



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2012**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on December 12, 2012 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene, Mike Okino, Mark Angelone and Linda Brooks. Also in attendance were Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator) and Kevin Costello (Director of Public Works).

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kim Greene made a motion to approve the November 14, 2012 minutes, Mike Okino seconded the motion and the minutes passed as submitted 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PARK COMP PLAN UPDATE**

Beth Pilling from the Montgomery County Planning Commission was present to review the draft of the final Park Comprehensive Plan. Beth Pilling provided a brief overview of the entire plan but requested that the Park Board specifically focus their critique on Chapter 5, which includes park specific recommendations. Beth Pilling requested that she receive all feedback from the Park Board by the second week on January. Tony Ruggieri stated that the members of the Park Board will review their specific parks and provide feedback at the January meeting.

**PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Mike Okino inquired about the timing of the lights at Spring Valley Park. Kevin Costello stated that the lights have been adjusted for the early darkness but they will be turned off completely for the winter from December 31<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker thanked everyone for their help with the Holiday Lights Contest judging and invited them to attend the Celebration on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Tony Ruggieri stated that he

would like to see the format for submission changed next year to encourage some additional entrants.

Sharon Tucker reported that the Recreation Office is partnering with the Lansdale YMCA to offer youth tennis programs in the Spring/Summer 2013.

Sharon Tucker stated that Kids U is in the planning stages. Sharon Tucker reported that there is no plan to increase the overall program rates but staff is planning to implement a non-resident charge for 2013.

Sharon Tucker requested a separate meeting to review the summer 2013 basketball program. Staff needs to get the details in place in order to submit the fees for approval to the Board of Supervisors by the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tony Ruggieri stated that the Park Board will set up a meeting to go over the details.

Sharon Tucker informed the Park Board of her request to Montgomery United Soccer to partner for the Soccer Squirts/Mini's program in 2013. In 2012 Montgomery Township and Montgomery Soccer each ran separate programs on Township fields. The goal is to have one program for our residents, increased marketing for both groups and creating a stronger collaborative effort. Montgomery Soccer is discussing and will get back to Sharon Tucker on whether they are interested in partnering for the program.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello reported that Public Works is currently replacing the roof on the Spring Valley Park pavilion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kim Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Okino seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm.