

## Eastern Monroe Regional Park Commission

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held on Feb. 16, 2009 @ 7:45pm in the Smithfield Township Municipal Building with the following members present; representing Smithfield Township were Leslie Underhill and Vince Della Fera – Smithfield Supervisor. Representing Middle Smithfield Township were John Ferro, Al Decker, Mitchell Marcus and Judy Summers. Susan Cooper sent an email stating that she could not make the meeting due to illness in her family.

Leslie moved to approve the minutes from the 1/19/2009 meeting. Al seconded. Motion carried.

John spent time discussing the new agenda format. Discussion followed. Leslie moved that the new format be approved. Mitch seconded. Motion carried. Also included in this new format is a form that will be used to make clear the recommendations coming from EMRPC to the Supervisors.

Discussion took place on quarterly expenses vs. budget. Leslie moved that the Smithfield and Middle Smithfield Supervisors ask that Jackie Ocher provide quarterly expense vs. budget reports to EMRPC. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie reported that the sign at hole #9 (Frisbee Golf) was down. She will contact Chris to see if he can make necessary repairs.

None of the EMRPC committees have yet to meet this year.

Scott Dietrich from the Smithfield park Committee attended the meeting. Scott reported that a "foot path" at Rivers Edge could be very useful. The bridge at Rivers Edge may soon be on a list of bridges to be repaired. Pennsylvania park law includes repair of foot paths when the bridge work is in progress. Scott will check with Pat La Peter on this situation.

Discussion was held on the need to make Rivers Edge and Mt. Nebo parks more visible to the community. Several commission members stated that citizens in the EMRPC areas do not know that the parks are there for their enjoyment. Scott mentioned a meeting at Smithfield for the Supervisors and public to discuss "what is the vision for the parks in the future?" That meeting was held on February 21, 2009.

Mitchell moved to adjourn at 8:55pm. Leslie seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting of EMRPC will be at 7:30pm on 3/16/2009 at the Smithfield Township municipal building.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers, Secretary