

Eastern Monroe Regional Park Commission
March 16, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held March 16, 2009 at 7:35 pm in the Smithfield Township municipal building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Leslie Underhill, Doyle Nelson, Rich Cullen and Vince DellaFera, Smithfield Supervisor. Representing Middle Smithfield Township were John Ferro, Al Decker, Mitchell Marcus and Judy Summers. Representing Delaware Water Gap was Susan Cooper.

The February minutes were amended. Mitchell Marcus is a member of the Fish and Boat Commission and will look into any assistance that the commission might be able to render as we continue control of ATV use at Mt. Nebo. With this amendment Mitchell moved to accept the February minutes. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

John asked that a financial report be prepared for EMRPC. Vince stated that he would follow up with Jackie and get a quarterly budget vs. actual financial statement as had been discussed and recommended 2/16/09.

John reported that park signs at Mt. Nebo referenced possession of firearms and those signs should be removed or changed. Mitchell moved that we recommend to the supervisors that these signs be so changed in both parks. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Doyle, Rich, Mark Eisold (Boucher & James, Inc.) and Doug Olmstead met and discussed the Mt. Nebo dam. Rich felt that because Mt. Nebo is as small as it is that we should proceed with Doyle's draw down recommendation and permit the (2) townships to begin as soon as the weather permits. It was felt that the township engineers should decide whether a draw down permit is necessary before work commences.

Joyce Bush, Pat and Joe Coyle- the dog park committee reported that they had gotten (3) estimates for dog park fencing. LOWE'S- materials only \$6,688

CANFIELD'S- materials only \$9,000

FRY'S- gave us an estimate last year; some feeling that they may be the best. Discussion followed. Joyce also reported that she and her committee are checking with an attorney concerning issues like non-profit organization status and the need for liability insurance. Discussion continued regarding the 50/50 matching funds for the proposed dog park.

Both John and Doyle are concerned as warmer weather starts about ATV use at Mt. Nebo. Everyone shared their concerns. Mitchell is a member of the Fish and Boat Commission and as a member he would explore what if any help they might be able to offer EMRPC. John will check the owners of Foxwood campgrounds and see what they understand about ATV use and report back.

Leslie introduced Kevin Casebolt and welcomed him to EMRPC. Kevin resides in Smithfield Township.

The archeological dig and the marker placement were next discussed. EMRPC has given permission to Don Kline for a continuance of the dig. Leslie via email brought up (5) very good points as we look closer to continuing the dig site. These points are: (1) that any destruction of the site has to be justified because of the knowledge that will be gained from the dig (2) a catalogue of what has been found so far on the property since Smithfield has owned it must be supplied (3) for anyone who wants scientific access ... the ownership of the items needs to be clearly stated and they must address if these items are available for educational research and sharing (4) if something happens to the party holding the items ... what happens then? (5) we need a replication of articles and a display poster for the township building so that residents can learn what has been found in this area. Leslie will check on this soon and get back to the commission.

John mentioned that he would contact Steve Carey regarding the clearing and manicuring of the proposed dog park.

All moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers