

Minutes Middletown Parks & Recreation Committee- Tues Oct 20, 2009
Present: Tony Ventre, Pam Dietrick, Lewis Corl, Jerry Ziemba.

1. **Letters of Appreciation.** The Committee voted to request that the Town Board respectively send a letter of appreciation to (1) Lewis Corl for his work on establishing the Primary School Walkway; and (2) Pam Dietrick for her untiring efforts on bringing a skateboard spot to the Middletown County Park.

2. **Possible safety issue at Wiles Branch.** Rick Dietrick pointed out a possible safety issue in Wiles Branch Park where the walking path nears the Catocin Creek. We asked Rick to follow through with Drew and see if some sort of safety railing may be installed at that location.

3. **Primary School Walking Trail amenities.** Lewis was asked to identify amenities that might be installed on this trail, once established. Some suggestions were: (1) Make it accessible, including provisions for possible curbing, entrance and exit areas; (2) Low level lights; (3) benches; (4) wild flowers.

4. **Committee will focus on Wiles Branch Park.** The Committee decided to focus its attention on Wiles Branch until June 30, 2010. We plan to meet at 9:00AM on Sat Nov 7 to personally survey the Wiles Branch Park to see if we might have some suggested enhancements/improvements, like a wild flower area, benches, etc. In an effort to bring more attention to Wiles Branch Park, the Committee had some suggestions: (2) the Town Board mention at its meeting that Boy Scout groups are welcome to have overnight campouts after registering with the Town office; (2) the Parks & Recreation Committee write a letter to the various Boy Scout/Cub Scout groups that the Wiles Branch Park is available for an overnight campout. [Joan: Will you coordinate the latter item, in coordination with Drew re registering, etc.]

5. **Soccer field Use at Wiles Branch Park.** Tony will call Brian at MVAA and Drew to see if Wiles Branch is being utilized.

6. **Town waking trails.** Tony will ask Drew to make up a reasonably sized Town map which shows existing Town trails (i.e. Foxfield, Wiles Branch, etc) and proposed trails (through Foxfield Parkway; along Glenbrook Parkway; connection to proposed Remsberg Park walkway to be connected to future Primary School walkway; connection to a route through Cone Branch subdivision to Middletown County Park walkway, possible proposed walkway in the County Park to connect to Foxfield walkway.) Lewis will also work with Drew to come up with a reasonably sized map that the Committee may "read" without a magnifying glass.

7. **Coordination with Planning Committee on Proposed Walking trails, particularly on the Foxfield Parkway.** Tony will bring up this matter with the Planning Committee to insure that any future plans for the AC Jet property, of annexed, would incorporate a waking trail.

8. **Proposed benches in Town.** This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

9. **"Log" benches and Children's Garden in Memorial Park.** Pam will make a sketch or take a picture of the proposed bench and will also develop a Memorial Park true-to-scale "Map" to show the relative places of the bench and garden with the other Park amenities.

10. Rules for use of the proposed Pizza garden at Wiles Branch. Pam developed the proposed rules with suggestions by Joan. The Committee will review and discuss further at the next meeting.

11. **Invite Dottie Engle to next meeting.** This year the Committee will focus on developing amenities and/or activities geared for seniors in the Town Parks and possibly in the County Park. In this regard, Pam will invite Dottie, long associated with seniors, to our next meeting on Tues Nov 17 to discuss ideas.

12. **Other possible Senior activities.** Jerry will bring info on the senior Nerf Ball; Lewis will bring info on the "Two-Balls-tied-with-a-rope" toss.

Jerry Ziemba

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