

Middlesex Parks and Recreation
Advisory Committee
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Committee Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2025

Committee Member Cassius Kennick opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Committee members present:

Nicole Araujo
Christine DiNizo
Cassius Kennick
Laura Thomasey

Members Absent:

Also present:

Joseph DeScenza, Councilman
Melissa DeMarino, Director of Recreation & Senior Services

Public Session: None

Recreation Report

- Fall Basketball Clinic – Starts 9/17 – Grades 3-8 – 23 Registered
- Line Dancing – Starts 9/19 – 7:30pm to 8:30pm – 4 Registered
- Toddler Playgroup – Starts 10/7
 - Monday PM – 4 Registered
 - Tuesday Session 1 – 11 Registered Session 1 – 1 Registered
- Yoga Fall Session – Starts 9/9 – 10 Registered
- Fall Soccer – Registration is over
 - Relocating fields
 - 2 Cook Fields
 - 1 Haverstick
 - 1 Mt. View Park
 - PreK – 15 Registered – Tuesdays 5:15pm Clinic
 - K-3rd Grade – 116 Registered
 - 4th-8th Grade – 57 Registered
 - Coaches Meeting – 9/8
 - Picture Day – 9/30

Events

- Haunted Halloween Movie in the Field – 10/23 Rain Date 10/30 – High School Football Field
- Winter Wonderland/Tree Lighting – 12/7

Other

- Hometown Heros Banners – Started Phase 2 – 3 Signed Up
- Discount Movie Tickets & Gift Cards – Reading Only
- Gametime Grant Application with DPW – Haverstick – Will be submitted in October

Social Media Accounts

- Instagram: @middlesexrecreation
- Facebook: Middlesex Recreation & Msex Rec

Council Representative Report –

Councilman DeScenza stated the next Parks Committee Meeting will be October 7th. Additionally, discussions will start soon for the 2026 budget and anticipate another tough year.

Trust Account and Account details report

The Trust Account was reviewed by the Recreation Committee.

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence –

1. Recreation Director stated they received a correspondence from a resident who lives near Haverstick field stating the soccer goals are an eye sore and need to be moved or thinner nets need to be used. The resident would like the soccer goals to be moved every time, when not in use, to near the tree line. Recreation Director said they are currently in the process of speaking to this resident and explaining that it cannot be done.

Sub-Committee Reports – None

Volunteer nomination – None

New Business –

1. Committee Member Cassius Kennick would like to hold a Fall Softball Clinic just like the Summer Softball Clinic. He stated he had a great summer; the girls learned a lot and would love to continue it into the fall. He would like one practice a week and a game on Saturday. Recreation Director said that it can definitely work and she will be in contact with him to set it all up.
2. Committee Member Laura Thomasey stated her husband, Rich Thomasey might want to run Cross Country again. Recreation Director said that it would be great and to have him reach out to her to set up details.

Old Business – None

At 7:38p.m., Committee Member Christine DiNizo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Committee Member Laura Thomasey.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Committee Secretary