

DRAFT II MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Minutes of February 4, 2013

1. Call to Order

A. Sign-In sheet was distributed and the regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks Commission was called to order on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:23 p.m. at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Chairperson Joyce Fenical presiding.

B. Introductions were made by each attendee. *In attendance were:*

Members of the Public – Charles Palecek (left at 7:46pm, returned at 8:00pm approx.), Holly Halterman, Lori Lopez

MST Liaison – Erin Groome;

Supervisors – Michael Dwyer, Annette Atkinson and Mitchell Marcus.

Advisory Board Members –Adriana Pitts, Al Decker, Bill Bonser, Paula Schwartzman, Debbie Kulick (7:07-8:12pm)

Parks/Recreation Board Members – Joyce Fenical, Joyce Bush, Karen Conway, Jeff Reichl (arrived at 6:40pm) and Bill Suriano.

C. Nominations for Vice Chair were made and closed. Bill Suriano was nominated by Karen Conway and Seconded by Joyce Bush. Yeas: Joyce Bush, Karen Conway, Joyce Fenical, Bill Suriano. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried 4-0.

D. Nominations for Secretary were made and closed. Bill Suriano was nominated by Karen Conway and Seconded by Joyce Fenical. Yeas: Joyce Bush, Karen Conway, Joyce Fenical, Jeff Reichl, Bill Suriano. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried 5-0.

E. Operations of the Parks Boards

Chairperson Fenical asked Bill Suriano to review the roles of the Parks Advisory Committee which he stated serves to “advise” the Parks & Recreation Board (P&RB). The PR&B is the officially appointed board that make “recommendations” to the elected Board of Supervisors who in turn shall make final “decisions” regarding the township parks. Next Chairperson Fenical reviewed some guidelines regarding meeting decorum and how fellow attendees should act. She stressed the need for good manners, respect for others and the need for constructive ideas and commentary.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2012 was made by Karen Conway while Bill Bonser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence- The Township requested Joyce Fenical and Erin Groome attend the Parks and Recreation Summit in Harrisburg, PA. on March 23, 2013.

Chairperson Joyce Fenical stated she was concerned with the unsanitary conditions and the safety at the park. She then closed the discussion called for a vote on the issue of the temporary closing.

On a motion from Bill Suriano and a second from Joyce Bush to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a temporary closing of the J. Putek Park from 2/13 to 4/1/13 a vote was taken: Yeas: Joyce Bush, Joyce Fenical, Bill Suriano. Nays: Jeff Reichl. Abstentions: Karen Conway. Motion carried: 3-1-0. Afterwards Mr. Charlie Palecek began to storm out of the meeting shouting "...this town is a bunch of B...S..." and "...take me off this committee". Chairperson Fenical asked him to be respectful. He quietly returned at approx. 8:00 pm.

B. Event Dates: Resica and Echo -To be determined; Putek- Possibly 6/22/13.

C. Resica – Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 23, 2013. It was reported that someone cut down some trees at Resica. Since this is school property, the school will follow-up.

D. Resident Survey- Joyce Fenical and Bill Suriano developed a draft of a survey that could be sent to the residents for feedback regarding the Parks. The Supervisors have reviewed & finalized it. The survey will be sent out in March with the tax bill and put on the Town's website. Help is need to get this out in other venues (schools,businesses) stated Supervisor Atkinson.

E. Attendance at Meetings- Supervisor Atkins indicated the BOS has adopted an attendance policy for all appointed Boards/ Commissions that calls for no less than 75% attendance at all official meetings.

F. Sign-Up Sheet for the "Greater Pocono Expo" was distributed. The town will rent a booth and needs volunteers to be there, wear park shirts & bring info on the parks. The Place: Koehler Field House, East Stroudsburg University. The dates and times: Friday, 3/22 4-8pm and Saturday,3/23 11-6 pm. Holly Halterman offered to make a collage, Al Decker, Jeff Reichl will probably attend. Let Joyce Fenical know if you can attend.

8. Announcements- None

9. Next Meeting: March 4, 2013 6:15pm at Municipal Building.

10. Adjournment at 8:15pm took place on a motion by Jeff Reichl and seconded by Karen Conway with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Suriano, Secretary