



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – May 13, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on May 13, 2019 and began at 6:35pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Michelle Dellavalle, Jaime Frailey, Laura Massaro. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Spirit Rutzler.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Events:** Eggstravaganza, 4/13 – The event had a similar turnout as 2018. The line needs more definition to prevent confusion. Cones may be helpful. The Bunny, Mellissa McPartland, will be available at least one more year, then a replacement may be needed.

1000 Feet/Pick Up the Poconos, 4/27 – 180 people volunteered. Between volunteers on 4/27 and Adopt a Road and other volunteers on other dates, around 71 miles of road side was cleaned, and over 550 bags were collected. The increase in Adopt a Road participation has increased our coverage. Pick Up the Poconos has increased awareness. Communities and HOAs should be targeted to start their own cleanups, and the township can collect the bags.

**Community Gardens:** Pat Zeman has chosen to devote her time to other projects and will no longer be involved with the Master Gardeners programs or attend parks meetings. Master Gardeners Carolyn Jones and Spirit Rutzler will take over and recruit others to participate and give classes. Ms. Jones's April class had 12 attendees, one from Bethlehem. Ms. Rutzler will coordinate with Chris Rain on a spotted lanternfly presentation at the Township. The public, as well as DWGNRA superintendent Sula Jacobs, the Pocono Environmental Education Center, and Zech Strauser of Strauser Nature's Helpers will be invited. Ms. Rutzler will provide posters and other information for Chris to email and distribute. Ms. Rutzler will also coordinate a presentation at a future Council of Governments meeting with Mike Dwyer.

Vicky Staples reported by email that she plans to reinstall the bee hives at the park on or around Wednesday May 15.

**Dog Park:** No report

**Echo Lake:** Pocono Palace donated a set of aluminum bleachers for the soccer field. They are currently in the park parking lot until the ground dries out and they can be relocated.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** Girls on the Run cleaned up litter along the nature trail.

**Litter and Beautification:** Chris will contact Zech Strauser about costs associated with planting and maintaining planters along Rt. 209.

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**EMC Regional Parks:** The drainage system at the Bike Park is not functioning as designed. The Monroe County Conservation District is requiring changes in order to address storm water. Middle Smithfield and Smithfield are coordinating a meeting for the week of May 13 to decide how to address the issue.

**Announcements:** There is currently no candidate to replace Jenna Componovo on the board. Ms. Componovo expects the June 10, 2019 meeting to be her final meeting. Laura Massaro will advertise the vacancy to her community. Mr. Rain will email parks and litter volunteers and the other township communities to see if anyone is interested.

### **Individual Action Items:**

- **Chris:** Coordinate spotted lanternfly presentation at MST with Spirit Rutzler
  - Contact Strauser about planter maintenance cost
- **Committee:** Continue to look for candidates to fill board vacancy.
- **Spirit Rutzler:** Provide spotted lanternfly posters for township bulletin boards
  - Provide information to MST to distribute by email
  - Coordinate presentation at MST with Chris Rain
  - Coordinate COG presentation with Mike Dwyer

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jenna Componovo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Jaime Frailey seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison