

Middlesex Parks and Recreation
Advisory Committee
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Committee Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025

Committee Member Nicole Araujo opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Committee members present:

Nicole Araujo
Christine DiNizo

Members Absent:

Cassius Kennick
Laura Thomasey
Joseph DeScenza, Councilman

Also present:

Melissa DeMarino, Director of Recreation & Senior Services

Public Session: None

Recreation Report

- Wrestling Clinic - 13 Registered - Ends 8/20 - Access to schools
- Line Dancing – Summer Session ends 8/14 – 3 registered
- JV Summer League – Extended a week due to BOE/Construction in Buildings – Utilized Bound Brook Community Center (free of charge)
- Summer Playground
 - Trip to Turtle Back Zoo & Sunrise Lake Beach Club
 - Clean Communities Sponsored an Eyes of the Wild – Postponed due to flood – TBD
- Happy Campers/Toddler Playgroup – The parents want more than 4 weeks
- Summer Softball Clinic – Tuesdays/Thursdays – 11 Registered – Ends 8/20
- Yoga Fall Session – TBD
- Buddy Ball – TBD
- Fall Soccer – Registration is over today
 - Relocating fields
 - 2 Cook Fields
 - 1 Haverstick
 - 1 Mt. View Park
 - PreK – 13 Registered
 - K-3rd Grade – 92 Registered
 - 4th-8th Grade – 48 Registered
 - Using real officials for the season

- Bike Safety Rodeo
 - Sponsored by Keep Middlesex Moving
 - Rescheduled for 8/21 from 5pm-7pm

Events

- Movie in the Park – 80 people attended
- Patriots Discount Link – 28 tickets sold
- Fall/Halloween Movie in the Park?
- Winter Wonderland/Tree Lighting – 12/7

Other

- Hometown Heros Banners – Started Phase 2
- Discount Movie Tickets & Gift Cards – Reading Only
- Medals or Pizza Party for each sport??

Social Media Accounts

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

Council Representative Report – None

Trust Account and Account details report

The Trust Account was reviewed by the Recreation Committee.

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence – None

Sub-Committee Reports – None

Volunteer nomination – None

New Business –

1. Recreation Director stated that the Recreation Department is having issues gaining access to the schools. The schools withdrew all their permits after they all have been approved due to improvements being made in the buildings.

Old Business – None

At 7:29p.m., Committee Member Christine DiNizo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Committee Member Nicole Araujo.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Committee Secretary