



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on April 10, 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, Kim Greene and Tony Ruggieri. Mike Thom was absent. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Okino called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Greene made a motion to approve the March 13, 2013 minutes and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kevin Costello reported that the staff did not meet with Beth Pilling from MCPC in April but he did forward the feedback from the Park Board onto Beth Pilling. Kevin Costello reported that Beth Pilling should have a final draft of the plan to the Park Board at the May meeting. Kevin Costello stated that the final draft will then get passed through staff and the Park Board for minimal comments and then it goes to the Board of Supervisors to be formally adopted.

Linda Brooks inquired as to how the recommendations are then implemented. Kevin Costello stated that they are recommendations that can be reviewed for implementation based on short, mid and long term plans. The Park Comp Plan will not determine what projects the Park Board decides to work on but merely offers guidance. The Park Board can continue to evaluate the Capital needs of the Township Park System and make their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion regarding the planning of Friendship Park took place. Tony Ruggieri stated that as long as the grading of the park is not changing the Park Board can decide to revise some of the amenities originally proposed. Kevin Costello stated that it was determined that restrooms could be an option at the location due to the close proximity to the sewer line. Kevin Costello

also noted that the cost of the restrooms at Spring Valley Park was around \$150,000. Kevin Costello reported that the front parcel of land has been leveled, removing the house, garage and 3 to 4 outbuildings. The suggestion was made that a later phase of Friendship Park could include the consideration of a skate park.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Tony Ruggieri inquired about the status of Whistlestop Park. Kevin Costello reported that it is coming along well, still with a tentative fall opening.

Linda Brooks reported that there will be a switch in parks assigned to the Park Board members for review and she will be taking Gazebo Park while Mike Okino will be taking the fields at Windlestrae that were previously hers.

Mike Okino asked about getting the paint that is on the Spring Valley basketball court removed. Kevin Costello reported that there is not much that can be done to get it off of the court at this time.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker reported that the Recreation Office will have a representative at the Earth Day celebration hosted by the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee on Saturday, April 20th and Sharon Tucker invited the Park Board members to attend the event.

Sharon Tucker reminded everyone that the Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Township Building on Friday, April 12th and the Park Board members are welcome to attend the event.

Sharon Tucker addressed some questions regarding the format and administration of the upcoming Summer Basketball League. Mike Okino reported that he will get the money from last year's league to Sharon Tucker, which is approximately \$430. The Park Board decided to leave registration open indefinitely at this point. Angelo Grasso will check to see if he can get a First Aid Kit to be left in the locker at the basketball courts. A suggestion was made to consider getting an AED in the box and Sharon Tucker will look into that option.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello reported that the Fellowship Park basketball courts are being renovated with new posts and backboards being installed. Kevin Costello also reported that Public Works is done everything they need to do at the MTBSA snack stand at the William F. Maule Park and MTBSA is working on the electric. The snack stand should be operational in the near future. Kevin Costello stated that the bleachers at the Connie Mack field have been leveled out because there was a concern that it could tip backwards. Kevin Costello stated that most of the path at Friendship Park was paved today.

NEW BUSINESS

An inquiry was made to when the lights would be on at Spring Valley Park and Kevin Costello reported that they would be on by the end of the week.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony Ruggieri stated that he will contact Bill Rogers, the gentleman that attended the January 2013 meeting to propose a Skate Park, and inform him that this is currently not an option at Spring Valley Park but a different location could be considered in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Mark Angelone and the motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.