



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Members in attendance included: Angelo Grasso, Linda Brooks, Jim Earley, and Mike Okino. Also attending were; Board Liaison Mike Fox, Township Manager Larry Gregan, Public Works Director Kevin Costello and Mont CRC Director Floyd S. Shaffer.

**Call to Order**

Angelo Grasso called meeting to order at 7:35PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mike Okino made motion to approve August 10, 2016 meeting minutes; Jim Earley made the second and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Pradyot Yadav returned for an update and detailed presentation of his proposed Eagle Scout project. The task involves constructing a Gaga pit (group game is essentially confined dodgeball). He explained the process of building a permanent structure. The cost of the project was estimated at \$800.00. A discussion regarding the location of the "gaga pit" and liability concerns took place. The Committee agreed that the ultimate construction of the Eagle Scout project will require Board approval at some point in time. Mr. Shaffer will meet with Mr. Yadav prior to the next meeting to discuss the issues raised. He will also investigate alternative projects that might be better suited for an Eagle Scout to do within Montgomery Township Parks.

**Park Activity Update/Capital Projects**

Mr. Costello reported on turf grass issues due to the significant lack of rain this summer.

A discussion and update of the Emerald Ash borer infestation took place. Mr. Costello indicated that the Township has had a significant number of trees that have been infected and the problem is ongoing.

A question regarding the Zika virus and the West Nile virus was posed. Those issues are items that are currently being addressed at the County level.

Memorial Park – Ms. Brooks expressed concern over the condition of Memorial Park. During the discussion the idea of the possibility having an Eagle Scout project take place within in Memorial Park.

Windlestrae Park - Mr. Fox expressed concern regarding the direction of play by the Montgomery United soccer organization at Windlestrae Park. The real possibility of balls being kicked onto Kenus Road exits. Staff will reach out to the organization to make them aware of the potential hazardous condition.

### **Recreation Update**

Mr. Shaffer provided the committee with the monthly Recreation activity update and a printout on Mont CRC membership. He also recapped the first summer of operation of the outdoor Spray Park located at the community center.

### **Old/New Business**

Chairman Grasso reminded the committee that budget season in Montgomery Township is upon us. He asked committee members to bring any Park Capital budget ideas/suggestions to the next meeting for consideration.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Okino and a second by Linda Brooks, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 @ 7:30pm.

Floyd S. Shaffer