



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – March 3, 2025

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on March 3, 2025 and began at 6:17pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Carolyn Metaxas presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Carolyn Metaxas, Debbie Kulick On Zoom: Jaime Smith, Marilyn Brown, Laura Massaro Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer MST Liaison: Chris Rain Members of the Public: Deb Conklin.

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the agenda. Jaime Smith seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Jaime Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2025 meeting. Debbie Kulick seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Marilyn Brown joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm and did not participate in the votes on the agenda and minutes.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Park rental application revisions:** Chris Rain thanked the committee for the feedback they sent on the revised park rental application. If anyone has any other notes, please send them by the end of the week so the new form can be approved and ready to use in the spring.

**Events:** Five sponsorships have been received so far from Pocono Kidz Zone, ESSA Bank, Prosser Labs, Huffman's Electric, and Bushkill Emergency Corps. Debbie Kulick stated she is willing to approach Raj Investments for a sponsorship, but Mike Dwyer asked her not to at this time as they are currently before the Board of Supervisors for Conditional Use.

The Eggstravaganza is on Saturday April 5 starting at 12 noon. Volunteers should arrive at Resica Park at 10:30am. Carolyn Metaxas, Debbie Kulick, Laura Massaro, and Jaime Smith all stated they plan to be there. Carolyn Metaxas provided the Township with several games for the event. Chris Rain stated that the bunny costume is reserved, and the eggs were purchased and received. He also provided the committee with a draft of the event flyer for their comments.

1000 Feet of Street is on Saturday April 26. Chris Rain stated he will start seeking volunteers at the end of March and will split up the call list for the five committee members around the beginning of April.

**Community Gardens:** Chris Rain stated that he has received most of the renewal forms back. The final letter to non-respondents will go out on March 7.

**Dog Park:** No report.

**Echo Lake:** "Trash Only" signs were posted on the BigBelly trash can located in the parking lot to deter people from returning library books in it. Debbie Kulick stated she will suggest at the next library board meeting that

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the library staff inform patrons about the location of the book drop at the Library of the Smithfields to help people return their books to the right location.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** No report.

**Litter and Beautification:** No report.

**Bike Park:** Chris Rain stated that he still expects the next bike park committee meeting to be Wednesday March 26 at 6pm at the Smithfield Township building. He will confirm with the committee as soon as he hears from Smithfield.

**Mt Nebo:** No report.

**Resica Falls:** Chris Rain stated that the trail project should be completed in March.

**Parks Projects for 2025:** Chris Rain stated that the \$5,000 One for Nature grant he applied for to purchase BearSaver trash cans for the parks was granted.

Chris Rain stated that he has a meeting with Steve Compo from Recreation Resource USA at Echo Lake Park on Wednesday March 6 to get more information about possibly pursuing a splash pad.

Chris Rain had a meeting with Christine Dettore from DCNR on February 26 regarding a grant for playground equipment for Echo Lake Park. Ms. Dettore stated that the project was not large enough to be competitive for their grant program but suggested the Township pursue a Greenways grant from the DCED instead as a better fit for the project.

**Announcements:** None.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday April 7, 2025 at 6:15pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Debbie Kulick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39pm. Carolyn Metaxas seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chris Rain  
Middle Smithfield Township