



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – June 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on June 10, 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, Dan Timpson. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Francis Oquendo, Charlie Murray, Matthew Pavlovsky, Brandon Larregui, Anna Marie Pavlovsky, Jafet Larregui, Ivan Larregui, Carolyn Jones, Spirit Rutzler.

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Dan Timpson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: Eagle Scout candidates Matt Pavlovsky and Brandon Larregui presented their proposed location to the committee. They hope to start at the end of June and complete the projects by the end of August. They request Township assistance to drill holes. Jenna made a motion to accept the proposed locations. Motion approved 5-0.

Events: The dates for upcoming parks events are as follows: 1000 Feet of Street, Fall, 9/28; Trunk or Treat, 10/26; Tree Lighting, 11/30.

Park Maintenance Checklists: The committee received drafts of the parks maintenance checklists. They will give feedback before the July 8 meeting.

Park Certifications: The committee received copies of applications to certify parks with the Audubon Society, Monarch Watch, and Penn State Extension. The township will start with the Community Gardens as a learning experience, with the help of the Master Gardeners. The committee and volunteers will assist the Township to certify each park with each program.

Community Gardens: Carolyn Jones reported the butterfly garden and outreach beds are doing well. She notified the committee that the Milford community garden has a partnership with Home Depot that we may want to explore. Class attendance has risen to 10-15 per class, up from 2-5 in 2018.

Charlie Murray has taken over management of the compost area. He has cleaned up and organized the area. Two bins are currently full. He needs help to create signage with instructions. Gardeners may drop off composting material, but he will manage the mixing and turning.

Jenna Componovo spoke to Ray Lenhart, the principal of Middle Smithfield Elementary School, who would like to connect with the master gardeners about developing programs. Ms. Componovo will provide his contact information so the master gardeners can coordinate with him.

Pat Zeman will be honored for her work at the gardens with a plaque and a bench in her honor at the park.

Vicky Staples has moved the bees to the park for the season and they appear to be doing well.

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Chris Rain is tracking gardeners' volunteer hours. Gardeners will be notified of future volunteer projects. The next proposed cleanup days are 7/20 after the gardening class, and 10/26 to coincide with fall 1000 Feet.

Dog Park: The first dog training was held on 6/8. Laura Massaro reported that she saw a great turnout when she drove past the park on that day.

Echo Lake: The Pocono Palace bleachers have been relocated to the park. The park is now adopted by Phoenix Martial Arts Society, who did a cleanup on 6/1 and plan to do more over the summer.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: Jaime Frailey reported that the porta potty cleanliness has been an issue at the park and asked that the Township speak to Gotta Go Potties about their cleaning schedule. Cleaning days on Friday are recommended.

Litter and Beautification: Chris Rain spoke to Zech Strauser. The estimated cost is within the Township's means without relying on business sponsorships. Mr. Rain will reach out to Richards Tree Farm and Regina Farms for additional quotes for planting and maintaining planters along Rt. 209. Annette Atkinson also suggested having the master gardeners do it if they are able.

EMC Regional Parks: Smithfield Township engineer Jon Tresslar has completed his site work and is writing his recommendations for the townships to review. Once reviewed, the townships will make a plan to remedy the drainage problem so the park can reopen.

Announcements: Tonight was Ms. Componovo's final meeting as a member of the Committee. The Township and the Committee wish her well.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Coordinate with Spirit Rutzler and Michelle Dellavalle to meet to discuss certification programs at the Community Gardens.
 - Contact Richards Tree Farm and Regina Farms for quotes on 209 planter project.
 - Speak to Gotta Go Potties about the parks maintenance schedule.
- **Committee:** Provide feedback on parks maintenance checklists.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday July 8, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jenna Componovo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Dan Timpson seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison