



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – June 8, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held virtually on June 8, 2020 and began at 6:35pm with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Laura Massaro, Michelle Dellavalle, Belinda Basnight. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Vicky Staples.

Laura Massaro made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Michelle Dellavalle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Events:** The two dog trainings on 7/11 and 9/12 are still expected to take place. The township's fall events (1000 Feet, Trunk or Treat, and Tree Lighting) are also still scheduled at this time. Planning for each will proceed until further notice. Chris Rain hopes to meet with Reade Lighting in July to discuss a new lighting plan that includes the new building and landscaping.

**Community Gardens:** Carolyn Jones emailed that all the master gardener beds are in great shape. Vicky Staples virtually showed the committee her observation bee hive, which she plans to install at the gardens on 6/10. Chris Rain will begin to advertise Vicky's bee hive checks on the first and third Saturdays, but only to the active community gardeners to keep attendance small. Chris Rain asked for volunteers from the gardeners to provide no-kill traps for animals that are living under the shed. Some already volunteered. Mike Dwyer approved placing the porta potty at the gardens after a gardener and Vicky asked about it.

**Dog Park:** The group of volunteers at the dog park coordinated with Chris Rain to get stone delivered for a new seating area. They also spread it out and made repairs to two wooden benches at the park. The township paid for the stone and also for two hoses to get water from the spigot to the large dog area.

**Echo Lake:** The new eagle scout project is moving forward. Chris Rain will meet with scout Lucas Jorstad at Echo Lake Park on 6/10 to pick the exact spot and public works will help drill the holes. Mike Dwyer reported that the new building is progressing and they expect the library to be ready for move in around July 1. He also stated the project was within 3-5% of budget.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** No report.

**Litter and Beautification:** Litter collection has continued as volunteers ask for supplies. The planters on Rt. 209 were planted and placed before Memorial Day weekend.

**EMC Regional Parks:** Chris Rain had a phone call with Jacob Pride on 6/8 about a plan that Smithfield Township is developing to improve the pump track.

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**Announcements:** There is a possibility of moving the committee meeting to a different day so as not to overlap with EDC. The committee had no objection. Chris Rain will coordinate with EDC liaison Patrice Dume and report back to the committee at the July meeting.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:30pm. The meeting will take place at the pavilion at Resica Park, weather permitting, and by Zoom in the event of bad weather. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Belinda Basnight seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison