



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – July 8, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on July 8, 2019 and began at 6:39pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Dan Timpson presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Michelle Dellavalle, Laura Massaro, Dan Timpson. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Vicky Staples.

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

**Correspondence:** Email report for the master gardeners. See below.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Events:** Chris Rain is updating the production schedules for each of the fall events. 1000 Feet of Street calls will begin late July or early August. The beekeeping class is on July 20. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at Echo Lake for the library before the end of July. Michelle Dellavalle is the coordinator for the Tree Lighting this year. She will meet with Chris Rain and Mike Dwyer sometime in the fall to reorganize the event to accommodate the construction of the library.

**Community Gardens:** Spirit Rutzler will send email updates from now on. She reported that the June gardening class was well attended, with 15 attendees plus the instructor. Carolyn Jones is looking for volunteers for June 27 to harvest garlic and plant beans in the Outreach beds.

Spirit is willing to meet the committee to assist in getting the certification programs for the parks started. The committee agreed to hold the August 12 parks meeting at Community Gardens in order to start this process.

Vicky Staples cleared the weeds around the bees and will do so again before her class on 7/20. She reported that the bees are active and healthy and the wet year has provided more pollen for them than last year. She suggested that a butterfly release in 2020 would be popular and would tie in with our certification program. Vicky also reported that many of the wheelbarrows are not in useable shape.

Chris Rain and Dan Timpson will meet at the gardens on 7/10 at 1:30pm to plan for rebuilding rotted plots and will also look at the wheelbarrows.

**Dog Park:** No report.

**Echo Lake:** Public Works has begun taking down trees to make way for the library.

Chris Rain had a conversation with William Chipoco from FC Pocono about the soccer club using the field at Echo Lake Park more frequently. FC Pocono is rebranding as FCPA. He provided Mr. Chipoco with the reservation paperwork and will work out a schedule with him.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** No report.

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**Litter and Beautification:** The planters on Rt. 209 are very healthy and several people have heard comments from realtors and the general public that appreciate the effort to beautify the road. Chris Rain sent out RFPs to Richards Tree Farm, Regina Farms, and Strauser Nature's Helpers to ask for proposals to plant and care for 20 planters. The letter asked for proposals to be submitted by July 12.

**EMC Regional Parks:** The as build done by Jon Tresslar matches the plans approved by the MCCD. Mr. Tresslar was on vacation until July 8, but state he would contact John Motts at MCCD once he returned for direction on how to proceed. Mike Dwyer instructed Chris Rain to open the park in the meantime.

**Announcements:** The committee approved the appointment of Jaime Frailey to chair of the Parks Committee, replacing Jenna Componovo who resigned at the June 2019 meeting.

The second Monday in November is the 11<sup>th</sup>, which is a holiday. The committee approved holding the November Parks Committee meeting on Tuesday November 12 at 6:30pm instead.

Middle Smithfield Township is working with the USDA to spray for spotted lanternfly in all of the township's properties. The general public can also apply for this service. The spaying is not yet scheduled, but should take place sometime in 2019 or 2020.

### Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Meet with Dan Timpson at Community Gardens about plot rebuilding.
  - Open the bike park
  - Coordinate certification training with Spirit Rutzler at the August 12 parks meeting.
  - Work with Mr. Chipoco on a schedule at Echo Lake Park for FCPA.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday August 12, 2019 at 6:30pm at Community Gardens Park. Dan Timpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Michelle Dellavalle seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison