



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – April 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on April 7, 2025 and began at 6:22pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jaime Smith presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jaime Smith, Debbie Kulick On Zoom: Marilyn Brown, Laura Massaro Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson (on Zoom) MST Liaison: Chris Rain Members of the Public: Deb Conklin.

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

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 2025 meeting. Marilyn Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Events: Nine sponsorships have been received so far. Chris Rain stated he is no longer actively seeking sponsorships but will accept more if any come in.

The Eggstravaganza was on Saturday April 5. The event was moved into the Resica school gym due to poor weather on both Saturday and Sunday. There were about 150 kids in attendance with their families. Chris Rain stated that considering it was the first time the event was held inside it went very well. Debbie Kulick and Carolyn Metaxas both commented that people enjoyed the games. Annette Atkinson also stated that the event was great.

1000 Feet of Street is on Saturday April 26. Chris Rain thanked the committee for making phone calls to the volunteers. He is expecting around 25 volunteers on April 26. He also stated that he will not be at the event, but that public works administrator Rachel Heller will fill in. Jaime Smith stated she will be at the event on April 26. Debbie Kulick, Carolyn Metaxas, and Marilyn Brown cannot attend. Chris Rain will follow up with Laura Massaro.

Community Gardens: Chris Rain stated that all 2024 gardeners have responded. There are only a small number of plots available. He also reported that public works removed the compost piles and bought a small dumpster for the gardeners to use to dispose of compostable material.

Dog Park: Chris Rain stated that the water issue has not yet been addressed.

Echo Lake: No report.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: Jaime Smith reported that the little league will do their cleanup and lay new stone at the dugouts. She stated that public works has offered to assist.

Litter and Beautification: The 209 planters will be planted in mid-May. The committee will discuss again at the May meeting.

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Bike Park: Chris Rain stated that the meeting on March 26 was productive. The committee made comments for the engineer concerning the plan for the park. The engineer will make changes and present a revised plan to the committee at a future meeting. No date has been announced.

Mt Nebo: The two townships have done trail clearing.

Resica Falls: Chris Rain stated that the trail project should be completed soon.

Parks Projects for 2025: Chris Rain provided the committee with artists renderings and information from Recreation Resource USA regarding the Pocono Township splash pad. The committee stated they are interested in pursuing it for Echo Lake Park. Chris Rain asked Jaime Smith to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing their support for a splash pad and circulate it to the other committee members for comment. Once ready, it can be added to a future supervisors meeting agenda.

Debbie Kulick asked Chris Rain to create a list of equipment and projects that local organizations might be interested in sponsoring to help raise funds.

Announcements: Township Clean Up is April 11 and 12 from 7am to 2pm. The Township is also holding clean ups every Friday from April 25 to October 17 from 7am to 1pm, except for Friday July 4. The fall clean up is October 24 and 25.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday May 5, 2025 at 6:15pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Debbie Kulick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm. Jaime Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chris Rain
Middle Smithfield Township