



Minutes: Parks and Recreation Committee September 9, 2014

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on September 9, 2014 and began with a flag salute at 6:31pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Abigail Graham presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – Eric Graham; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Bill Bonser; and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Abigail Graham, Anne Marie Pohlman and Jeff Reichl.

Minutes

Jeff Reichl made a motion to accept the minutes from August 4, 2014; Anne Marie Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Courtesy of Floor – Jeff Reichl informed the board that he had a co-worker that expressed interest in being a part of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Reichl will ask her to send in a letter of interest to the Board of Supervisors.

Echo Lake Park

Old Business

Yard Sale – Jeff Reichl and Pat Griffin will be setting up a sign along with an old bike that Mrs. Griffin had to promote the yard sale. All that will be needed is a chain so that the bike can be secured at the site. Erin Groome said she will ask Public Works for a chain and lock that can be used.

Jeff Reichl said he will not need the big grill anymore for the yard sale. Mr. Reichl will just use one of the small grills located at the Pavillion instead.

Frisbee Golf – Erin Groome informed the parks members that the nets had been ordered and will probably not be posted till the spring.

New Business - None

Resica Park

Old Business

Trunk or Treat – Erin Groome handed out a packet that included the flyer, registration form, vehicle rules, event proposal, press release and Aardvark Entertainment price list for the board to look over.

Anne Marie Pohlman will be donating lollipops to the alien display that Bill Bonser is donating to the event for use. This will help to keep a head count for the event.

The trunk or treat flyer was looked over by the parks board and approved. Erin Groome will submit the flyer to the East Stroudsburg Area School District for their approval. Once approved, then flyers will go home with the children in Resica and Middle Smithfield Elementary Schools. Erin Groome also will submit the facilities use request to Resica School so that their parking lot can be used for the event.

Erin Groome went over the pricing for Aardvark Entertainment. Ms. Groome informed that parks board members that the Board of Supervisors had budgeted \$3,000 for this event. Ms. Groome also explain that Aardvark Entertainment would be responsible for running everything that was selected and that no volunteers would be needed to run these extra items.

Anne Marie Pohlman made a motion to approve hiring Aardvark Entertainment, Abigail Graham seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Erin will contact Aardvark Entertainment to book them for October 25, 2014.

Erin Groome asked if there should still be all four categories for judging the best decorated vehicle at the trunk or treat. The parks members all agreed to keep all four categories. The categories for judging will be: Most Original, Scariest, Funniest and least looking like a vehicle. Judging will be done by parks members present at the trunk or treat. Gift certificates to the local restaurants will be handed out as the winning prizes.

New Business - None

Putek Park

Old Business

Abigail Graham reported that all was well at the dog park and there were no issues at this time. Mrs. Graham said that the sub-committee members were all happy and that she really doesn't meet with them anymore unless there is an issue.

Abigail Graham asked to have the billboard at the park replaced with a new one. Said the current billboard is falling apart and is becoming dangerous. Erin Groome will report to Cory Lyon, Public Works Foreman, to have replaced at their earliest convenience.

Mrs. Graham also informed the board that the fence gate is getting bad and the gap has gotten quite big. Said the little dogs can now run right out of this gap. Erin Groome will also ask public works to fix the fence.

Bill Bonser asked if it would be alright to get mums to plant in the flowerbed at Putek Park. The committee gave Mr. Bonser permission to do so.

Abigail Graham asked if there was a start date for the new dog park, Erin Groome said she would have to speak with Mike Dwyer and would let Mrs. Graham know.

New Business – None

Litter and Beautification

More to be discussed at the next meeting on the Litter and Beautification Day clean up event.

New Business

A question was asked about the parks budgets, if money is not used in calendar year given can the balance be carried over to the next year? Erin Groome will ask the Board of Supervisors about this and get an answer for the next parks meeting.

Announcements – None

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6:30pm. Anne Marie Pohlman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm; Jeff Reichl seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Erin Groome

Parks and Recreation Liaison