

Eastern Monroe Regional Park Commission

September 21, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held September 21, 2009 at 7:35 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 Leslie seconded. Motion carried. John mentioned that there were two corrections needed on the August minutes. These corrections were made. Kevin moved to approve the corrected August minutes. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Vince presented the commission with a financial report prepared by Jackie. (See Attachment 1) Discussion followed. Several members questioned the \$2,880 liability insurance for Mt. Nebo dam. Mitchell stated that this number might well be correct. Mitchell moved to add the financial report to the minutes. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Vince stated that the Smithfield Supervisors had approved the proposed dog park fencing. John reported that Middle Smithfield Township Supervisors are not yet ready to fund this project. John shared with the commission Middle Smithfield Township Supervisors had just cancelled their Park Commission. Discussion followed

Vince mentioned that the well tests were completed at Rivers Edge. He did not have a report but will follow through and present the results at the October meeting. Vince stated that both Brian and Christine are concerned that at this time we do not have a community group wanting to partner and run the proposed dog park.

Joyce Bush was in attendance. She still wants to be involved in a community approach to making the dog park a reality. The Commission asked that she try to get five volunteers. It would be helpful to have a vet, a person involved in dog training, someone computer literate and others. Joyce stated that she would report back at the October meeting.

John reported that Zachary Solomon had completed his Boy Scout project.

October 10, 2009 from 10am to 1pm will be a cookout at Mt. Nebo Park and dedication of the campsite in Doyle's name. John stated that the park needs major clean up. It was suggested that the commission participate in this clean up. John will get a date and phone everyone with details. He will also check with local Boy Scout groups and our township road crews to see if they might be able to assist in the clean up. Discussion followed on who we might invite. Leslie will invite Doyle. Others to invite might be Supervisors, EAC members and other officials that have worked with Doyle over the years. A rain date of October 11 Sunday was suggested. Leslie will get paper goods, condiments, a large sheet cake and sodas. The menu consists of grilled hot dogs and perhaps some side dishes. The commission felt strongly that a wooden sign "DOYLE NELSON CAMPGROUND" should be prepared. Leslie stated that she has cedar planking that might work out fine for such a sign. Rich will follow through with this.

Rich reported that all is status quo at Mt. Nebo dam. The water is now at a maximum height.

Leslie reported that all is status quo at the dog park.

John reported that the ATV use at Mt. Nebo continues. He had pictures of large, large ruts and paths that were very disturbed. Also, John mentioned that people using Rivers Edge are parking on the grass areas. John suggested that we ask for "NO PARKING ON GRASS" signs to be posted. These signs should be established close to the well head. John also brought in a nice schematic of the dog park; 250 feet long x 120 feet front tapering to 100 feet at the rear. The 4 gates are 5 feet each.

John mentioned that Scott Dietrich had a flyer which he shared. October 3 4-6 pm "Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day"

Mitchell moved to adjourn at 9:15pm. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting 10/19/2009 @ 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers

