



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – May 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on May 1, 2017 and began at 6:30pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

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

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Michelle Dellavalle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

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

Events: The Eggstravaganza was a success. Next year we will split the first activity into two to make the line move more quickly, and the Committee will look into Middle Smithfield Elementary as an alternate location.

Dates for Dan's bird and bat house building program will be announced before school ends on June 8. The event will be geared toward families as a parent/child activity. Michelle will reach out to Kettle Creek to see if they are available for a nature talk. Tech teachers in the school district should also be contacted to spread the word to students. Pallets from Cleanup and Freecycle will be available as material for the program. Home depot will be contacted to see if they will donate safety equipment.

Dan suggested reaching out to local environmental centers to promote our parks events.

Geocaching was installed by Fallon Horan of the Monroe County Planning Commission in several local parks including Echo Lake and River's Edge. It is part of a county wide geocaching program she is running this spring. Dan suggested doing a similar program in all of the MST parks.

A tentative date of either August 4 or 11, 2018 was set for Community Day at Echo Lake Park. Vendors, games, and musical acts will need to be lined up. Local acts such as Porter & Sayles were suggested. Hours from 12 to 9pm were discussed, with kids activities during the day possibly ending with fireworks.

Community Gardens: Chris met with Bruce Tarhovicky and Paul Cimei to make a plan for the bee house. The next step is for Public Works to clear the area and move the shed so Bruce and Paul can do their work. Chris will contact Pat Zeman for details on the Gardeners Potluck scheduled for May 20.

Dog Park: David Henon of University for Pets will run another free dog training at the Dog Park on Saturday July 8 from 11am to 1pm.

Echo Lake: Jenna requested that no smoking signs be posted on fences and around playgrounds at each of the parks including Echo Lake. A lot of cigarettes were picked up during 1000 Feet of Street.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: No report.

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Litter and Beautification: 1000 Feet of Street was very successful with around 140 volunteers for 1000 Feet and Adopt a Road participating. Over 69 miles of road were cleaned, or 365,692 feet in total.

EMC Regional Parks: The Regional Park Commission did not meet in April. Chris has been working with Smithfield Township Supervisors Robert Lovenheim and Brian Barrett and Fallon Horan on two grants to fund a rehabilitation project at Mt. Nebo Park. The project includes beautification of the entrance, trail rehabilitation, an environmental inventory with PEEC, and environmental signage.

Mike Dwyer said that Smithfield was awarded a grant for Marshalls Falls Park. The boundaries of this park extend into Middle Smithfield as well.

Announcements: Some of the playground mulch left over from the swing installation at Echo Lake in the fall has been used at the playgrounds at Echo Lake and Resica. In order to dispose of the remainder before Township Cleanup on May 5, the rest was given to Middle Smithfield Elementary School for their playground, and the remainder was taken by the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church Pre School as a favor to the Township.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:**
 - Coordinate with Dan dates for the bird/bat house program and advertise to schools by May 31
 - Contact Pat Zeman for details on the Gardeners Potluck
 - Purchase and install “No Smoking” signage at the parks
- **Dan:** Develop plan for the bird/bat house program. Coordinate dates with Chris
- **Michelle:** Contact Kettle Creek about doing a nature presentation at the bird/bat house program

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday June 5, 2017 at 6:30pm. Jenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison