



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on May 9, 2012 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene, Michael Okino, Linda Brooks and Mark Angelone. Also in attendance were Larry Gregan (Township Manager), Kevin Costello (Director of Public Works), Ann Shade (Director of Administration and Human Resources) Ginny Bailey (Recreation Secretary) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tony Ruggieri called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Michael Okino made a motion to approve the April 11, 2012 minutes, Mark Angelone seconded the motion and the minutes passed as submitted, 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment from the public present at the meeting.

**PARK COMP PLAN**

Kevin Costello reported that staff met with Matt Shelley from MCPC to review demographics and census information. MCPC will be moving forward with the recommendation portion of the plan and will be interested in returning to a Park Board meeting in the next few months. Tony Ruggieri stated that he sent some additional feedback to Beth Pilling per her request from last month.

**PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Tony Ruggieri requested an update from staff regarding the MUSC Shoot for the Cause Tournament scheduled for 5/19 and 5/20. Larry Gregan stated that the Township had received their tournament permit paperwork on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> and that MUSC was requesting the use of Hennings; Zehr fields 1, 2 and 3; Kenas fields 1 and 2; Rose Twig fields 1 and 2. The Township

recommends that they be approved for Hennings, Kenas 1 and 2 and Zehr 1 and 3, all with single game play only. The Park Board was in agreement with this plan.

Kim Greene made a motion for the Township staff to send a letter to MUSC requesting that all tournaments are held in accordance with our Facilities and Field Use Policy, including the Roger Erb Tournament which has traditionally been held in November.

Kevin Costello reported that the lights at the Windlestrae baseball and soccer fields are reaching their expected life. There are several lights on those fields that need to be replaced as well as lights at the courts at Spring Valley. We plan to have our contractor give us a quote to repair all at the lights at same time that are currently out. Musco Lighting is coming to do an evaluation of the lighting to check the aiming of the lights and to check how effective the lights still are. Kevin Costello recommends that the Park Board consider budgeting for a complete re-lamping of the light fixtures for the sports fields pending the evaluation by Musco.

Tony Ruggieri stated that MTBSA inquired about parking on Claremont Drive during baseball season. Tony Ruggieri informed them that this was not an option and they could park in the lower lot near the tennis courts.

Kevin Costello stated that Mike Fox was going to talk to the Shade Tree Commission about weeding at Memorial Grove. Kevin Costello also reported that mulching at Memorial Grove will be done as an Eagle Scout project.

Kim Greene proposed that the Township request volunteer groups from MTBSA or MUSC do some projects at the park.

Kevin Costello stated that the storage bin at the Spring Valley basketball courts will be there soon.

### **RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker thanked the members of the Park Board for their rapid responses on a few issues that came up over the past few weeks. All members gave their feedback quickly via email and it was appreciated by the Township staff.

Sharon Tucker introduced Ginny Bailey who was in attendance. She is the Recreation Secretary that started with the Township in January and she is available to help out if anyone needs assistance from the Recreation Office.

Sharon Tucker passed out a tentative schedule for the December Holiday Lights Contest and Celebration. The details were reviewed and the members of the Park Board agreed that it will work as proposed. Tony Ruggieri suggested that we consider holding the event at the mall. Sharon Tucker will look into this as an option.

Sharon Tucker informed the Park Board members that Autumn Festival is being held on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff is always looking for volunteers and would welcome help from the Park Board.

Larry Gregan stated that the Park Board could have a table at the event if they wished, but they declined.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello stated that all proposed budget items were approved at this time.

Kevin Costello indicated that there is a possibility Whistlestop Park fields will be available for use in the spring of 2013, but he will keep everyone informed.

Larry Gregan reported that the Township met with the developers for Friendship Park. David Cutler Group is at the 50% required and they are fully engaged to move forward with the project. A bid packet is being prepared which will be more detailed information about the specifics of the park.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Okino discussed moving forward with a summer basketball league that would be held at Spring Valley Park, starting the end of June and running through early August. The league would be geared towards recreational play for kids entering fourth grade through entering eighth grade. Mike Okino is working on the cost, getting shirts and setting registration dates.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Larry Gregan reported that proposals for the Community Center needs assessment feasibility study were received from 20 firms. The Board of Supervisors will interview 5-6 companies and they will be open to the public. Larry Gregan stated that the Township estimates \$40-\$50,000 to do the study. The Board of Supervisors would like this process completed by September and to move forward with a groundbreaking in 2013.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kim Greene made a motion to adjourn and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

**Please note, the June meeting date will be changed to Wednesday, 6/6/2012 starting at 7:30 pm.**