



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – November 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on November 12, 2019 and began at 6:33pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jaime Frailey presiding.

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

Laura Massaro made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Jaime Frailey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Park Committee Vacancy: Belinda Basnight has applied to fill the vacancy on the committee. The committee members were provided with Ms. Basnight's resume and Ms. Basnight attended the meeting to express her interest and provide personal background. Ms. Basnight also serves on the Winona Lakes recreation committee. Jaime Frailey made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Ms. Basnight be appointed to the parks committee. Michelle Dellavalle seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NPS Visitor Use Management Plan: Chris attended the Delaware Water Gap Community Roundtable on November 6 to learn more about the draft VUM plan. The committee was provided with a condensed version of the plan. The NPS is accepting public comment on their website parkplanning.nps.gov/dewa until December 6.

Events: The Tree Lighting is Saturday 11/30 at 6pm, with setup to start at 4:30. The committee completed the assembly of the candles and labels during the meeting. The fireworks, lights, Clauses, and other components from previous years are all in place. Mike Dwyer asked Chris Rain to reach out to Pocono Palace to enquire about using their property for additional parking.

Community Gardens: No reports from the Master Gardeners or Beekeepers.

Dog Park: The ice rink will be installed in December and will be useable, weather permitting, until March.

Echo Lake: Mike Dwyer reported that the library is progressing and that the tentative move in is May 1, 2020.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: The Little League plans on replacing the field's sign.

Litter and Beautification: The plants in the 209 planters have died. Chris Rain will clean them out before Thanksgiving. Laura Massaro recommended installing fake poinsettias for the holiday season, which Chris will look into.

EMC Regional Parks: The bike park will close for the winter on December 1.

Announcements: The videographer will attend the meeting on December 9 to film the committee for the Person of the Year video. There will be no meeting in January 2020.

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Individual Action Items:

- **Everyone:** Tree Lighting is on Saturday November 30 at 6pm. The committee should arrive at Echo Lake Park no later than 4:30 to help with set up.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday December 9, 2019 at 6:30pm. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Laura Massaro seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison