



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – December 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on December 5, 2016 and began at 6:32pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

In attendance were: Committee Members: Jenna Componovo (left early), Jaime Frailey, Dan Timpson (arrived late), Danielle Cloward. Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer. Members of the Public: Pat Zeman. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain.

Jenna Componovo made a motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting. Jaime Frailey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Correspondence: Christmas cards to the Township were received from Leroy Lewis.

Resica: A bid from Keystone Fence Northeast was received for the back field at Resica Park for \$14,750, which is a larger amount than anticipated. The Committee will look into other bids.

Community Gardens: The Master Gardeners are planning several events for 2017 starting with a meet and greet on February 25 at the Township Building. Other events include a St. Patrick's Day event on 3/18, a picnic in the summer, and a harvest event in October. A full list will be ready for the Committee at the February meeting after Pat Zeman reviews it with her chapter president. The Township will help to provide supplies for some of the events. The Master Gardeners are also planning for the 10x10 garden plot. A computerized layout will hopefully be finished in time for the February meeting.

Judy Putek: No report.

Echo Lake: Tree Lighting, 11/26 – The attendance was around 500, double the expected amount. There were no accidents this year. It was a very well received event. The staff and Supervisors already met to discuss ways to improve some of the traffic and crowd control issues. Ideas included moving the event to 6pm to allow the constables time to get from St. John's to the park, using the church parking lot in addition to the mall, building a queue to see Santa to control the line, making the program into a picture holder, and possibly add fireworks. True Value's parking lot could also be used for additional parking.

The mulch for the new swings was delivered on 12/5, and more came than was ordered. The extra will be spread around to the other parks. The swings will hopefully be installed by the end of the week.

Dog Park: The Ice Rink has been installed and filled. There has been some negative reaction to the placement from the people who use the dog park. They don't like that they can't use the small dog area over the winter, even though the large dog area remains open. Someone even broke the lock to get into the small dog area, which has been replaced. Leroy Lewis reports any incidents. Also, on 12/5, the Swiftwater police called the Township to report an incident in which a dog bit another dog and its owner. The Township is aware of the incident, but will not follow up.

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EMC Regional Parks: There has been forward motion on the bike park. Clearing of the property was requested by Smithfield Township, and the fencing has been purchased. Despite earlier belief by the EMCR Committee, the \$16,000 grant from the Planning Commission does not need to be used by year's end. Construction should begin in the spring.

Larry Shoemaker (MST) and Rich Cullen (ST) recently resigned from the Committee. Susan Cooper (DWG) also resigned earlier this year. This leaves only 4 members on the committee. The townships will look into filling those vacancies.

Litter and Beautification: The \$3 million multi modal grant announcement is scheduled for 12/6/16 and the Supervisors are confident that it will be awarded to MST. This grant will fund the sidewalk project proposed along Milford Road.

Park Signage: Mock ups of the new signage should be ready for review at the February meeting. A resident asked at the Tree Lighting about the leash laws at the Township, which will be included on all new signage. Dogs may not be off their leashes except in the fenced areas at the Dog Park.

Announcements: Each member of the committee was provided with a worksheet on the 2017 Parks events. The Committee is asked to make notes on each scheduled event as well as notes on proposed events, and bring their thoughts to the meeting in February. Each committee member will also volunteer to act as Event Leader to assist in the planning and preparation of one of the yearly events. Ideas will be discussed at the February meeting.

Danielle Cloward is taking classes toward her master's degree at ESU in 2017. She will have Monday classes starting in February through May and possibly through the summer as well. She may phone into most meetings or arrive late during this time.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:** Create mockups of the new park signage for Committee review.
- **Committee:** Make notes regarding the 2017 events for discussion at the February meeting

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday February 6, 2017 at 6:30pm. Jaime made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Danielle seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison