

Eastern Monroe Regional Park Commission

October 19, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held October 19, 2009 at 7:42 pm in the Smithfield Township municipal building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Kevin Casebolt , Rich Cullen, Leslie Underhill and Vince Della Fera, Smithfield Supervisor. Representing Middle Smithfield Township were John Ferro, Mitchell Marcus and Judy Summers.

Mitchell moved to approve the agenda and Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Leslie moved that we accept the September 21st minutes with one correction – change “Doyle Nelson Campground to Doyle Nelson Campsite” and Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Christine Griffin opened the building for the commission and shared a concern. It seems that for a short period the Pocono Rottweiler Association has been training dogs on the Al Wilson Field. Jackie gave them permission. A concern regarding their waste and contamination of the ball park used by youngsters was discussed. Rich questioned why this was permitted. Rich will contact Jackie to see if this organization could be using our proposed dog park in lieu of the ballpark.

The consensus of the commission was that for right now the dog park was a dead issue. Leslie will explore advertising for volunteers to manage and care for the park as we have not heard from anyone in the community.

Leslie was concerned that the nice benches at Rivers Edge could be taken. In the spring we should decide on a final location for the benches and have them anchored. Rich mentioned that the benches could be stored at Al Wilson ballpark. It was recommended that the Rivers Edge benches be removed and stored.

Vince stated that we should purchase a display board at the Doyle Nelson Campsite (approx. 36”). In conjunction, the sign at the campsite should be measured for an aluminum glass display case, purchase the case and install it.

Rich reported that the dam is secure at this time. Everyone felt that the 2010 budget will be where we work on the dam.

ATV'ers continue to use Mt. Nebo on weekends. John mentioned that he had some steel posts that could be installed and used as a barricade.

Discussion followed regarding the 2010 proposed budget and it was completed. See attachment 1. John stated that usually around the end of the year EMRPC switches locations, however because everyone enjoys the new facility and Smithfield always has in attendance a Supervisor it is comfortable for us to meet at Smithfield.

John asked that members of EMRPC recommend ideas for future projects and bring them to the November meeting.

Our meeting schedule will continue on the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:30pm at Smithfield Municipal Building.

Mitchell moved to adjourn at 9:10pm. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting 11/16/2009 @ 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers