



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – July 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on July 3, 2017 and began at 6:03pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Danielle Cloward, Michelle Dellavalle. Public: Gina Bertucci, Patrice Dume, Pat Zeman. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain.

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Michelle Dellavalle seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

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

Events: Bird and Bat House Building, 6/24 – The program was well attended and received. Attendee feedback was helpful to improving future classes. An age range should be specified next time to tailor the information to a specific age group. Dan Timpson expressed interest in doing another class this fall.

Patrice Dume and Gina Bertucci from EDC attended to discuss collaborating on Community Day 2018. A name and theme will be chosen as a hook to draw people to the event. Possible dates for the event are early August or September 8 with a rain date of September 9 to avoid other activities, Labor Day weekend, and the start of school. Gina and Patrice will ask the rest of the EDC and local businesses to decide what is best. The event is planned to start at noon and end after sunset (roughly 7pm) when there may be fireworks.

The committee discussed hosting the event at Resica Park and school. The parking lot is large and the food vendors can be inside the gymnasium. The event would also have access to electricity, water, and indoor bathrooms. This will have to be approved by the school district. The alternate location is at Echo Lake Park, and parking will be available at the mall and the church.

Vendors will include local restaurants, artists, crafters, and businesses. There will be an application to describe what they plan on selling. A small fee may be charged for space, and vendors are responsible for providing all of their equipment and furniture. Electricity will be available to the restaurants only. Other local groups will be invited including the fire company, ambulance, constables, AWSOM, Mady's Angels, etc. These groups can use the event as a fundraising opportunity and membership drive. An agricultural display and/or agricultural contests may be incorporated. Politicians will be asked to provide literature on services, but not to attend. MST committees can also have booths with information on the township and services.

Community Gardens: The Park was on the MC Garden Tour on Saturday 6/24. People from around the county visited and were impressed with the park. MST intern Mia Gaeta and CCP Golf Course maintenance employee Vincent Stapleton spent several days clearing weeds and laying mulch. The Master Gardener class on Weed Management on 6/24 was well attended as was Paul Cimei's beekeeping demonstration.

Pat Zeman reported that three bags of lettuce and peas were harvested from the Bushkill Outreach plots and donated. Collard greens and kale will be harvested next. Bushkill Outreach is leaving on August 29 and merging with the food pantry at Light of the World Church in Minisink Hills.

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The shade structure was ordered from R&G Services at the beginning of June and should be delivered soon. The mulch pile at the center of the upper area needs to be gone before it is put in place.

Public Works is working on building a set of stairs at the corner of the rock wall near the shed to provide easier access between the upper and lower levels.

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: The Playground was cleaned up by Chris before the 4th of July weekend.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: No report.

Litter and Beautification: Chris met with probation officer Michael Kashner as he was cleaning Rt. 209 with some teenagers on probation. Mr. Kashner and his students clean state owned roads throughout the county over the summer. Contact information was exchanged.

EMC Regional Parks: A meeting on 6/23 at River's Edge Park was attended by Mike Dwyer, Cory Lyon, Chris Rain, Brian Barrett, Lee Bower, Ed McCormick, and Jim Dellavalle set a new start date for the Bike Park as July 10. Public Works from both Townships will clear the area, build a road, erect fencing, stake and outline the area, and bring in dirt. Features will be built after this. Jim Dellavalle will be available to advise and direct. CAT will donate a bulldozer for two weeks for the project.

A meeting on 6/16 at Mt. Nebo Park was attended by Chris Rain, Lee Bower, Robert Lovenheim, Fallon Horan for the Planning Commission, Roger Spots of MCCD, and Allison Owczarczak of PEEC. The group conducted a site visit and wildlife inventory to develop new interpretive signage at the park. Additional meetings are scheduled for 7/11 and 8/8. Landscaping work was started by Smithfield Public Works and new directional signage to the park was installed.

Announcements: None.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Develop application for Community Day vendors
 - Find out how much it costs to rent dividers for Community Day vendor areas.
- **Parks Committee:** 5 small projects for scout/school groups to accomplish at each park they coordinate.
- **EDC Committee:** Discuss Community Day and reach out to business owners to gauge interest/dates.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday August 7, 2017 at 6:30pm. Jenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison