



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – April 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on April 3, 2023 and began at 6:33pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building with Jaime Smith presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Debbie Kulick, Jaime Smith, Laura Massaro, Kristen Willis Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson MST Liaison: Chris Rain

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the agenda. Laura Massaro seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Debbie Kulick made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Laura Massaro seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence: An email was received from Vicki Staples, beekeeper at the Community Gardens and was discussed in the Community Gardens section.

Public Comment: None.

Parks Sponsorships: Chris Rain reported that he and Annette Atkinson had worked on a way to combine parks sponsorships with sponsorships for other township events. This was now ready to go so sponsorship packets will go out in the mail within the next week.

Events: Kristen Willis reported that the Eggstravaganza went very well. The event was moved to Sunday April 2 due to bad weather on April 1. She said the kids were very excited about the hunts and that it was more fun than just having the games. Attendance was good with a few hundred kids, similar to previous years. Debbie Kulick suggested that if in the future we must move an event to a Sunday that it begin at 1pm to give people attending church time to get there.

1000 Feet of Street is Saturday April 22. Chris Rain reported that he has been emailing volunteers and has some signed up. Chris has Chrissy Fellmeth making phone calls. Kristen Willis and Laura Massaro stated they would be there on April 22. Jaime Smith and Debbie Kulick both said maybe.

Parks Survey: Chris Rain reported that he had made lawn signs with information and the QR code to the survey that were out at Eggstravaganza and that he got a handful of responses over the weekend from them. Kristen Willis stated that she had encouraged people to take the survey at the event, but there wasn't a lot of interest. Chris Rain will put the signs out at all of the parks to encourage parks visitors to take the survey.

Community Gardens: Chris Rain stated that he hopes that the master gardeners will be able to start some in-person classes at the gardens again this year. Vicky Staples reported by email that the bees will be moved in at the end of April. She also reported that she had her 4H club kids paint bees on the hives. Photos were provided to the committee. Vicky will also conduct beekeeping demonstrations for the public once a month from May to September.

Dog Park: Mike Dwyer reported that a pipe will be installed connecting to the sewer plant behind the dog park. This may temporarily disrupt the park. Chris Rain reported that there are three dog trainings scheduled in May, July, and September.

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Echo Lake: Chris Rain reported that the Bigbelly solar trash compactors were finally delivered and have been set up in Echo Lake Park. One is near the library and the other is by the playground. One of the BearSaver cans that was by the playground has been moved to the baseball field at Resica Park.

Judy Putek: No report.

Resica: Chris Rain reported that the BearSaver trash can from Echo Lake Park was moved to the baseball field at Resica Park, per the little league's request. Jaime Smith thanked the township and asked whether the trash can would be on the parks maintenance's regular collection. Mike Dwyer said yes.

Litter and Beautification: Chris Rain stated he was starting to think about planting the 209 planters, but it was still early. The township will get plants after Mothers Day and have the planters out before Memorial Day. Debbie Kulick stated that she would ask if any members of the Rotary Club were interested in helping to plant. Members of the committee also expressed interest.

EMC Regional Parks: Mike Dwyer reported that the supervisors had met with Smithfield Township supervisors about a proposal from the Smithfield Township engineer to fix the problems at Rivers Edge Bike Park noted by the Monroe County Conservation District. Middle Smithfield agreed to half the cost of the engineering. The project will go out to bid shortly.

Announcements: None.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Middle Smithfield Township Building. Jaime Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Debbie Kulick seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chris Rain
Middle Smithfield Township