



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – September 14, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on September 14, 2020 at the Township Building and began at 6:40pm with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Javon Hilaire (by Zoom), Belinda Basnight (by Zoom), Laura Massaro (by Zoom). Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Vicky Staples (by Zoom).

Javon Hilaire made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Laura Massaro seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Events:** 1000 Feet of Street began on 9/1 and is being promoted online and by email and phone call. Volunteers have already come for supplies and some have already cleaned roads. The program will continue until 10/31.

Trunk or Treat (10/24) will be laid out the same as previous years, but with more space between vehicles to allow for social distancing. Chris is waiting for the Board of Education to approve the facility use application for the event. If they do not approve it, the event will have to move to Echo Lake Park. The public will be required to preregister for the event on [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). The event will be from 12pm to 3pm with six 30 minute signup slots limited to 100 participants. More candy and pumpkins will be purchased this year to ensure that we do not run out.

Tree Lighting (11/28) – Chris provided an overview of the area. The public will view fireworks from the area around the new building. The township is waiting for a proposal from Mike Reade for the lights. Photos with Santa will take place in the community room, with the public entering through the side and exiting through the front. Masks will be required and sitting on Santa's lap will not be allowed. Families will enter for their photos one at a time. Candles will be handed out as people leave the building. Parking will be in the new lot and at the church. Jaime suggested advertising that children bring letters to Santa and "mail" them at the event.

**Community Gardens:** Vicky Staples reported that the bees are bringing in food and are healthy. She treated the hives for mites. She will leave the bees until the first frost, likely in October, and then move them to her home for the winter. Carolyn Jones reported by email that she donated produce from the Outreach beds and that she will prep them for 2021. She requested wood to raise them higher. She and Chauly Younger volunteer to raise them and fill them with soil. Chris Rain reported that rabbit fencing has been delivered from Home Depot and will be installed by volunteers to keep animals from chewing through the fence. Vicky and Annette will coordinate to clean up the shed and install shelving.

**Dog Park:** No report.

**Echo Lake:** Myles McHugh has completed his Eagle Scout Project. He built a balance beam and also installed a new bench at the fitness area. Chris ordered and has received two new double grills for the pavilion.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

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**Litter and Beautification:** No report.

**EMC Regional Parks:** No report.

**Announcements:** None.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday October 12, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Township Building and on Zoom. Javon Hilaire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Jaime Frailey seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison