



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – March 6, 2017

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on March 6, 2017 and began at 6:37pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Danielle Cloward, Jaime Frailey. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer. Members of the Public: Pat Zeman, Paul Cimei. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain.

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Danielle Cloward seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence:** Dan Timpson sent an email to the committee suggesting that tick and Lyme disease information be posted at all of the parks. He will do research and present it to the committee.

Jenna Componovo opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

**Porta Potties:** The porta potties were delivered to all of the parks the week of 2/27. Echo Lake Park now has two instead of one to accommodate the increased visitation.

**Events:** The Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday 4/8, rain or shine. It will be held inside the Resica Elementary School gymnasium in the event of bad weather. The Committee will develop 4 activities for the children to complete to gather their eggs. Chris will order 2000 eggs from Net Egg. The Bushkill Group will provide a few prizes for the Golden Eggs, as they did in previous years. Chris will be sending flyers out to the elementary schools on 3/10, and will provide a copy to the Committee.

**Community Gardens:** The \$2,000 grant from St. Luke's University Health Network's Healthy Citizen Program will be used for improvements to the park. Officials from St. Luke's will be invited to a future event, where they will be shown tangible improvements to the parks funded by the grant. Steve Stolfus from R&G Sheds will give the Township a discount on a basic shade pavilion, plus an additional discount if he can put his name on it. It will be 10x12. The St. Luke's Grant money can be used toward the shade structure. A Walmart Community Grant could be pursued to cover additional costs.

The Meet and Greet on 2/18 had six people attend, and one signed up as a new gardener. The St. Patrick's Day pea planting party is scheduled for 3/18 (rain date, 3/25). Peas will be planted in the Bushkill Outreach plots. Annette Atkinson will be in charge of providing pea seed packets and packets of split pea soup seasonings.

Paul Cimei ordered two packages of bees for \$198, arriving around 3/31. He will invite people to his house for demonstrations. Paul and Bruce Tarhovicky will meet after 3/20 to convert the old shed into a bee house and install it outside of the deer fence on the north side of the garden. Public Works will install a door in the deer fence for access and help pour concrete footings if Bruce cannot. The house will have solar powered electric fencing to deter bears. Warning signage will be posted about the bees and the electricity.

To deter small animals, chicken wire will be installed around the deer fencing. The project will require volunteers. Suggestions for organic pest control can be provided to gardeners.

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The Master Gardener raised beds are built and will be laid out shortly. Either Public Works or volunteers will be used to help fill them. Pat Zeman is presenting the project to the Master Gardeners at Penn State.

Danielle Cloward reported that one plot at the gardens is coming apart. She also requested that mulch be laid down before pea planting to mitigate mud for the program.

**Dog Park:** The Ice Rink is closed for the season. Next year, the Township will double the size.

**Echo Lake:** No report.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** The bids for fencing in the back field were all around \$14,000. Jaime will look over the bids and contact the companies to see what we can cut back on. Possibly the little league can do some fundraising.

**Litter and Beautification:** 1000 Feet of Street is scheduled for Saturday 4/29. By the April meeting, the Township and Committee will decide which roads will be cleaned on 4/29.

**EMC Regional Parks:** The Supervisors of Middle Smithfield and Smithfield Townships held a meeting on 2/17 to discuss a plan for the Bike Park. Clearing begins on 3/20 with construction of the fence and basic features to follow in April and May.

**Announcements:** Danielle Cloward resigned as Secretary of the Committee due to personal conflicts. Jenna nominated Jaime Frailey to replace her, which was seconded by Danielle. Motion approved 3-0.

### Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Eggstravaganza: Order 2000 eggs, distribute flyers to schools
  - Coordinate shade pavilion
- **Jenna:** Coordinate with Committee to develop 4 activities for the Eggstravaganza
- **Dan:** Coordinate with Committee to choose roads for 1000 Feet of Street
  - Tick/Lyme research for posting at the parks
- **Jaime:** Review fencing bids, contact companies for lower prices
- **Annette:** Pea seeds and soup packets for the March 18 pea planting party
- **Public Works:** Install door in deer fence to provide access to bee house
  - Assist in bee house construction if necessary
- **Paul/Bruce:** Convert old shed into bee house

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday April 3, 2017 at 6:30pm. Jenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Jaime seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison