



Minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee – August 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee was held on August 1, 2016 and began at 6:35pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Jenna Componovo presiding.

In attendance were:

Committee Members: Jenna Componovo, Michelle Dellavalle, Jaime Frailey, Dan Timpson. Board of Supervisors: Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer. Members of the Public: Carolyn Jones, Pat Zeman, Troy Frailey, Paula Shick. MST Liaison: Christopher Rain

There were no changes to minutes of the May 2 or June 6 meetings. Jaime Frailey made a motion to accept the minutes. Michelle Dellavalle seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Correspondence: Chris Rain received an email from Nature's Path regarding the Gardens for Good Grant. MST was not selected to advance to the next round of the grant process. We will try again for the grant in 2017.

Resica: Trunk or Treat, 10/22 – The time will be Noon to 2. The rain date will be October 23. MST will purchase candy for 300 participants and will be available as long as supplies last. Surplus money from the egg hunt will go toward buying candy. Face painting, sand art, and spin art were all popular and will be repeated. The pumpkins will be offloaded into the field for people to take. There were 8 or 10 cars last year. We will try for the same or more this year. We will use a stamp system to know who has gone around for candy already.

Chris will coordinate a meeting between Cory and Jaime to measure out the back field for a fence, which should be installed by softball season in the spring. Jaime is working to get lights installed, possibly donated by MetEd or Seth Richards. Research suggests that only the field, not the entire park, was dedicated to Bonsor. Possibly if the dedication for the park can be for Bonsor, and the field rededicated to Val Lichtenstein, everyone will be happy. All improvements will be done with the approval of ESASD, who owns the property.

Community Gardens: Michelle will submit the minutes from the subcommittee meeting as soon as possible. The main concern from that meeting was an up-to-date map of the site and future improvements (Attached)

The Master Gardeners will take the lead on tending the proposed Master Gardener Area. Programs can include gardening for children, which can also be done in the boxes dedicated to the Bushkill Outreach. This program will be led by the Master Gardeners as well as Paula Shick and Danielle Cloward. The Master Gardeners will also run a Master Gardener in Residence program, where a Master Gardener will be at the Community Gardens, starting on a weekly basis for questions and instruction, with presence reduced as the season progresses. MG Pat Zeman will get back to the Committee about their plans.

More signage was recommended on how to turn off the water and to remind the public to close the gates. A volunteer program including scouts and softball could be organized to do weeding around the beds.

Judy Putek: Fallon Horan from the Planning Commission has been working on mapping park trails. She discovered that the trails at the back of Judy Putek are on Pocono Palace property. There is no known agreement with Pocono Palace regarding the trails, so they should be contacted.

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Echo Lake: The “big kid” swings will be in the trees behind the playground. A temporary ice rink was proposed to the Committee, available on Amazon.com for \$325. Chris will contact Stroud to see what they have and how much it cost before making a purchase. Starting on 8/1, Public Works removed trees from around the parking lot to expand the available parking area. The area will be graded and graveled later this year. Fallon Horan created a map of our disc golf course, which was attached for the committee to view and is now available at Echo Lake for visitors. There have been complaints about the cleanliness of the porta potties. Chris will contact All State Septic about additional cleanings. An Eagle Scout project to install fitness stations around the nature trail was proposed. An Art in the Park program was proposed for development, and could be organized as a subcommittee event.

Dog Park: Dustin Diaz completed his flagpole area for his Eagle Scout project in July. Photos were attached to the agenda for the Committee to view.

Litter and Beautification: 1000 Feet of Street, 10/15 – Coolbaugh Road was suggested as one of the roads to clean this time, but no kids because of the danger.

Park Signage: The addition of the park hours and “No Smoking” to the park rules was reiterated. No other recommendations to additions to the park signage were made.

Park Plans: The Committee reviewed the park plans sent to them by email in July. Lowes approached MST about volunteer work and could be tapped for improvements at the parks. Bathrooms and other improvements are in the works pending grant funding.

Announcements: If anyone sees any grants, they are encouraged to pass them along to the Committee.

Individual Action Items:

- **Chris:**
 - Coordinate a meeting between Cory and Jaime to measure out the back field for a fence
 - Research and purchase the ice rink for Echo Lake
 - Work with BYO to purchase and install “big kid” swings at Echo Lake
 - Contact John Ferro and Pocono Palace about agreement regarding Judy Putek
- **Jaime** will continue to look into lights for Resica field and rededicating field to Val Lichtenstein
- **Michelle** will provide Chris with Gardens Subcommittee minutes

To avoid gaps between meetings, Jenna moved to schedule meetings in months where the first Monday is a holiday to the following day. Jaime seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be held on Tuesday September 6, 2016 at 6:30pm. Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Jenna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christopher Rain
Parks and Recreation Liaison