



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – February 8, 2021

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on February 8, 2021 and began at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Belinda Basnight, Jaime Frailey, Javon Hilaire, Laura Massaro. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Jessica van der Vliet, Kathi Connell.

**Reorganization of the Committee:** Jaime Frailey was appointed chair by the Board of Supervisors at their 2021 reorganization meeting. Jaime Frailey made a motion to reappoint Laura Massaro as vice chair and Michelle Dellavalle as secretary. Laura Massaro seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

**Correspondence:** Emailed report from Vicky Staples. See Community Gardens.

**Public Comment:** Kathi Connell and Jessica van der Vliet attended the meeting on Zoom to see how the Township intended to hold spring programs. After hearing the discussion regarding the Eggstravaganza, Saw Creek will also hold their spring event as a drive through.

**Events:** Due to the current economic climate, the Township will not solicit local businesses for sponsorships in 2021. However, some Township vendors have already asked about sponsorships, so Chris Rain will send sponsorship brochures to select Township vendors to sponsor the parks in 2021.

Each of the committee members was appointed to lead one of the parks events for 2021 as follows:

- Eggstravaganza, 3/27 – Belinda Basnight
- 1000 Feet of Street, 4/24 – Laura Massaro
- 1000 Feet of Street, 9/25 – Jaime Frailey
- Trunk or Treat, 10/23 – Javon Hilaire
- Tree Lighting, 11/27 – Michelle Dellavalle

Eggstravaganza will be held at the Township office as a drive through using the same layout as the Halloween Drive Thru in October 2020. Committee should plan to attend the March parks meeting in person to fill bags for the event. There are three Dog Trainings scheduled for 2021 on 5/15, 7/10, and 9/18.

**Community Gardens:** Vicky Staples reported by email that she fed the bees at the end of January and they are still doing well. Chris Rain reported that most of the gardeners have returned their forms to reserve their garden plots for 2021. There was no report from the Master Gardeners, who are still not holding in person classes at this time.

**Dog Park:** The ice rink was not set up in December due to the warm weather. The ground now has over a foot of snow. The rink may not be set up this year. Chris Rain hopes to find a location in Echo Lake Park for the rink in future years.

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**Echo Lake:** Chris Rain submitted a grant proposal for \$2500 on 1/31 to 1% for Nature. If awarded, the grant will fund a project to resurface and expand several sections of the walking trail at Echo Lake Park. Grant awards will be announced sometime in March.

**Judy Putek:** No report.

**Resica:** No report.

**Litter and Beautification:** The 209 planters were collected and are at the office for planting in the spring.

**EMC Regional Parks:** Chris Rain will follow up with the supervisors at Smithfield Township on their plans to improve the pump track at Rivers Edge and report back to the committee.

**Announcements:** Belinda Basnight reported that she is unable to attend the meeting in April.

### Individual Action Items:

- **Committee:** Attend the March 8 meeting in person, if possible, to fill bags for Eggstravaganza.
- **Belinda Basnight:** Coordinate with Chris Rain on planning the Eggstravaganza.
- **Chris Rain:** Follow up with Smithfield Township on their project at Rivers Edge.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Laura Massaro seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison