



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – April 3, 2017

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on April 3, 2017 and began at 6:32pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Danielle Cloward, Jaime Frailey, Michelle Dellavalle, Dan Timpson. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain.

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Jaime Frailey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

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

**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. Jenna presented the committee with her list of activities for the event (see attached). Chris will do the shopping for snacks and activity supplies by Wednesday. Jenna will come to the Township Building at 11am on Thursday to help assemble and test out the activities. One fire truck from the Marshall's Creek Fire Company will be at the event, and will be in place by 11:30, rather than driving in halfway through the event. The Bunny will be played by Mellissa McPartland again this year, and will also be at the event from the beginning. Volunteers will arrive by 11. Most of the committee and their families will be present, along with staff who have agreed to volunteer.

**Community Gardens:** Chris will coordinate a meeting with Paul Cimei and Cory Lyon to work out placement of the apiary and where the new access door in the fence will be installed. Installation of the shade structure was delayed by the weather. The Master Gardener plot and some new regular plots are built. Jaime offered to fill the Master Gardener plot with direction from Pat Zeman. A new 500 gallon tank was purchased from Fry's Plastic and has been added to the Gardens.

The Committee discussed solutions to the future deterioration of plots. Cinderblocks will be provided to gardeners to reinforce deteriorating wood plots, which will also provide additional planting space. The price of cinderblocks is roughly equal to the wood plots, and will last much longer. Jenna suggested building a demonstration plot first before allowing gardeners to build their own.

**Dog Park:** The Ice Rink has been disassembled. Danielle noted that the bone shaped benches did not weather well over the winter and should be repaired. David Henon of University for Pets will run another free dog training at the Dog Park on Saturday April 15 from 11am to 1pm.

**Echo Lake:** No report.

**Judy Putek:** The verbal agreement to allow the public to use the trails remains in place.

**Resica:** The Little League has a new fundraiser who is approaching the area's major donors for money. Hopefully enough money will be raised to do fund the fencing project.

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Jaime asked the township to donate annuals to plant in the memorial garden. Jenna made a motion to spend up to \$150 on annuals. The motion passed 5-0. Opening day for the Little League is April 22. Jaime asked that a representative from the Township be present.

Jaime reported that the handle on one of the potties was broken. She also asked that potties be cleaned on Fridays before events. Chris will contact Gotta Go Potties about the handle and to see if all of the parks can be on a Friday cleaning schedule so they are cleanest for the weekends.

**Litter and Beautification:** 1000 Feet of Street is scheduled for Saturday 4/29. Rt. 209 will be cleaned, along with Winona Falls Road, which has received complaints. Mike also suggested Sellersville. Chris suggested Coolbaugh from Rt. 402 north to Tego Lake. Chris will make a map and coordinate with Mike and Dan to finalize which roads will be cleaned. Jenna recommended redesigning the shirts with the Township logo on the back and "1000 Feet of Street". The shirts have already been ordered for 2017, but will be redesigned for 2018.

**EMC Regional Parks:** The Regional Parks Committee is being restructured as an inter-municipal agreement between Middle Smithfield and Smithfield Townships. It will be run by the Supervisors of each township, with the committee acting as a focus group for public input on projects. Cory Lyon and Ed McCormick met at the River's Edge for a site walkthrough before beginning work on the Bike Park. A new tentative start date for clearing is Monday April 10. A new grant was applied for from Monroe County Open Space to fund improvements to Mt. Nebo Park and to develop some environmental education signage.

**Announcements:** Dan created flyers about ticks and Lyme Disease which will be posted in all Park and HOA message boards. Dan also presented the idea of a family program to build bird houses and bat houses out of wood pallets. The pallets can be obtained for free from Family Dollar and Price Chopper. A nature talk from one of the local environmental centers about the importance of the species could also be included. The program will take place in the summer at Echo Lake Park pavilion.

Mike announced that MST was not awarded the LSA grant to install restrooms at the parks.

### Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Coordinate with Cory and Paul on apiary/access door
  - Coordinate with Mike and Dan on 1000 Feet roads
  - Contact Gotta Go Potties about broken handle and Friday cleaning schedule
- **Jenna:** Meet Chris on Thursday 4/6 at 11am to assemble Eggstravaganza activities
- **Jaime:** Plant annuals at Memorial Garden, \$150 budget from MST

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday May 1, 2017 at 6:30pm. Danielle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison