



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Work Session – June 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on June 6, 2016 and began at 6:40 at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding. The board did not have a quorum, but discussed the items on the agenda.

In attendance were:

- Parks and Recreation Board Members: Jenna Componovo, Danielle Cloward
- Board of Supervisors: Mike Dwyer
- MST Liaison: Christopher Rain

Correspondence – Emails from Jaime Frailey and Dan Timpson with updates on their parks. See below.

Minutes – Board did not have quorum. Minutes from the May 2 meeting were not voted on.

Resica:

Email from Jaime. She has not made headway on the new sign yet. The league is looking to rededicate the park to a coach who died in 2015. Jenna and Mike questioned whether the whole park was dedicated to anyone, or if it was just the softball field. Chris and Mike will look into it. The fence around the back field hasn't been built yet. Jaime and Cory will coordinate to measure it out.

Community Gardens:

Danielle gave a brief report on the Subcommittee meeting. New signage at the park was discussed, as well as the broken front gate. Michelle has not yet sent Chris her notes from the meeting. Mike will ask the planning board if we can get rid of it. The Garden ribbon cutting went well with around 30 in attendance for the classes and ribbon cutting and some stayed for the beekeeping demonstration after. Danielle said people asked for those two classes to be rescheduled and that a flower arranging class might be popular.

Judy Putek:

Email from Dan. He noted that the garbage can was gone from Judy Putek. Mike said that it was removed because the neighbors were disposing of household trash in it.

Echo Lake:

The ribbon cutting/dedication was a success. A lot of good publicity was generated by the Pocono Record, TV13, and WNEP for the park and the memorial. Mike said that the parking lot will be expanded this week by removing some of the trees and grass. If we expand it more, we will eventually need a fence along 209. Jenna asked about the timeline for building bathrooms. Mike said we need the grants, which are supposed to be awarded in June. Mike also said that we may need to look into buying some new trees soon because some of the trees around the parking lot and the pavilion were planted too close together and are looking sickly.

Dog Park:

Chris Rain 6/6/2016

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Chris heard from Dustin Diaz that he is ready to start building his flagpole area, which he will work on most of the summer.

Litter and Beautification – Nothing

Park Signage:

Chris put together some of the old park rules and a rough draft of what the new signage might look like. Each board member should consider updates to their own park's rules and what they might like to see on the sign. Danielle asked that no smoking be added to all park rules and Mike agreed.

Chris also handed out copies of the program that was provided at the Gardens ribbon cutting, and copies of the Parks brochure that is now available in the realtor boxes at Echo Lake, Resica, and the Gardens.

At the August meeting, all of the plans for each of the parks will be available for the committee to go over in order to start scheduling future improvements.

Announcements – None.

Individual Action Items:

- Chris will:
 - Contact ESASD to see if Resica as a whole is dedicated to a person, or just the ballfield.
 - Coordinate with Jaime and Cory to measure out the fence for the back field at Resica.
 - Get digital copies of the park plans to the committee members before August meeting so they can go over them in advance.
- Mike will:
 - Contact people to see if anyone knows if Resica is already dedicated to someone.
 - Ask the planning commission if we can just get rid of the front gate at the Gardens.
- All committee members will:
 - Review the digital plans of the parks that Chris will provide.
 - Have suggestions for future park improvements.
 - Propose ideas for rules and text that they would like to see on the new signage for the parks. Each member is responsible for their own park (but may offer suggestions for any park).

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Monday August 1, 2016 at 6:30pm. There will be no meeting in July due to the July 4th holiday. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain

Parks and Recreation Liaison