. Mike said overall they all look good, much better than they were a month ago.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Carolanne Browne said a lot of people have been asking about the MRA hours, and if it can open earlier during the week. Jack said that if Chip is there he will usually open the gates. Betsy said it opens at 10:00am and swimming begins at 11:00am. Jack said it would be a budget issue if they would require a life guard for an additional hour every day. Carolanne said the topic she hears the most is the summer access for the MRA. People would like to be able to launch boats when it is quiet in the morning. Betsy said the boats can be launched at 10:00am. Betsy said she would look into the additional hours and how it will affect the budget. She said they need someone there who knows CPR if there is ever a problem. Mike looked up the hours online and said that during the week it opens at 11:00am and swimming starts at 12:00pm. Jack suggesting checking with Chip and Joe to see what their availability is. Ron said they would also have to look at the budget and asked Betsy to look into how much it would cost to have a person for one extra hour a day.

Carolanne asked if they would be allowing guests at the MRA on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. Betsy said that as of right now they will be allowed, but they need to see how the upcoming weeks are. She will put a notification online once a decision has been made.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Betsy Anderson reported the Memorial Day parade had to be cancelled and rescheduled to May 31<sup>st</sup>. She said it was a success. On June 12<sup>th</sup> the MRA will be open full time. Betsy said that the summer camp enrollment is doing well. The first 3 weeks of the teen camp are full and the last week is 60% full. She noted the teen camps are only for Middlebury teens. Betsy said the Playground Camp will have 25 kids per week and is all ages.

Betsy said there is work being done on School House Park and the field has been seeded. She said they are still doing training with Civic Rec, the new software, and are expecting a launch date of June 28<sup>th</sup>. She said that on June 7<sup>th</sup> the new town website went live. She is still in the process of editing the page and would like to write up a detailed description of all the parks.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ron wanted to commend the staff on the Memorial Day Parade and having to cancel the original scheduled day due to the rain and moving it all to the following day. They were able to put everything together and in place and the parade was amazing. He said that at least 350 people attended and felt it was very patriotic this year. He said people were very appreciative and complimenting the parade itself. He said that Tracey and Betsy did a job well done.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ron asked members to consider participating and helping with any events that the Park and Recreation put on. He said there is always a lot of work that needs to be done, and asked members to reach out to Betsy to see where they can help. He noted that Mike and Mark were a big help with the Memorial Day parade and it was much appreciated.

Jack suggested that Betsy send out an email looking for volunteers when needed. Ron asked if any members had ideas for events because Ed St John is looking to have more events in town.

Carolanne asked what the outcome was from a meeting a few months ago where the Middlebury parents were discussing the use of the town fields for soccer. Betsy said the team originally asked for 4 days, but then changed it to just Wednesday and Saturday. They were given the use of the fields free of charge. A discussion ensued regarding the number of Southbury kids to Middlebury and the reason why Southbury doesn't charge a fee to use their fields.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Jack Worgan and seconded by Mike Roach to

**ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:45 PM

cc: Town Clerk  
Commission Members  
Betsy Anderson  
Bill Stowell