



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – October 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on October 6, 2025 and began at 6:15pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Carolyn Metaxas presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Carolyn Metaxas, Debbie Kulick; On Zoom: Marilyn Brown; MST Liaison: Chris Rain; Supervisors: Mike Dwyer; Public: Deb Conklin, Ryan Ernst, Kerry Perez (on Zoom).

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the agenda. Marilyn Brown seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2 meeting. Marilyn Brown seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Events: Trunk or Treat is 10/18. Chris Rain reported that 18 vehicles are signed up, activities are booked, and pumpkins are ordered. He will buy the candy later this week. Debbie Kulick stated that Bushkill Emergency Corps will attend the event. Debbie Kulick and Carolyn Metaxas stated they will be at the event. Marilyn Brown stated she will not be available. Chris Rain stated that volunteers should arrive at Resica Park at 10am for setup, event starts at noon. Ms. Kulick and Ms. Metaxas stated they will reach out to some people to see if they are available to volunteer for the event. The rain date is Sunday October 19, same times.

Tree Lighting is 11/29. Chris Rain reported that there are 14 vendors so far for the holiday market. The Township will get a tent and heaters to expand the market space. An aerial layout of the event was provided to the committee. Setup for the market is at 2 and the market starts at 4pm. The committee decided to buy enough light up wands for all attendees and not have candles this year. Ryan Ernst from Law Sound and Lighting was in attendance and the committee discussed setup with him for the stage. The stage will face the community center this year and there will be nothing in the field. LSL will arrive around 1pm to start setting up to be ready for 5pm. Chris Rain asked whether the drone show company could have access to the sound system and Mr. Ernst said yes they could. Mr. Rain will consult with the drone company regarding their needs and get in touch with Mr. Ernst.

Community Gardens: No report.

Dog Park: Mike Dwyer asked whether public works had removed the dead tree in the large dog area. Chris Rain stated that he did not think they had. Mr. Dwyer will remind public works about it.

Echo Lake: Chris Rain reported that a child recently got stuck in one of the bucket swings at the playground and had to be cut out of it by Marshalls Creek Fire Company. The child was not harmed. He is waiting for a quote from George Ely Associates for a generation swing (aka mommy and me swing) to replace it.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: Kerry Perez of the East Stroudsburg Softball Little League attended the meeting by Zoom to address vandalism concerns with the committee. Residents are using the field as a dog park. This was previously solved <https://msttownship.sharepoint.com/sites/Shared/Shared Documents/Parks & Recreation/Committee/Agendas, Minutes, Reports/Parks & Rec Meeting Minutes & Agendas/2025/10-6-2025 Parks Minutes.docx>

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by locking the gates open so the fence couldn't be enclosed, but residents are now using objects to block the gates so their dogs can run. She also reported tire tracks on the field consistent with ATVs. She asked the committee for permission to lock all gates closed with a combination lock. She will provide this combination to the Township and Resica Elementary School. The committee agreed that she could lock the gates. She also reported damage to one of the dugouts. A hole was punched through the side. Mike Dwyer stated that he will have public works fix the damage with new siding and the little league can paint. Mr. Dwyer also stated that the Township will look into game cameras to hopefully catch future vandals. Chris Rain asked Ms. Perez to keep the Township informed about future incidents. Carolyn Metaxas stated that custodial staff is often on property late at night and can be informed. Debbie Kulick states that she will bring up the issue at the next Board of Education meeting.

Wooddale: Mike Dwyer stated that the Township engineer is finalizing the park plan and that the next step will be to apply for permits.

Litter and Beautification: Chris Rain stated that 1000 Feet of Street went very well. Over 30 volunteers turned out and covered a lot of road frontage. Other volunteers have been cleaning on their own time. He also stated that he hasn't bought mums for the 209 planters yet because the marigolds are still looking great. The committee agreed that there was no reason to replace the marigolds with mums at this time.

Bike Park: No report.

Mt Nebo: No report.

Parks Projects for 2025: No report.

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 3, the day before Election Day. Due to election security concerns, the committee decided to reschedule the meeting for Wednesday November 5 at 6:15 PM.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 6:15pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Debbie Kulick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Carolyn Metaxas seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chris Rain
Middle Smithfield Township