



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – June 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on June 5, 2017 and began at 6:31pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

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

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Danielle Cloward seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

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

Events: Bird and Bat House Building, 6/24 – The class is full. Pallets will be moved to the ambulance garage so Dan Timpson can make take home kits for the class. Dan will also make instructions for the kits. Chris will get additional equipment for the program. Chris, Jenna, and Michelle all expect to be present to assist with the program. Another program will be discussed for the fall.

The next events are the Fall 1000 Feet of Street on 9/30, Trunk or Treat on 10/21, and Tree Lighting on 11/25. Discussion of notes from the 2016 events will be added to the agenda for the July and August 2017 meetings.

Community Day 2018 – The Committee will choose a firm date at the next meeting. 8/4/18 and 8/11/18 previously discussed. Gina Bertucci, Chair of EDC, and Patrice Dume, MST Economic Development Manager, will be invited to the July meeting to discuss EDC collaborating on Community Day with the Parks Committee.

Community Gardens: Bruce Tarhovicky will be asked to turn head and foot boards from Township Cleanup into benches. Dan Timpson is available if Bruce is not. Bench dedications can be offered to sponsors.

New signage recommended for the park: a sign indicating the soil, mulch, etc. is for the Gardens only and directing residents to Oak Grove Composting Facility. A warning sign about the electric fence will be installed on the door leading out to the apiary area.

Pat Zeman reported that the Master Gardeners classes have seen good attendance. Pat requested that she be allowed to cut back the weeds, and Michelle offered to assist. The Master Gardener bean canning demonstration scheduled for 8/19 requires electricity. The event will be held at the Township building instead of the Gardens.

Bushkill Outreach is relocating to new locations in Lehman Township and Light of the World Church in Minisink Hills in August. Produce grown at the Community Gardens can still be donated to Bushkill Outreach before and after the move. Produce can also be donated to other kitchens in MST.

A staircase will be installed in the stone wall across from the tool shed to provide easier access between the lower and upper sections.

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. Also, Barrett Township is preparing to open a dog park.

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Echo Lake: With the summer coming, cleanings of the porta potties and emptying the trash cans should happen more frequently. Because of the increased tick populations, signs about what to do will be installed in the parks.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: The handle on the handicap porta potty has not been fixed. Chris will call Gotta Go to request that it be swapped out for a new unit. A new wildlife inventory project at the nature trail was suggested. Student clubs from the high schools as well as the girls scouts could be partners in the project.

Litter and Beautification: No report.

EMC Regional Parks: Smithfield finally received the permits for the Bike Park. Hopefully that project can move forward soon. Chris has been working with Fallon Horan from the county on the Mt. Nebo rehabilitation project. Meetings with PEEC and Monroe County Conservation District are scheduled for June 16, July 11, and August 15 to get that project underway.

Announcements: By the July meeting, each committee member will come up with a list of 5 improvements for their own park that can be offered to boy and girl scouts looking for eagle scout/gold award projects, and to school clubs. Members will also think of businesses that might sponsor projects.

Susanne Delcorso from the Growing Tree contacted Chris about planting a memorial tree at Echo Lake Park for a student who passed away. The Committee approved of the idea.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Soil/Mulch and electric fence signage for Community Gardens.
 - Contact Susanne Delcorso to get details about memorial tree.
 - Get a new handicap unit at Resica Park from Gotta Go Potties.
- **Committee:** 5 small projects for scout/school groups to accomplish at each park they coordinate.
- **Dan:** Make kits and instructions for bird/bat house building program.
- **Michelle:** Help Pat Zeman clear weeds at Community Gardens.
- **Public Works:** Install stairs in stone wall across from the shed.

The Committee voted to move the July meeting to 6pm. The change will be advertised. The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday July, 2017 at 6:00pm. Jenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison