

Middletown Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes for the Meeting of January 26, 2010:

- The final version of the Rules and Regulations for the Community Vegetable Garden at the Wiles Branch Park was submitted for review. Burgess Miller, Commissioners Bussard, Falcinelli and Dietrick were in attendance and provided comment and feedback.
- The Committee members along with the Burgess and Commissioners had further discussion regarding the trail signage specifically with regard to Wiles Branch Park but generally as well to the other existing trails throughout the Town. It was agreed that we would utilize the vertical post design for the trail signage. The exact distances of each trail will appear on the signs as well as a name designation for the specific trail.
- Lewis Corl will discuss with Drew Bowen the pursuing funding through the Federal Safe Trails Program. In addition, it is understood the State of Maryland as a similar program. Lewis will ask Drew to investigate this further. However, everyone recognized that given the States budgetary woes the likelihood of such being available is slim to none.
- The Committee brought up the subject of possible renovating/cleanup of the small pond on the east Wiles Branch Park. Commissioner Bussard volunteered to obtain some estimate for the cost of the clean up.
- It was agreed to by the Burgess, Commissioners and Committee to hold a joint meeting in April to discuss the yearly allocation of POS funding. The Committee also felt that it would be good to have a 5 year plan for projects that would be appropriate for such funding.
- It was announced that Kathy Barylski, a troop leader of one of the Girl Scout troops in town has asked if her troop could plant a tree in Town. The Committee will ask Drew/Cindy Uganst to suggest a suitable location for the planting.
- We ask the Quarterly Newsletter continue to encourage to citizens to fully utilize our parks and to remind the scouts of its available.
- Joan Scott will be asked to remind the scouts of the availability of Wiles Branch Park for camp outs. She will also solicit from designs for a fire pit.
- Joan Scott submitted a survey template to assist in ascertaining the needs and interests of residents over the age of 55. It is a work in progress.
- The Committee also discussed the possibility of creating some type of nature center at the Wiles Branch Park which could serve as an educational tool for the community.