



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – March 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on March 4, 2019 and began at 6:32pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Daniel Timpson presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Laura Massaro, Dan Timpson. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Carolyn Jones.

Jaime Frailey made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Dan Timpson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: Email from Jenna Componovo. See Eggstravaganza.

Public Comment: None.

Events: Eggstravaganza, 4/13 – Mellissa McPartland will return as the bunny. Jaime has volunteers from the Little League and the Girl Scouts for the event. Chris asked Jaime to speak to the Girl Scouts to see if they want to sell their cookies at the event, as well. Jenna sent an email with ideas for games: Egg Spoon Race, Bunny Toss, Hopscotch.

1000 Feet/Pick Up the Poconos, 4/27 – Mike Dwyer and Chris Rain attended the PUTP planning meeting on February 25. PUTP is scheduled again in April, possibly as a two week event, rather than a single day, as it will be hard to coordinate all of the townships that want to participate. MST will continue on with 1000 Feet on Saturday April 27 and will continue to support PUTP. The next PUTP planning meeting is on March 25.

Community Gardens: Plots are now open for new gardeners to reserve. The Master Gardeners want to move their classes to the township office for the year, so they can take place regardless of weather, with a demonstration at the park after the class. The classes will require staff presence to open and close the building.

Children who volunteer for 1000 Feet will be sent to the gardens to help the Master Gardeners get the gardens ready for the year. The Little League is interested in volunteering, but cannot do April 27. They will participate in a future cleanup/maintenance day on a date later in the year when the weeds are high. Date TBD.

Dog Park: The Ice Rink will be disassembled by the end of the month. Leroy reports that it has been in regular use over the winter.

Echo Lake: No report.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: A local contractor looked at the field for the Little League, and will make recommendations to the League about improving field drainage. The League plans to obtain funding for the improvements from ESSA Bank, and may request assistance from MST's public works.

Litter and Beautification: The 209 planters will be replanted as part of 1000 Feet. Sponsorship letters to businesses to buy new planters for 209 will go out by the end of the month.

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EMC Regional Parks: Smithfield Township applied for an MCOS grant to build benches and a gazebo at Mt. Nebo Park.

Announcements: Jaime Frailey is moving to Delaware Water Gap, and will have to resign from the committee. She will find her own replacement from the Little League board and will stay on the parks committee until she finds a replacement.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:**
 - Meet with Public Works for mulching and other maintenance needs at Community Gardens for the spring
 - Complete and mail out 209 planter sales pitch to all township businesses by mid-March
- **Committee:** Recommend possible committee replacements for Jenna Componovo
- **Jaime:** Recommend committee replacement for herself from the Little League.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday April 1, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Dan Timpson seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison