



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – May 11, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held virtually on May 11, 2020 and began at 6:35pm with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Laura Massaro, Michelle Dellavalle, Javon Hilaire. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Darice Ackerman, Jessica Van Der Vliet, Renee Hojnowski.

Jaime Frailey made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Javon Hilaire seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** Jessica VanDerVliet, Darice Ackerman, and Renee Hojnowski from Saw Creek Estates office joined the meeting to ask for the committee's advice on litter collection and park access during the pandemic.

**Events:** Eggstravaganza and Spring 1000 Feet of Street were cancelled due to COVID-19. The next event, the Fall 1000 Feet of Street, is still planned for 9/26/2020. The 5/2 dog training was cancelled, but the 7/11 and 9/12 trainings are still planned for now.

**Community Gardens:** All master gardener classes and beekeeping classes are cancelled for 2020. Classes may be rescheduled later in the year, pending the health situation. Vicky made repairs to the bee house and will move the bees in by mid May, once the unusually cold weather is over.

**Dog Park:** The Township is working with a group of regular visitors to complete maintenance projects at the park including spreading grass seed and laying stone for a seating area in the large dog area.

**Echo Lake:** Mike Dwyer stated that construction on the Library/Community Center resumed on Monday 5/4 and the contractor expects completion by the end of June. The township has postponed any grand opening until 2021.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** Jaime Frailey reported that the sign near the small playground is damaged.

**Litter and Beautification:** Adopt a Road and other volunteers are still cleaning up litter. Volunteers coordinate a day and time with Chris to collect cleanup supplies at the township building with minimal contact. Volunteers clean on their own time and notify Chris when they are done, who then arranges for the bags to be picked up. Chris is also working with Annette Atkinson on getting the 209 planters planted and placed before Memorial Day.

**EMC Regional Parks:** The parks are open, but there is no other update.

**Announcements:** Mike Dwyer announced that the township is hoping to reschedule the Spring Cleanup and Freecycle program, but no date has been chosen yet.

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The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday June 8, 2020 at 6:30pm. The location is to be determined. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Laura Massaro seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison