



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – November 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on November 7, 2016 and began at 6:35pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Danielle Cloward and Jaime Frailey presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Michelle Dellavalle, Jaime Frailey, Danielle Cloward. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer. Members of the Public: Lisa Fernandez. MST Liaison: Holly Freese (subbing for Christopher Rain).

Jaime Frailey made a motion to accept the minutes. Danielle Cloward seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jenna Componovo opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

Correspondence: None.

Resica: Trunk or Treat, 10/22 – The event was successful, with 300 children attending. The possibility of moving Trunk or Treat to Whispering Pines in 2017 was discussed, to weatherproof the event. Each registrant would get a spot in the dining room. The main concern is parking, which must be left open for golfers, but there is plenty of parking available at the north clubhouse. A hayride could be done from the CCP North Clubhouse parking lot down to the banquet hall.

Chris met with Keystone Fence on 11/4 and is awaiting a proposal for fencing in the back field.

Community Gardens: A letter is going out this month to all gardeners about preparing for winter and registering for the 2017 growing season. The Township will try to provide manure and compost so that gardeners can prepare their beds for next year. Manure usually comes from a farm on Brushy Mountain Road, but Danielle has a friend in Saylorsburg who could also provide some.

The Master Gardeners are compiling a schedule of classes for 2017. A list with notes was provided of all of their event ideas and is attached.

The Master Gardeners are also planning out their 10' x 10' plot, and hope to have a resident gardener on site. The current focus is on getting permits and planning for Phase 2, which will incorporate another acre and will hopefully include a small dog park, trail, playground expansion, etc. Regina Farms also has free compost bins, which the Township will get for the gardens.

Judy Putek: No report.

Echo Lake: Tree Lighting, 11/26 – Candles will be given out to adults, kids will receive candy canes. Pictures with Santa will be available. Mike Reade is setting up the lights. The line must be laid out to condense the amount of time. The set up should be reversed from last year to improve crowd control. Volunteers will hand out programs and candles. Cookies have been tried, but are too difficult to pull off. We will accept donations for Bushkill Outreach and Toys for Tots. If they are interested, perhaps the Person of the Year can help Santa light the tree.

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Dog Park: Due to insurance, the ice rink needs fencing and lighting, and will be set up in the small dog area for the winter.

EMC Regional Parks: If all material is ready, work can start as soon as it thaws in spring. Small skills section— under 10 years old. Small dirt ramps, basic trails, etc. Future improvements include advanced skills section and non-active section. Committee should try to think of activities to bring in to Mt. Nebo.

Litter and Beautification: 1000 Feet of Street, 10/15 – The event was successful with 92 volunteers cleaning over 14 miles of road.

Park Signage: On hold until January.

Announcements: The committee was invited to the Volunteer/Person of the Year dinner. The committee will meet again in December, skip January, and meet again in February.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Continue to plan the Tree Lighting.
- **Committee:**
 - Come up with ideas for Mt. Nebo.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday December 5, 2016 at 6:30pm. Danielle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm. Jaime seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison