



## **Minutes: Parks and Recreation Committee August 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on August 4, 2014 and began with a flag salute at 6:32pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Pat Griffin presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – Eric Graham and Joe Schuon; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisor – Mike Dwyer; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Bill Bonser; and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Abigail Graham, Pat Griffin and Jeff Reichl.

### **Minutes**

Abigail Graham made a motion to accept the minutes from July 7, 2014; Jeff Reichl seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Correspondence**

Mike Dwyer received a letter of resignation from Joyce Fenical. Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept Joyce Fenical's resignation letter, Abigail Graham seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Jeff Reichl made a motion to have Pat Griffin interim as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee Board, Abigail Graham seconded the motion.

### **Echo Lake Park**

**Veteran's Memorial** – Joe Schuon informed the committee that his fundraising should be complete by the end of the week. Mr. Schuon's fundraising website is: [www.gofundme.com/80hats](http://www.gofundme.com/80hats). Mr. Schuon also let the board know that his project had been approved by his Eagle Scout leaders. Joe Schuon will be holding a Tag Day fundraiser on September 27, 2014 at the Turkey Hill located in Bushkill off Route 209.

**Yard Sale** – Jeff Reichl confirmed that everything was a go for the yard sale that is scheduled for October 4, 2014. Bill Bonser suggested allowing the vendors to park near their stands due to some vendors store back up supplies in their cars.

Jeff Reichl asked that the Echo Lake Park information sign be used to announce and notify the residents of the yard sale. Pat Griffin made a suggestion to use an old bike that she has and make an information sign that can sit next to the bike to promote the yard sale also. Everyone present liked this idea. Pat Griffin asked Bill Bonser if he could cut out the sign to be used in a shape if she designed a template. Mr. Bonser volunteered his time to do this along with getting the paperboard.

Mike Dwyer approved the use of the trailered grill so the parks committee could sell hotdogs and hamburgers for their fundraising efforts.

Jeff Reichl presented the flyer that would be used to promote the yard sale, everyone felt the design was good and the ok was given to start using the flyer to promote the event.

Abigail Graham volunteered to draft a press release for the yard sale event.

**Pavilion** – The new pavilion has gotten great response. The new pavers look great and many residents look forward to being able to use the pavilion. The grills will be installed this week – three double grills and one single grill.

Mike Dwyer also noted that the walking trail has been widened and will be treated for weeds this week also.

Mike Dwyer made a recommendation to the parks committee board about the possibility of building a Frisbee golf course at Echo Lake Park. Supervisor Dwyer showed the parks board a possible layout of where the course would sit at Echo Lake Park.

Jeff Reichl made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to construct a 9 hole disc golf course, not to interfere with the possible future baseball field located at Echo Lake Park. Abigail Graham seconded the motion.

### **Resica Park**

**Trunk or Treat** – Bill Bonser showed the Parks Committee a possible way of keeping a head count of the event. Mr. Bonser had designed and constructed an alien bug prop that is made with a bale of hay so lollipops can be stuck in the hay bale. As each guest comes into the event, each person would take a lollipop and a count of how many lollipops are left at the end of the night would tell you about how many guests came to the event. He noted that the lollipops could be donated by a resident or business.

Bill Bonser also announced that he has a lot of small games that the kids could play if we want them. Would just have to make sure we give him notice.

Erin Groome noted that she had spoken with Raquel Barbera and that Mrs. Barbera has offered help from the little league teams.

### **Putek Park**

Mike Dwyer informed the committee that the reason the park was closed was due to spraying of weeds around the fence area and for the safety of the animals the park was closed for a portion of the day.

Bill Bonser asked the Parks Committee board if it would be ok to place bat boxes in certain areas of the park. Pat Griffin agreed with Mr. Bonser and thought this would be a wonderful idea. The parks committee board gave Mr. Bonser the ok to go ahead and hang some test boxes away from the fenced dog area.

**New Dog Park** – Mike Dwyer gave a quick update on the new dog park. A fence permit would be needed when it was time to install the new fence at the new dog park on Leroy's lane. Mr. Dwyer said that the Oak Grove Composting site fence bid would be awarded on August 11, 2014 and that the new dog park fencing would be the next item to go out for bid.

Abigail Graham asked for a new kiosk to be installed at the Putek Park. Mike Dwyer asked Erin Groome to schedule with Public Works to have them install one of the new kiosks that the township had just gotten in.

**Litter and Beautification**

It was noted that Holly Halterman had resigned from the Litter and Beautification sub-committee as its lead coordinator.

**Announcement – None**

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:30pm due to the Labor Day holiday. Jeff Reichl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm; Abigail Graham seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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