

Parks and Recreation Board February 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on February 3, 2014 and began with a flag salute at 6:32p.m. at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Joyce Fenical, Chairman, presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – none; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisors - Annette Atkinson and Michael Dwyer; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Holly Halterman and Bill Suriano and Parks and Recreation Board Members –Patricia J Griffin, Anne Marie Pohlman, Jeff Reichl, and Joyce Fenical; Abigail Graham was absent from the meeting.

Organization

The reorganization for the park positions were voted on:

Chairman – Joyce Fenical; Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept Joyce Fenical as the Chairman; Patricia J. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Vice-Chairman – Patricia J. Griffin; Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept Patricia J. Griffin as the Vice-Chairman; Anne Marie Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Lead Coordinators for Parks:

Putek Park – Abigail Graham; Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept Abigail Graham as the Lead Coordinator for Putek Park; Anne Marie Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Resica Park – Anne Marie Pohlman; Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept Anne Marie Pohlman as the Lead Coordinator for Resica Park, Patricia J. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Echo Lake Park – Jeff Reichl; Anne Marie Pohlman made a motion to accept Jeff Reichl as the Lead Coordinator for Echo Lake Park, Patricia J. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes

Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept the minutes from November 6, 2013; Anne Marie Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Bill Suriano thanked the members for the opportunity to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Joyce Fenical explained “Courtesy of the Floor” to all present at the meeting.

Correspondence

Michael Dwyer informed the committee members he received a letter of resignation from Bill Suriano and received letters of interest from Anne Marie Pohlman and Patricia J. Griffin.

Old Business

Bill Suriano suggested holding the Echo Lake Flag Pole rededication on Memorial Day.

Mr. Dwyer informed the board that pavers will be placed under the new pavilion at Echo Lake Park in the spring. He also mentioned that the new picnic tables are being built as we speak and will be ready to install in the spring. Jeff Reichl and Mike Dwyer asked if the new Echo Lake pavilion was being dedicated to anyone, the decision was no.

Jeff Reichl suggested for brick sales, a memorial could be built and residents could buy to dedicate to loved ones. Mr. Reichl will look into this more.

Veteran's Memorial – Joe Schoun will be at the March 3rd meeting to discuss the Boy Scout project more then.

Committee Reports

Echo Lake Park – Jeff Reichl talked about having a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Mr. Reichl will also take pictures of the Stroud Regional Parks facilities use signs for the parks committee to compare with what Middle Smithfield has already.

Resica Park – nothing to report. Flowerbeds will be discussed more with Litter and Beautification.

Putek Park – Abigail Graham submitted a status report to Joyce Fenical before the Parks Committee meeting. Joyce Fenical asked if a mutt mit box could be placed at Echo Lake Park due to the high traffic of dogs being walked there.

New Dog Park – Mike Dwyer said the pre-lease agreement is being sent to PennDOT. Mr. Dwyer is waiting on approval from the state to move forward.

Litter and Beautification – Ed Regina will be the lead for this sub-committee. Mr. Regina was not present at tonight's meeting. Annette Atkinson talked about roadside clean up and the flowerbeds.

1,000 Feet of Street – will be scheduled for March 29, 2014. Annette Atkinson will have information available for the next parks meeting.

Announcements

Egg Hunt - The 7th Annual Egg Hunt will be held April 12, 2014 from 12-2:00pm. Erin Groome will order 3,000 prefilled plastic eggs with candy from National Entertainment Technologies, Inc. Holly Halterman volunteered to wear the Bunny suit this year. There will not be a prize table this year; instead there will be a refreshment table that will consist of snacks and hot cocoa.

Erin Groome will send out sponsorship letters to the businesses that donated last year. Joyce Fenical will contact Dawn Arnst to get a tax roll for the business in Middle Smithfield Township.

The Parks Survey will be handed out during the Egg Hunt, Yard Sale and Election to try and get more feedback from residents on what they would like to see at the township parks. It was suggested that if a resident fills out a survey they could be entered into a contest. The award could be \$100 off a rental at the Whispering Pines Clubhouse or a free use of one of the Pavilions. The award could be drawn on Flag Day, June 14, 2014.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on March 3, 2014 at 6:30pm. Joyce Fenical made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., Jeff Reichl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Erin Groome
Parks and Recreation Liaison
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