



Minutes: Parks and Recreation Committee June 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on June 2, 2014 and began with a flag salute at 6:32pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Joyce Fenical, Chairman, presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – Kelly Schuon, Joe Schuon, Jessica Schuon and Rich Schuon; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisors – Annette Atkinson; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Bill Bonser and Holly Halterman; and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Abigail Graham, Anne Marie Pohlman, Pat Griffin and Joyce Fenical.

Minutes

Anne Marie Pohlman made a motion to accept the minutes from May 5, 2014; Abigail Graham seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Correspondence – None

Echo Lake Park

No report submitted by Jeff Reichl (not present at meeting). The Yard Sale that was planned for May 31, 2014 was canceled and will be discussed more at the July meeting. Mr. Reichl suggested to Erin Groome that he would like to try and hold another Yard Sale in the fall.

Joyce Fenical suggested that if a park representative is running an event, they are responsible to help the municipality with the publicity to promote the event.

Holly Halterman and Joyce Fenical reported that there is a bench on the walking trail that needs to be fixed and that the grass along the trail needs to be mowed.

Veterans Memorial – Joe Schuon presented the changes he made to the memorial due to cost restraints. Instead of pavers around the memorial he will use pebbles. Also the middle bench will be taken away. Joe Schuon mentioned that he was unable to reach Mike Dwyer, Erin Groome said to contact her and Ms. Groome will contact Mike Dwyer. Mr. Schuon asked for approval of the new memorial plan so that work could get started. The Parks Board approved the plan with a 4-0 vote.

Rich Schuon asked to meet with someone from the township about the placement of the memorial. Erin Groome said she will have Cory Lyon, Public Works Foreman, contact Mr. Schuon to meet with him.

Flag Dedication–Erin Groome reported that Mike Dwyer had spoken with Gerry Patane. Mr. Patane will be around to attend the dedication, just need to inform him on time.

Groups to contact for the Flag Dedication – Color Guard, American Legion, VFW and the Eagle Scouts Troop 87. Joyce Fenical will contact the American Legion and the Color Guard. Pat Griffin will contact the VFW and Boy Scout Troop 87 (Chris Murphy).

The dedication will be held on June 14, 2014 (Flag Day) and the proposed time will be 1:00pm. Erin Groome will work up a program for the event and the press release.

Resica Park

Flowerbeds – Anne Marie Pohlman would like to work on cleaning up the flowerbeds located at the park. Mrs. Pohlman would like to place flowers around the beds. Mrs. Pohlman would also like to work on building a new paver wall for the bed located under the pavilion park sign. Pricing will be looked into and emailed to the parks board and the township supervisors.

Trunk or Treat – The event is planned for October 25, 2014 at 2:00pm. Anne Marie Pohlman and Erin Groome will work together on an event flyer and filling out the parks event registration form.

Event to be discussed more at the next parks meeting.

Putek Park

Abigail Graham reported that the sub-committee met on May 28, 2014. Mrs. Graham informed the Parks Committee of the requests the sub-committee had talked about, which are:

- The damaged Kiosk has not been replaced, what is the status of this
- Park needs to be mowed; Mrs. Graham said the park had not been mowed all of May. Erin Groome informed Mrs. Graham that the park had been mowed throughout the month and that the public works department is doing their best to keep up with all the mowing along with other township projects.
- Holes by the seating area inside the fence need to be filled. Holes are by the gravel area & in front of the seating area.
- Asked for more dirt so that the park users could fill in the holes when needed.
- Asked that the toy baskets be taken down due to people using them as trash bins. Bill Bonser will remove them.
- Asked for a trash can to be put up by the fenced area.
- Asked for signs to be placed on fence to remind park users to dispose of their waste
- No one from the sub-committee wanted to volunteer to clean up the flowerbed. Bill Bonser volunteered to take this task on himself.
- Asked that a schedule be posted for when the park would be sprayed for ticks and when the park mowing would occur

Abigail Graham said that she showed everyone the plans for the new dog park so that the sub-committee knew what was happening in the planning stages.

Litter and Beautification – No Report

1,000 Feet of Street – Anne Marie Pohlman feels this should be a community wide clean up. This would include all the communities in the township along with the township roads. The idea would be to contact the private communities and encourage these communities to recruit their residents to help do the roadside clean ups.

The committee felt the name should change to Litter and Beautification Day instead of 1,000 Feet of Street. The date was also talked about and the committee felt having it in November was too late in the season. The date was changed to September 13, 2014 with a meeting time of 8:30am and to be

out cleaning the roads by 9:00am. If a group wanted to start on their own, they could pick up the supplies earlier during the week.

Announcements – None

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on July 7, 2014 at 6:30pm. Abigail Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm; Anne Marie Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Erin Groome

Parks and Recreation Liaison