



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – November 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on November 9, 2020 at the Township Building and began at 6:35pm with Laura Massaro presiding.

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

Laura Massaro made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Belinda Basnight seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None

Events: 1000 Feet of Street officially ended on October 31. Between August and October, approximately 170 volunteers cleaned litter from 42.6 miles of roads (85.2 miles of road side). This is a new record for this program, surpassing the previous record of 39 miles set in the spring of 2019.

The Halloween Drive Thru was very well received. Committee members heard that day and later on social media that many people appreciated the program. Approximately 500 people attended, including over 250 children. Extra pumpkins were donated to Resica Elementary School. Pumpkins and candy were also donated to St. Luke's University Health Network's pediatric unit, thanks to coordination by Belinda Basnight. The Township also gave out extra candy and pumpkins to trick or treaters on Friday 10/30, and about 30 children attended.

The Annual Tree Lighting has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lights will still be in Echo Lake Park. The Township is contacting the local fire companies to coordinate Santa drive-bys. Due to the success of trick or treat on 10/30, the Township will re-bag the remaining Halloween candy into holiday themed bags and advertise the second week of December that children may come to the office to receive holiday candy.

Community Gardens: No report.

Dog Park: No report.

Echo Lake: The new building is nearly complete. The contractor is finishing details.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: No report.

Litter and Beautification: No report.

EMC Regional Parks: Mike Dwyer reported that the supervisors were contact by Supervisor Robert Lovenheim from Smithfield Township. He is working with a contractor to pave the Bike Park. He estimates the work will cost \$10,000. The Middle Smithfield Township supervisors approved of the plan.

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Announcements: Chris Rain gave the committee details for the Township’s annual Adopt a Family. Committee members may choose a gift to purchase, or may contact Chris to choose one for them. Participation is voluntary. Presents are due no later than 12/9/2020.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Community Center. The Committee will reach out to all of the other township committees to invite them for an end-of-year gathering.

Laura Massaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Belinda Basnight seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison