



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – October 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on October 12, 2020 at the Township Building and began at 6:40pm with Jaime Frailey presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Javon Hilaire, Laura Massaro, Michelle Dellavalle (by Zoom). Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Teray Tucker, Maria Magyar, Sandra Young.

Jaime Frailey made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting. Laura Massaro seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: Teray Tucker and Maria Magyar of the Eastburg Bolts presented their proposal for their youth football and cheerleading organization to use the field at Echo Lake Park in 2021 for practices. The program serves ages 5 through middle school in the East Stroudsburg area. The organization offers field management and maintenance and can provide their own goal posts. They have experience sharing fields with other organizations and would work with FC Pocono to coordinate field usage. The board and supervisors expressed support for the Bolts use of the field.

Events: 1000 Feet of Street began on 9/1 and is being promoted online and by email and phone call. Roughly 100 volunteers have participated as of the meeting. The program will continue until 10/31.

Trunk or Treat (10/24) is now the Halloween Drive Thru. The board of education would not permit the event at Resica. The event will take place at the township building from 12pm to 2pm. Attendees will remain in their cars and will receive prebagged candy, a pumpkin, and a pumpkin decorating kit per child. The committee bagged candy during the meeting. Each of the committee members present expected to attend.

Tree Lighting (11/28) – Chris is waiting for Reade Lighting to send the itemized proposal. If they don't send it by the end of the week he will contact other lighting companies.

Community Gardens: Vicky will remove the bees as the weather gets colder.

Dog Park: No report.

Echo Lake: The township is looking at a completion date of October 26 for the Community Center building.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: Jaime Frailey requested that the Little League be permitted to lock the field gate to prevent ATVs from riding on the field. There was no objection from the township.

Litter and Beautification: The summer plants were removed and replaced with mums in the 209 planters.

EMC Regional Parks: No report.

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Announcements: Annette Atkinson presented the committee with the Economic Development Committee's plan for 2020 Shop Local. A directory and map of township businesses will go out to all residents. Residents will have a chance to win gift cards to local businesses.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday November 9, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Township Building and on Zoom. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Laura Massaro seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison