



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on November 2, 2015 and began at 6:38pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

In attendance were: Members of the Public – Danny Younger and Deann Klein; MST Liaison – Erin Groome; Board of Supervisor, Mike Dwyer and Annette Atkinson and Parks and Recreation Board Members – Michelle Dellavalle, Jenna Componovo and Jaime Frailey.

The parks committee welcomed Jaime Frailey to the board. Mrs. Frailey was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacant spot on the Parks and Recreation Committee board. Introductions were performed.

Correspondence - None

Minutes

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from October 5, 2015, Michelle Dellavalle seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

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Trunk or Treat Recap – Jenna Componovo said she received a lot of positive feedback from the parents during the event. Activities were a big hit! Michelle Dellavalle felt the pumpkins should be set up different next year, could be turned into a pumpkin patch where the children are allowed to pick their pumpkin and then decorate. Everyone felt the loop worked out well to keep the children from going through the treat trail more than once. It was suggested that in order to bring in more participating vehicles, maybe the township should supply the cars with candy. More directional signage to the activities was suggested for next year. Members also suggested having two spin art machines during the event since it was so popular. One recycling barrel was filled with non-perishable food donations for Bushkill Outreach, more exposure is needed for next year's trunk or treat.

Community Gardens

Danny Younger informed the Parks and Recreation Committee that the center people gate lock is broken at the Community Gardens. Erin Groome made a note of this and will inform the Public Works Department. Mike Dwyer noted that depending on the weather and the Public Works Department work load would determine if the rest of the dirt can be spread on the upper level at the gardens. Mr. Younger feels that if the rest of the dirt is finished being spread, flower bulbs can be planted along the edge for the spring. Mr. Dwyer will check with Public Works to see if they are able to get up there this week to finish the site work. The water tanks are no longer being filled and will be taken away to be put in storage for the winter. Mr. Younger asked if there will be a new workable map of the Community Gardens any time soon. Michelle Dellavalle wants to see the tool shed in place before the new map is reproduced. The relocation of some of the garden beds won't be known till the new mapping is done. Mr. Younger offered his time to help at the gardens. Mrs. Dellavalle feels the beds may not be moved till the spring depending on timing and weather.

Erin Groome reported that she did not receive an update on the tool shed that will be built at the gardens by Eagle Scout, James Senholzi. Michelle Dellavalle offered to contact James Senholzi to see where he stands with his project and offer her assistance. A suggestion was made that if the tool shed is too big of a project for James, maybe he could change over to building a compost bin instead.

Danny Younger asked how the pavilion would be paid for at the Community Gardens. Mike Dwyer noted that the LSA Grant would fund this build if accepted.

Putek – No change in status at this time.

Echo Lake

Jenna Componovo informed the committee that BYO Playground Equipment will be able to house the playground equipment till the spring, along with making sure all parts are together and included. Mrs. Componovo informed Mike Dwyer that the purchase order for the new playground must be signed and sent to BYO Playground Equipment. Mrs. Componovo noted that the company will be including landing mats for under the swings free of charge.

Erin Groome updated the Parks and Recreation Committee that she has not received an update from Joe Schuon for the Veteran's Memorial. It appears that Mr. Schuon is still waiting for the granite slab in order to finish the project.

The Parks and Recreation Committee agreed to purchase five evergreen wreaths that will be placed at the veteran's memorial that is being built in honor of Veteran's Day. The wreaths will be left out there for the entire week.

The third annual Tree Lighting will be held at Echo Lake Park on November 28, 2015. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. The event will start around 5:30pm, with Santa arriving at 6pm.

Dog Park

Abigail Graham was able to send an email update to Erin Groome about the status of the Dog Park. Mrs. Graham stated that the users of the park are very happy and she is seeing steadier use of the park. Mrs. Graham also noted that she had spoken with the Public Works Foreman, Cory Lyon, and confirmed that there will be no winter service at the park.

Mike Dwyer informed the Parks and Recreation Committee that there is another Eagle Scout project that is being planned for the Dog Park. Dustin Diaz of Troop 87 would like to build a dog bone shaped bed with a flag pole in the center of it. Mr. Diaz is currently waiting for his approval from the Eagle Scout Board. Mr. Dwyer said that Dustin noted that he has donations for the block and flag pole already. He will need help with digging the flag pole hole. Mr. Diaz's plan seems to be worked out well and is ready to move forward with his project pending approval from the Eagle Scout Board. Jenna Componovo suggested making a list of possible projects that can be suggested to the Eagle Scouts. Mrs. Componovo asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to think about what projects they would like to see built at the parks and have this list ready for the December meeting.

Litter and Beautification – None

Announcements – None

Individual Action Items – All Parks and Recreation Committee Board members are to bring their list of park project ideas.

The next Parks and Recreation work session will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:30pm. Jenna Componovo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm; Michelle Dellavalle seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Erin Groome
Parks and Recreation Liaison