



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on February 13, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene, Mike Thom and Angelo Grasso. Linda Brooks, Mark Angelone and Mike Okino were absent. Also in attendance were Larry Gregan (Township Manager), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Ann Shade (Director of Human Resources) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Kim Greene called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to approve the January 16, 2013 and January 29, 2013 minutes and Mike Thom seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kim Greene reported that Mike Okino is in the process of collecting all of the Park Comp Plan feedback from the Park Board members and then he will compile it and submit to Beth Pilling at MCPC.

Kim Greene requested an update on everyone's schedule to plan a group park tour. The goal is to have that completed prior to the March 13th Park Board meeting. The four members present agreed that they will plan the tour for Sunday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. and Tony Ruggieri will send a message to all of the members confirming the details.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Kevin Costello stated that a lot of work is currently getting done at the parks. Public Works has taken trees down and cleaned up at the Ray Barndt Pine Grove. Kevin Costello also reported that the sign is ready to be displayed at the Pine Grove.

Kim Greene commented on the lack of use she feels the bike lane on the 202 Parkway will get due to the amount of traffic on that road and the rate of speed at which cars travel. Larry Gregan reported that having that bike lane is a PennDOT requirement.

Tony Ruggieri inquired if the bags and goals were removed from the soccer fields and Kevin Costello stated that they have all been removed.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker reminded everyone that the RSVPs for the volunteer brunch scheduled for March 3rd are due to Shirley Snyder by Friday February 15th.

Sharon Tucker reported that the Spring/Summer Recreation Newsletter is at the printer and will be sent to residents in the next week.

Sharon Tucker requested feedback regarding some field permit questions that repeatedly come up. Tony Ruggieri suggested that in order to accommodate requests that come up throughout the year the township could keep Fellowship Park for permitting throughout the year. Kevin Costello will evaluate the size of the fields to determine if this is a feasible location to accommodate a full size playing field.

Kim Greene asked about the status of registrations for the summer basketball league. Sharon Tucker stated that the Recreation Office will collect the forms and payment as is the practice with all of our programs.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello had nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Gregan reported that Friendship Park is still moving along and there will be a meeting set to discuss the amenities at the park. Kim Greene reiterated her desire to have restrooms at that park.

Larry Gregan informed the Board that plans are moving forward with regards to the Community Center. There will be a point that the architect will ask for a Work Group to meet with them and go over the plans. Larry Gregan stated that the Park Board will be approached for input. Tony Ruggieri expressed an interest in participating in that group.

OLD BUSINESS

Kim Greene was officially appointed to the Open Space Committee. Kim Greene spoke to Shirley Snyder to organize the official swearing in.

Sharon Tucker asked for an update regarding the Skate Park proposal that was presented at the January 16, 2013 meeting. Kim Greene and Mike Thom expressed interest in reviewing the proposal further. Sharon Tucker will forward the contact information for the presenter to Tony Ruggieri. The Park Board does not want to eliminate the possibility but given the current conditions of the proposed location, that site is not a feasible option.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. The motion was seconded by Mike Thom. The motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.