



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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Okino called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Okino requested one change to the February 13, 2013 minutes under the Park Comp Plan status. At the time of the meeting Mike Okino had not collected all of the feedback from Park Board members, but he was in the process of collecting the feedback. Mike Thom made a motion to approve the minutes with the one change and Angelo Grasso seconded. The minutes passed with one correction 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kevin Costello reported that the staff meeting with MCPC was cancelled in March. Kevin Costello stated that if we could get all of the information to Beth Pilling quickly, staff will meet with her in April and work on completing the process.

Mike Okino reported that he, Mark Angelone and Angelo Grass toured six parks over the weekend and gathered comments that they will incorporate into their feedback and pass along to Beth Pilling.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Mike Okino reported to Kevin Costello that he did not get to tour Spring Valley Park yet but he wants to do that since the baseball season is starting and he will pass his feedback on to Kevin Costello via email.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker reported that Autumn Festival will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10am-4pm and the Park Board is welcome to have a table at the event or volunteers are always needed if anyone is available to help out.

Sharon Tucker requested feedback regarding the Holiday Lights Contest and Celebration. The plan is to continue with the Holiday Lights Contest but with some modifications yet to be determined. Contest winners will be announced at the December Board of Supervisors meeting instead of at a Holiday Lights Celebration. Sharon Tucker stated that instead of doing the Celebration as we have done it in the past few years, the Recreation Office would like to do a Breakfast with Santa. The Park Board agreed with this recommendation and Sharon Tucker will provide more details as plans are made.

Sharon Tucker thanked the Park Board members for their feedback regarding the park permit field usage requests. Permits have been issued to MTBSA and MonU, along with some other groups that we were able to accommodate.

Sharon Tucker requested feedback from the Park Board regarding the Montgomery United Soccer Club permit request to hold their Shoot for the Cause Tournament on 5/18/13 and 5/19/13. They are requesting the use of all of Maule as well as all of Rose Twig, to accommodate the overflow parking. The Park Board requested that Sharon Tucker discuss other parking options with MonU so as not to inconvenience MTBSA during their regular season. Some of the recommended accommodations are: Public Works will have parking available in the grass along the Maule entrance, weather permitting; MTBSA will be asked to have their participants carpool as much as possible and park in the Rose Twig lot to the right of the tennis courts; MonU could provide shuttle service from the Township Building or Montgomery Elementary. Sharon Tucker will address these recommendations with MonU and MTBSA.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello reported that Public Works has several projects in the plans for the near future: Fellowship Basketball Courts are getting updated with new backstops and posts; the Whistlestop Hockey Court is planned for surfacing and sealing; the MTBSA Snack Stand permit is approved, an ADA window is installed, and the asphalt path and the electric work will be completed soon. Kevin Costello also reported that the sign is installed for the Ray Barndt Pine Grove. Kevin Costello stated that the Shade Tree Commission has done a lot of planting around the parks and at the Township Building.

Mike Fox requested that Public Works clean up the low spikes sticking out from the trees around the Pine Grove so no one gets hurt. Kevin Costello will have that taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

Angelo Grasso reported that the first row of the bleachers at the Rose Twig Basketball Court is bent. Angelo Grasso inquired about whether the tree that is down and laying across the water near the

bridge connecting Rose Twig to Maule could be a safety hazard. Kevin Costello will check on it but it has been looked at in the past and not deemed a safety hazard.

Mark Angelone and Mike Okino commented that the parks looked great.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Okino stated that the registration for the Summer Basketball League begins on March 15th and Mike Thom will be getting involved in the running of the league. Mark Angelone stated that he can list the details in the MMR Church Bulletin. Sharon Tucker will send the league details to him via email.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The motion was seconded by Mike Thom. The motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.