

Eastern Monroe Regional Parks Commission

May 18, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held May 18, 2009 at 7:35 pm in the Smithfield Township municipal building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Leslie Underhill, Rich Cullin 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.

Mitchell moved to approve the agenda. Rich seconded. Motion carried. Leslie moved to approve the April 20, 2009 minutes. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Sean Gulston, Boy Scout Master for Troop #83 that meets in St. Matthews Church appeared with scouts before the commission seeking project leads for Zachary Solomone, Joe Gulston and Jason Rocco who will be reaching for Eagle Scout status. Discussion followed. Sean was advised to meet with the Dog Park committee (Joyce Bush and her committee were in attendance). Any projects that the commission would suggest will be forwarded to Sean.

Vince reported that he did not have a financial report. It seems that Jackie has been extremely busy. He also reported that our concern regarding guns was discussed. Firearms in parks cannot be prohibited. Discussion followed and the consensus of the commission was that the removal of the word "possession" from parks rule and regulation signs pertaining to firearms at both Mt. Nebo and Rivers Edge parks was extremely important. A recommendation was sent to the Supervisors.

Leslie reported that she will soon be meeting with Jackie to have a letter written and sent to Don Kline. This letter will confirm his intent and ask that he be more specific as the Supervisors want him to explain the need and outline his plan. He should also follow the most modern techniques and provide three-dimensional mapping.

Joyce Bush and the Dog Park committee have been very busy. Joyce asked that the cleanup of the park be done between May 28- June 2. The status of the well was briefly discussed. It seems there is little information available. The Dog Park committee provided a copy of their May 15, 2009 minutes and this was filed.

Rich Cullin suggested that we recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they consider naming the group camp ground at Mt. Nebo in honor of Doyle Nelson. Details will be developed. A recommendation was sent to the Supervisors. Leslie will check with Jackie regarding a plaque, ceremony, etc.

Scott Dietrich reported that Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the date selected for a "meet and greet" with IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) at Mt. Nebo Park. More information will be provided.

AI moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Susan seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is June 15, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers

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