



## Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – October 18, 2021

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on October 18, 2021 and began at 6:32pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jaime Frailey presiding.

**In attendance were:** Committee Members: Jaime Frailey, Javon Hilaire, Laura Massaro, Maureen Krinsky. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain. Public: Kristen Willis, Zack Plue.

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

**Correspondence:** Kristen Willis submitted a letter and resume expressing her interest in filling the vacancy on the parks committee. All members of the committee indicated support for her appointment to the committee.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Events:** Trunk or Treat has 11 vehicles signed up. Aardvark Entertainment will provide activities and Raven Entertainment will provide balloon animals. Javon and Kristen will attend. A friend of Jaime's will also attend with her kids to volunteer for the event.

Tree Lighting is Saturday 11/27. Mike Divers of Pennsylvania Lawn & Landscape Christmas Décor will hang the lights. Celebration Fireworks will provide the fireworks. Chris will have the candles and labels at the 11/8 parks meeting for assembly. The event will take place in the new parking lot rather than around the pavilion and Santa will meet visitors in the community room. Zach Plue of Bright Ideas Interior Design will meet with Chris Rain and Mike Dwyer at the community center to put together a decoration plan, and traffic plan to maintain distance between the public and Santa while still allowing photos.

**Community Gardens:** The gardeners indicated support for gate locks. Chris purchased and programmed gate locks and will send out the code to all the gardeners. Public Works will also install trail cams and camera signage at the park for additional security. The gate locks will be installed by Friday 10/22. Vicky emailed to state that the bees are doing well and she plans to keep them at the gardens over the winter.

**Dog Park:** David Henon will be back for three free dog trainings in 2022.

**Echo Lake:** The rain garden installation planned for 10/21/21 is postponed. It will be rescheduled for later in the fall or in spring 2022.

**Judy Putek:** The Master Watershed Stewards installed their trees for the live stake nursery. Signage will be installed soon.

**Resica:** No report.

**Litter and Beautification:** The 8 new planters for Rt 209 were delivered and are in storage until spring. Chris planted mums in all the existing planters. Volunteers are still out cleaning up litter on several roads for 1000 Feet of Street.

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**EMC Regional Parks:** Pocono Area Cycling Trails (PACT) will host a fundraiser on Saturday 10/30/21 at Rivers Edge Bike Park. Funds will benefit PACT's maintenance projects at bike trails and parks in Monroe County. Chris has assisted PACT in advertising the event.

**Announcements:** The Red Cross has a blood drive at the Community Center on Friday 10/22/21. As of 10/18, there are only two appointments left available.

## **Individual Action Items:**

- **All:** Attend Trunk or Treat Sat 10/23.
  - Attend 11/8 committee meeting in person if possible to help assemble candles
- **Chris Rain:** Coordinate meeting with Zach Plue, re: decoration at the community center for Tree Lighting
  - Speak to Michele Clewell, re: appointment of Kristen Willis to the parks committee

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on November 8, 2021 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Laura Massaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm. Maureen Krinsky seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain  
Parks and Recreation Liaison