



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – May 7, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on May 7, 2018 and began at 6:35pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Danielle Cloward, Jaime Frailey. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Victoria Staples, Pat Zeman. By Phone: Jenna Componovo, Michelle Dellavalle.

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

**Correspondence:** A voicemail from Linda Fiore praising the new planters was played during the meeting.

**Events:** 1000 Feet, 4/28 – 134 volunteers picked up litter along 49.6 miles of roadside. Some volunteers still plan on cleaning, so those numbers should increase. An entire 20 ft. dumpster was filled. The strangest find was an X Box on Sellersville Drive.

Community Day, 9/8 – Chris, Mike, and Jenna met with Mr. Baker, the principal at Middle Smithfield Elementary School, who is excited to have Community Day at the school. We can have half the gym if needed, but expect most or all events to take place outside. Touch a Truck will be in the front of the school. The Committee will reach out to Pub 447, Pub 570, the Laws, and Mr. Lance at ESHS South about music.

**Community Gardens:** Over a dozen people turned out for the gardening class on 4/14. The donation plots were planted with peas and other vegetables. Vicky Staples has ordered more bees for the hives and has been in contact with our interested apprentices. Hive installation should be by the end of May. Vicky also plans on improving ventilation in the bee house, and installing a water feature at the May 19 Master Gardeners weeds class.

The Township will purchase some additional beekeeping supplies including new suits, nitro gloves, a first aid kit, and additional warning signage.

**Dog Park:** No report.

**Echo Lake:** The old Dog Park sign will be repurposed into a new sign for Echo Lake Park.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** A new, larger concessions stand and shed are installed. A batting tunnel is coming soon. Extra flowers from L&B planters can be used around the sign at the ballfield. The Farmer's Basket will plant the memorial garden and around the sign at cost. The stairs up the playground still need to be repaired. Mike will take a look at it to make a recommendation about best course of action.

**Litter and Beautification:** The Township and members of the committee have received several compliments on the new planters that have been placed out on the median by Price Chopper on Rt. 209. Chris Rain played a voicemail from resident Linda Fiore praising the decision.

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More planters will be purchased to be added to the current 7 planters, plus to offer to businesses to sponsor. These planters will be rectangular and gray instead of square and black. Mike Dwyer contacted Zech Strausser, who will give an estimate for the planting and care of the planters. He estimates \$30 to \$50 for planting.

**EMC Regional Parks:** The public works crews from Middle Smithfield and Smithfield Townships spent an entire day clearing the trails in April. The fabricated Mt. Nebo signage should arrive shortly. Everything needs to be done by May 31, per the terms of the grant.

Jim Dellavalle has made progress at the Bike Park. There are still items to take care of including signage, fencing, planting, and some things on the DCNR inspection list. Expected to open at the end of May.

**Announcements:** Future parks meetings will take place at the five township parks on a rotating basis. Resica Park has been chosen for the June 4 meeting.

### Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Attend the EDC meeting on Monday May 14
  - Contact state police about Community Day
  - Contact Gotta Go about units for Community Day
  - Coordinate with Vicky Staples to order additional supplies for the beehives
- **Committee:** Come up with options for musical acts for Community Day
- **Jenna:** Attend the EDC meeting on Monday May 14, if possible
- **Mike:** Make recommendation regarding the stairs at Resica Park (repair vs replace)

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday June 4, 2018 at 6:30pm at the pavilion at Resica Park. Danielle Cloward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Jaime Frailey seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison