



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – May 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on May 10, 2021 and began at 6:37pm 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.

Javon Hilaire made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Belinda Basnight seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None.

Events: 1000 Feet of Street continues to be active with volunteers still coming in to collect supplies to clean up areas around the township. Laura Massaro has made calls from the list Chris Rain provided at the April meeting.

Mike Dwyer reported that people have expressed interest in a Touch a Truck event. The Committee believe this could be an easily planned event for sometime in September. Trucks and equipment from the township, fire, ambulance, and possibly police could be available for an afternoon at Echo Lake Park.

Belinda Basnight suggested that a volunteer fair – a job fair, but for organizations looking for volunteers – might be well received. The Committee expressed interest and will discuss further.

Community Gardens: Vicky did not provide an update on the bees, but they are believed to be doing well. The Penn State Extension gave the Master Gardeners permission to start doing in person classes again, so MST hopes to start coordinating classes with them again. The water tanks are now being filled weekly, and compost will be available soon. The Committee discussed installing a ground level electric fence around the perimeter of the garden fence to mitigate animal intrusion, including across the gates. There is also wire fencing available that volunteers can help to put up to stop animals from chewing through.

Dog Park: The first training of 2021 with David Henon is on Saturday May 15 at 11am.

Echo Lake: New mulch was put down at the playground.

Judy Putek: Jim Vogt, Monroe County Master Watershed Steward Coordinator, Penn State Extension informed Chris Rain that the grant they applied for from PA American Water was approved. They will use it to install a Live Stake Nursery at Judy Putek Park. Chris Rain hopes to schedule a site visit with Mr. Vogt in the coming weeks and planting is expected in the fall.

Resica: New mulch was put down at the playground. The sign and potholes reported by Jaime Frailey at the April meeting have been repaired by the township road crew.

Litter and Beautification: The 209 planters will be planted and put into place in May, no later than Memorial Day weekend.

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EMC Regional Parks: Chris Rain reported that Dirtsculpt has been at the bike park doing their restoration work. He does not have a timeline for completion, but hopes it will be ready to ride by Memorial Day.

Announcements: A letter was sent to Michelle Dellavalle asking for her to contact the Township no later than April 30. She did not make contact. Her seat on the Committee is now vacant and Committee members and the Township will look for a replacement.

Individual Action Items:

- **All:** Refer candidates for the Committee vacancy to Chris Rain.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday June 14, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jaime Frailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Laura Massaro seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison