

Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on June 8, 2016 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Al Quasti, Tony Ruggieri, Jim Early, Linda Brooks, Kim Greene Angelo Grasso and Board Liaison Michael J. Fox. Also in attendance were Greg Reiff (Public Works Foreman), Matt Reimel (Athletics and Recreation Coordinator) and Floyd Shaffer (Recreation Director)

CALL TO ORDER

Angelo Grasso called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Greene made a motion to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes and Jim Early seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Rambo from Weston Fitness was in attendance.

Boy Scout Ryan Voron of Troop 84 and his mother were in attendance. Brian is working towards his Communications Merit Badge.

PARK UPDATE

Public Works Foreman Greg Reiff provided pictures of the newly painted Spring Valley Tennis Courts. The lower two courts nets will be hung on Thursday June 9th and re-open to the public. The upper two courts will re-open by the end of the month.

At Spring Valley Park by the bathrooms there have been 6 dead trees removed in the last year. There was some concern about replacing them. Public Works Foreman Greg Reiff will bring the project up to the Shade Tree Commission to see if that is a project that they would like to take on.

At Windlestrae Park (Henning's Field) several dead trees have been reported near the pumping station. Public Works Foreman Greg Reiff explained that the trees belong to Neshaminy Falls and that he would contact them regarding "dropping" the dead trees.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Public Works Foreman Greg Reiff reported that the cracks were filled at the Orchards and Pickleball painting may now begin.

RECREATION UPDATE

Athletics and Recreation Coordinator Matt Reimel reported the monthly programs and their attendance.

Recreation Director Floyd Shaffer reported the membership totals. He also reported the opening of the Spray Park and that it has been received very well. It is very unique and we are lucky to have it. His plan now is to try and recruit some of the attendees into the building.

OLD BUSINESS

Angelo Grasso asked for an update on last month's public comment pertaining to the Handicap accessibility of Whistlestop fields. Recreation Director Floyd Shaffer met with the resident to update her on the situation. He also reported that MTBSA has adjusted the schedules, so the same teams are not always playing at that location.

Angelo Grasso asked for an update on last month's public comment pertaining to the resident who complained about outsourcing the Fitness Center. Recreation Director Floyd Shaffer spoke with the resident and resolved the issue.

Michael Fox discussed a temporary fence at Windlestrae during soccer season. The board also discussed having soccer use the field to its length and not sideways on the field closet to Kenas Road.

In the absence of Mike Okino, Athletics and Recreation Coordinator Matt Reimel gave the board an update on the fundraiser drive for the DJ Farrar Tournament in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Ruggieri suggested promotional materials that he saw that Lansdale Borough uses for their programs. Recreation Director Floyd Shaffer replied that we were looking into new ways and ideas of promotion.

Athletics and Recreation Coordinator Matt Reimel reported the numbers for both Adult and Youth Summer Basketball. Both leagues will run this summer with a minimum of 4 teams in each.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. The motion was seconded by Linda Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Community & Recreation Center.

Submitted by Matt Reimel