

Eastern Monroe Regional Parks Commission

January 19, 2009

The regular meeting of EMRPC was held on January 19, 2009 at 7:35 pm in the Smithfield Township building with the following members present: representing Smithfield Township were Doyle Nelson, Leslie Underhill, Rich Cullin and Vince DellaFera-Smithfield Supervisor. Representing Middle Smithfield Township were Al Decker, John Ferro and Judy Summers.

Doyle moved that the December 15, 2008 minutes be approved. John seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie asked for volunteers so that a new slate of officers might be selected. Pat LaPeter has resigned from EMRPC. John Ferro will serve as the new chairperson and Rich Cullin will serve as Vice-Chairperson. Judy Summers will remain as recording secretary. Doyle moved to close nominations and accept the slate. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie briefly touched on the new budget. Discussion followed. The total budget is \$42,000. The three components are; \$25,000 for Mt. Nebo dam repairs, \$8,000 for annual park operating expenses and \$9,000 for the match on dog park funds.

John suggested that we establish 2009 goals for EMRPC and committees to conduct the work/completion of these goals.

1. Stop ATV'ers trespassing at both parks – Rich and Doyle
2. Plan for repair/draw down of Mt. Nebo dam – Rich, Doyle & Al
3. See the “dog park” project through to completion – Leslie, Judy and Chip

Doyle reported that ATV'ers have been trespassing at Rivers Edge (near the site of the old barn) and cutting down wood. He found truck tracks at this site and suggested that steps be taken to block this entry. Vince will follow up on possible solutions to this concern. Doyle also reported that he concluded his class and felt that it was very good. He stated that the information he gained would help plan for increasing the fishing beds at Mt. Nebo.

John reported that he had seen an email regarding the use of weapons at Mt. Nebo. Per Pennsylvania law, EMRPC cannot forbid weaponry in the parks be it concealed or revealed. We can only regulate use of guns.

Doyle moved to adjourn at 8:20pm. Al seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is 2/16/2009 @ 7:30pm at the Smithfield Township municipal building.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Summers