

Parks and Recreation Board
March 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on March 3, 2014 and began with a flag salute at 6:40p.m. at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Joyce Fenical, Chairman, presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – Raquel Barbera, Joe Schnon and Rich Schnon; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisors – Michael Dwyer; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Bill Bonser, Holly Halterman, Eric Graham, Ed Regina and Debbie Kulick and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Patricia J Griffin, Anne Marie Pohlman, Jeff Reichl, Abigail Graham and Joyce Fenical.

Minutes

Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept the minutes from February 3, 2014; Abigail Graham seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Courtesy of Floor/Members of Public

Veterans Memorial Boy Scout Project

Jeff Reichl suggested having brick sales to help out with the cost of the memorial. Bill Bonser mentioned that he knows veterans that would be willing to help with the project. Michael Dwyer asked Joe Schnon if Dave Manter had spoke with him about an architect that would help him work the design plans free of cost. Joe Schnon said he would like to start the project either this summer or in the fall.

Anne Marie Pohlman said she will look into the brick sales also. Debbie Kulick said she would check with Pocono Medical Center to see who the hospital purchased their bricks from. Raquel Barbera offered to check with Resica Elementary School to find out where the school also purchased the bricks they sold for the playground from. Ed Regina suggested checking with the tombstone makers to see if they could do anything.

Correspondence – None

Raquel Barbera asked if it would be possible to allow the East Stroudsburg North Little League to beautify around the ball fields located at Resica Park. Ms. Barbera said the league would like to plant flowers, work on the back field and fence in the back field. Ms. Barbera said the little league would do most of the work, but also asked for some help from the Township. Joyce Fenical asked Ms. Barbera to submit a plan to the Board of Supervisors so they could approve the proposed work to the fields.

Old Business

A new tentative date for the Echo Lake Park Pavillion and flag pole is set for June 14, 2014.

Committee Reports

Echo Lake Park

Jeff Reichl reported that he wanted to hold the yard sale on April 26, 2014. This will be rescheduled to a May date instead due to a conflict with the 1,000 feet of street clean up happening that same day.

Resica Park

Erin Groome announced that she would not be able to be the lead for the Egg Hunt due to other personal conflicts that day. Jeff Reichl and Bill Bonser volunteered to be the leads for the Egg Hunt event. Joyce Fenical went over the Egg Hunt timeline that Ms. Groome provided her.

Bill Bonser announced that he will bring in one of the full-size ponies that he made for the board to see at the April meeting. He would like to use this at the Community Day event.

Putek Park

Joyce Fenical asked Abigail Graham to research the idea she had about naming the new dog park. Mrs. Graham said she will check with the local K-9 units for ideas on using local police dogs that might have been killed in the line of duty or for retired police dogs that the park could be dedicated after.

Abigail Graham reported that the gate on the right of the dog park fence is broken.

Michael Dwyer reported that he hopes to have the new dog park in use by the fall of 2014. Mr. Dwyer reported that the lease agreement application was submitted to PennDOT for the new Composting site that will be moved from Leroy's Lane to Oak Grove Drive.

Michael Dwyer and Annette Atkinson met with the National Park Service on February 28, 2014 and discussed the new location for the dog park. Mr. Dwyer reported that the park service is interested in helping the township out with the development of the park.

Litter and Beautification

Ed Regina spoke about having the 1,000 feet of street clean up in April. Mr. Regina also would like to work more on the township flowerbeds and the development of the Community Gardens, more to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Announcements

Joyce Fenical asked committee members to assemble a list of volunteers that would be willing to help at the upcoming events for the next meeting.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on April 7, 2014 at 6:30p.m. Abigail Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27p.m., Jeff Reichl seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Erin Groome
Parks and Recreation Liaison
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