

## Eastern Monroe Regional Parks Commission

June 15, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held June 15, 2009 at 7:35 pm in the Smithfield Township municipal building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Kevin Casebolt 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 that the agenda be approved. Kevin seconded. Motion carried. Kevin moved that the May minutes be approved. Susan seconded. The motion carried.

Zacchary Salomone from Boy Scout Troop #83 attended the meeting. He would like to build (4) benches and a kiosk at Rivers Edge for the dog park area. This will be his Eagle Scout project. The benches will be made from treated wood and placement of these benches is yet to be determined. Discussion followed. Zacchary hopes to have his Eagle Scout project completed by September, 2009. John signed Zacchary's paperwork. The commission then discussed the need for a 36" to 38" wide walkway for handicap use.

Vince reported that the Supervisors have authorized the artifact agreement for the Minisink Dig. Discussion followed. Several members wanted more information on why the dig findings are not housed here in PA. John expanded on this. The lack of a humidity controlled environment, no museum facility and no volunteer agency or university interested in the curation of the Minisink artifacts contributed to the decision to move all findings to Wyoming per Joe Gingerich. Vince mentioned that years ago Temple and American University were somewhat interested, but no one came forward. Susan reminded the commission that Mayor Conway of Delaware Water Gap is opposed to the artifacts leaving Pennsylvania. Also, Susan mentioned that the museum in Delaware Water Gap is up and running. Al asked if we knew when we will have castings of the artifacts so that they can be positioned so area residents might know they exist.

Vince reported that the Smithfield Supervisors have not yet voted on the May recommendations. Middle Smithfield has voted to approve. Susan stated that Delaware Water Gap has interest in the recommendations but is short on funding these recommendations. Vince did not have a financial report. He will check into the report.

The Dog Park Expo June 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Good weather, vendors and approximately 130 people enjoyed the event . Joyce Bush and Pat and Joe Coyle were pleased at the comments and contributions. Pocono Record had pictures and Channel 13 filmed some of the day's activities. Pat reported that \$1,025 was collected. Expenses totaled approximately \$563. Discussion followed. The Dog Park committee had (2) large expenditures. The event insurance was \$263. The rental of the porta potty was \$85. John and Vince felt that the township liability policy may have been enough coverage for this event. Joyce and her committee were able to get the well working. Ken Miller donated a telephone pole which allowed for electric service to be brought to the well. Dan Cappa donated the plumbing work required to restore the well and make it operational. John recommended that the Supervisors test the well at the Dog park site. Everyone agreed. Vince reminded the Dog Park committee that everything done at the site must be cleared by Jackie. John shared with EMRPC and the Dog Park committee that Carl Putek will contribute \$1,000 in Judy's memory to the Dog Park.

Mitch discussed that if the Fish and Boat Commission were to take over the parks, perhaps policing might be better handled. Discussion followed. What does that mean? Do they have other parks that they oversee? Mitch will bring more information to the July meeting.

Mitch moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Summers