

**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**August 5, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on August 5, 2013 and began with a flag salute at 6:36p.m. at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Bill Suriano, Vice Chairman, presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – none; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisors - Annette Atkinson and Michael Dwyer; Parks Advisory Committee Members – Deborah Kulick, Holly Halterman, Bill Bonser and Al Decker; and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Karen Conway, Bill Suriano, Jeff Reichl absent and Joyce Fenical joining in on speaker phone.

**Minutes**

Bill Bonser made a motion to accept the minutes from July 1, 2013, Karen Conway seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Bill Suriano noted that Debbie Kulick's name was misspelled and that he would make the correction.

Erin Groome reported that there was no correspondence received.

**Old Business**

Bill Suriano asked for a motion to approve the 2014 meeting dates of February 3, 2014, March 3, 2014, April 7, 2014, May 5, 2014, June 2, 2014, July 7, 2014, August 4, 2014, September 8, 2014, October 6, 2014, November 3, 2014 and December 1, 2014. Karen Conway made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting dates, Debbie Kulick seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Bill Suriano made an attempt to contact Jeff Reichl on his phone so he could report on Echo Lake Park, but only obtained Mr. Reichl's voicemail and left a message.

Dr. Suriano thanked the committee members for providing all the information on the parks so he could complete the Mid-year report and submit to the Board of Supervisor back in July. He provided a copy in the committee agenda packets that were handed out at tonight's meeting.

**Resica Park**

Karen Conway reported that everything is on target for the "Day in the Park" event. Erin Groome asked the Supervisors to approve the Vendor Request Letter, Registration and Sponsorship Forms so that were emailed to them for final approval so that mailings could start to be sent out.

Bill Bonser presented 2-3 children's game ideas that would be used at the "Day in the Park" event. Mr. Bonser informed Karen Conway he would need three spaces and a racetrack area for his children's games and volunteers to help run the games. Mrs. Conway said there would be 3 spaces mixed in with the different vendors to help draw in the crowds.

**Judy Putek Park**

Karen Conway reported that the residents and sub-committee members seem to be very happy with how things are being handled at the park. The only request was for a pile of dirt to be brought over by Public Works so that the residents could fill in holes that the dogs had dug.

### **Echo Lake Park**

Supervisor, Michael Dwyer informed the committee that the Pavilion bids are out and will be opened on August 22, 2013. It was mentioned that someone should look into BricksRUs to see about a possible fundraiser for the Pavilion work.

Mr. Dwyer said that Ed Zalanski will help find a contractor that can help install the playground equipment correctly. Mr. Zalanski will contact Mr. Dwyer with more information when it becomes available.

### **New Business**

Bill Suriano said the Flag Pole anniversary date is August 25, 2013 and that a dedication ceremony for the plaque could be on that date. However, it was decided that the time frame was too tight and a tentative date of October 12, 2013 was set.

Bill Suriano informed the committee members that attached to tonight's agenda packet were Parks Assessment Forms. Dr. Suriano asked the parks leads to have these assessments ready by the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Suriano thanked Mr. Marcus for his assistance in establishing the Parks and Recreation Board during the past two years as its Director. Both he and Mrs. Fenical congratulated and welcomed Supervisor Michael Dwyer as the new Parks Director.

### **Announcements**

Supervisor, Annette Atkinson informed everyone that the Historical Commission will have a presentation on August 7, 2013 at 7:00p.m. about the "Flood of 1955". All are welcome to attend.

Annette Atkinson talked about the presentation she and Supervisor, Mike Dwyer attended on "Come Alive Outside" presented by Zech Strauser. The main idea was to work on ways to get people outside and away from technology.

Karen Conway said she could pass out the park surveys at the Putek Dog Park when she is there. Annette Atkinson said that it was tried at the primary elections and that it could be done again at the November election. Annette Atkinson said it would be nice if there was a flyer that could be handed out also that explains what the parks have to offer our residents. Karen Conway said she would rework the survey and will submit a revised survey to the Board of Supervisors.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on September 9, 2013 at 6:30pm. Bill Suriano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., Karen Conway seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Erin Groome  
Parks and Recreation Liaison

