

Eastern Monroe Regional Parks Commission

April 20, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held April 20, 2009 at 7:05 pm in the Smithfield Township municipal building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Leslie Underhill, Doyle Nelson, Rich Cullen, Kevin Casebolt and Vince DellaFera, Smithfield Supervisor. Representing Middle Smithfield Township were John Ferro, Al Decker, Mitchell Marcus and Judy Summers.

A short presentation on Monroe County open space was presented by Christine Dettore and Roger Spots. Christine works at the county level in the open space area and Roger is with the Monroe County Conservation Department in their environmental area. Their power point presentation took about 45 minutes and covered a large amount of valuable information.

Mitch moved that we approve the agenda and Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Doyle moved that we approve the March minutes. Leslie seconded. Motion carried. John asked Vince if he knew when EMRPC would be receiving a financial statement from Jackie. Vince stated that it should be soon perhaps at the next meeting.

Vince reported on the previous recommendation regarding firearms in park areas, school grounds, court houses, etc. The supervisors are continuing to review and explore this question.. This question may need legal review and input. Also, the (2) Boards of Supervisors have not yet met regarding the proposed draw down of Mt. Nebo pond. Vince felt that saving both townships money was important to both townships yet no one has taken the lead in this plan. Rich will follow up with this recommendation. A letter dated April 15, 2009 was sent to Chip McGloin commending his service to EMRPC. April 14, 2009 Kevin Casebolt was appointed to this commission.

Leslie reported that she had spoken to Kurt Carr, Ph.D. who is the Senior Curator of Archaeology at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. He sent her a letter ( ATTACHMENT 1) detailed with specific informations necessary to provide for the stewardship of the Minisink site. Discussion followed. The commission feels comfortable with Don Kline , however his technique and records fall somewhat short.

Rich moved that Don Kline be permitted to continue with the Minisink dig and provide 3-dimensional mappings, a reason for continuing the dig and a start date. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie moved that the commission adopt commonwealth guidelines (listed in Dr. Carr's letter) for continued archaeological digs. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce Bush and the Dog Park Committee registered with a commonwealth attorney. She and her committee are working on the Dog Expo planned for June 13, 2009. (Rain date June 14, 2009).

John reported that he went to Foxwoods camp ground. He masqueraded as a customer wanting ATV information. He was told that the ATV must be on a trailer and having it registered was preferred. Discussion followed.

A person by the name of Duane Heller inquired about using Rivers Edge for a Frisbee tournament. A call was placed to him and no response. Leslie suggested that now with warmer weather here we should review the fee schedule. The conditions for Frisbee golf usage (1) the group using must post the course at least 2 days before so that others are aware of the reserved use (2) users must carry out all trash and (3) users must provide an insurance certification before using . THE FEE SCHEDULE:

\$15 for groups up to 25

\$30 for groups up to 50

\$50 for groups over 100

All groups must be aware that there are no sanitation facilities.

Scott Dietrich attended the meeting. He is involved with IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) and they are very involved with trail management , maintenance and the building of trails. Scott felt that this group is interested in Mt. Nebo and they might be helpful as we move forward. He may be able to get a rep to speak to us on or about September 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. He will contact us.

Doyle has been with EMRPC for more than 6 years and he is one of the founders. He has decided to step down at this time. He wants to finish his Eagle Scout counsel with Corey Mendez. Everyone thanked Doyle for his service and leadership.

Mitchell moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers

