

Minutes of Middletown Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting for April 20, 2010.  
Present were Tony Ventre and Pam Dietrick:

Sprague Cook Scout Leader for Troop 476 and his Eagle Scout candidate(s) attended our meeting to discuss the nature exhibit project for Wiles Branch Park. Also we use this as an opportunity to discuss the construction of a fire pit. Alexander Cook is one of the candidates and there may be one other scout to join in the endeavor but Scout Leader Cook and Alexander enthusiastically accepted our invitation to take this on as an Eagle Scout project. Alexander will submit his proposed plan and budget by the end of May. The Committee agreed to utilize the Middletown Community Fund Founded by Natelli Communities for the recreational, cultural and social needs of Middletown residents.

Drew Bowen has contacted the Frederick Community Foundation and they are sending him the application for the **Middletown Community Fund**. Once he receives the application it will be forwarded to the Parks Committee. The applications are then reviewed by the Foundation and a determination is made regarding grants. It should be noted that there is a little over \$1,400.00 in the account and is being depleted by a service/management fee (?).

Update on the Wiles Branch Park Pond renovation.  
Commissioner Bussard did meet with a contractor for renovations to the pond at Wiles Branch Park "North". The contractor is meeting with the Catocin Soil Conservation, the agency that has to grant approval of this type of work, to find out all the necessary requirements before providing a cost estimate for the project. Commission Bussard said as soon as he receives the cost estimate he will provide a copy to the Parks Committee.

Status update on the acquisition of an easement for the walking trail to the primary school from Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt the new owners of 504 East Main Street.  
Drew Bowen has reached out to the current owners to solicit their interest, if any, in allowing the Town to acquire an easement across their property in order to complete the walking trail to the primary school. Attached is the letter to the new property owners at 504 East Main Street for your information.

POS Funding for 2011 – while it looks very bleak which is probably an understatement but the Committee feels that we should put forward a project anyway in order to be in the queue in the unlikely event that monies are released. The Committee would recommend asking for Funding for trail signage along the walking path in Foxfield.



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April 20, 2010

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**RE: PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CONE BRANCH CREEK**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt:

The Town of Middletown began investigating the feasibility of installing a walking/biking trail from East Main Street to the Middletown Primary School in the spring of 2008. As a part of the research and at the direction of the Town Board, staff contacted all property owners along the proposed pathway to inquire as to their interest in either providing an easement and/or sale of property toward the project.

Since you have recently purchased the property at 504 East Main Street, the Town would like the opportunity to discuss the project and possible purchase of the two (2) parcels you own adjacent to Cone Branch Creek.

I would be glad to meet with you at a time and date that are convenient. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301.371.6171 Ext. 12.

Sincerely,  
**Burgess and Commissioners  
Middletown, Maryland**

Andrew J. Bowen  
Town Administrator

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