



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – November 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on November 5, 2018 and began at 6:38pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jenna Componovo presiding. The committee did not have a quorum, so a work session was held.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Jaime Frailey. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer
MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Pat Zeman, Kaylatime Valderrama.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Kaylatime Valderrama applied to fill the vacancy and attended the meeting to express interest in joining the committee.

Search for New Member: The committee received the applications to fill the vacancy from Kaylatime Valderrama and Laura Massaro. The members will review the applications and make their recommendations to the Township before the November 15 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Events: Trunk or Treat, 10/20 – 259 tickets were handed out for pumpkins, and not every child got a pumpkin. Estimated 400 children, plus families attended. Recommend that Stacy Rodriguez have a “menu” for balloons to speed up the line. The committee will discuss changes, such as starting activities earlier, or rearranging the flow for 2019. Kaylatime Valderrama attended and said that it was smaller than other local trunk or treats, but ours was far better because it is in the daytime and includes more.

Tree Lighting, 11/24 – A new Santa, Wayne Mosteller, has been found. Attendees headed northbound on 209 will be directed to park at the church and heading southbound will park at the mall to keep the road in front of the park as clear as possible. Chris will look into getting illuminated cones and to borrow flood lights from FC Pocono. Santa’s line will be on the field side this year to allow people standing in line to see the fireworks. The bands and choirs will be asked to arrive early, due to parking. The second entrance will be a drop off area.

Community Gardens: Master Gardeners Report: Carolyn Jones has been laying down cardboard. They request Public Works to help lay down mulch on top before the winter. They will put together their 2019 class schedule over the winter. They hope to get a scale to weigh produce donations for use in future grant applications.

The new principal at Middle Smithfield Elementary School is interested in teaming up with the Master Gardeners for a gardening program. Jenna Componovo will arrange a meeting between Pat Zeman and the principal.

The bees are packed up and moved to Vicky Staples house for the winter. Chris gave fondant ordered from Mann Lake to Pat Zeman to give to Vicky to feed them over the winter.

Dog Park: The ice rink will return to the small dog area.

Echo Lake: No report.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: No report.

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Litter and Beautification: Chris cleaned out dead plants from the 209 planters. Another volunteer did additional litter cleanup along Upper Lakeview Drive.

EMC Regional Parks: No report.

Announcements: The Veterans Day Luncheon will be held at Whispering Pines Banquet Hall on Sunday 11/11/2018 from 1pm to 4pm. The Person of the Year dinner will be held on Friday 1/18/2019. A public hearing will be held on Thursday 11/15/2018 to add the C-2 zone adjacent to Country Club of the Poconos Municipal Golf Course to the LERTA zone. The annual budget presentation will be Thursday 12/6/2018.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Contact Zack Campbell about volunteering at Tree Lighting.
 - Contact FC Pocono about borrowing flood lights for Tree Lighting.
- **Committee:** Review applications for vacancy. Make recommendations by email no later than November 14, 2018, for appointment at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 15.
- **Public Works:** Spread mulch at the gardens before winter.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday December 3, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building.

The work session ended at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Parks and Recreation Liaison