



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on May 8, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mike Okino, Mark Angelone, Angelo Grasso and Linda Brooks. Kim Greene and Tony Ruggieri were absent. Also in attendance were Michael Fox (BOS Liaison) 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**

Angelo Grasso made a motion to approve the April 10, 2013 minutes and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A Township resident, Chuck Ziegler, distributed information regarding his interest in having the township institute a policy and procedure outlining how and when residents are notified of a new park or a new facility coming to their neighborhood. Chuck stated that he feels there is a need to solicit input from the surrounding neighbors in order to make sure that the community members directly impacted are fully aware of the intentions of the township. Chuck feels this will avoid contention down the road when it is too late to change the plan. Michael Fox stated that it would be difficult to create such a boundary because it gives the impression that the opinions of certain residents count more than others in the process. Michael Fox stated that the process for Friendship Park is already well underway but that perhaps we could institute a communication plan starting with the Zehr Tract. Michael Fox also stated that he would not recommend mailing something to all of the residents but a plan outlining the various methods and length of time that such projects are communicated could be discussed. Mike Okino suggested that they review the possibility of creating a policy at a separate meeting or through email to get the feedback from all members of the Park Board and to give them all some time to think through the suggestion.

**PARK COMP PLAN STATUS**

Kevin Costello reported that Beth Pilling is working on the final draft of the plan and she will get it to staff and the Park Board as soon as possible.

**PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE**

None.

### **RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker distributed information regarding the spring and summer discount tickets that are currently available for purchase and stated that tickets for additional venues are still on order.

Sharon Tucker updated the Park Board on the status of the summer basketball league. There are currently 71 participants in the program. Mike Okino stated that he will continue to follow up with Montgomery Basketball Association for email addresses and to receive the money that was left from the 2012 program. Angelo Grasso reported that he will order one or two first aid kits to have at the courts. Sharon Tucker will forward the current rosters to Mike Okino and Kim Greene so decisions can start to be made about whether there are enough players to hold programs in each group.

Sharon Tucker reported that currently there are 167 children registered for the Kids University program. Sharon Tucker stated that in order to provide a safe, organized program for the children currently enrolled, staff is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that we close general enrollment and start a wait list to evaluate acceptance of additional children on an individual basis. The Park Board agrees with the recommendation.

Sharon Tucker discussed the interest of the Recreation Office in participating in the Young Lungs at Play program, which is a program that bans smoking in all or part of the parks. Sharon Tucker stated she would like to institute the program at our parks and requested feedback from the Park Board. The Park Board members agreed that it would be a good program to participate in and suggest that smoking is limited to the parking lots in all parks.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello reported that the Fellowship Park basketball courts are done and he has received positive feedback from the public already. Kevin Costello also stated that the MTBSA concession stand is operational and that MTBSA is responsible for maintaining the interior of the facility.

Kevin Costello also stated that site work is ongoing at Friendship Park and that two-thirds of the trail is paved. Kevin Costello reported that the court lights are on at Spring Valley Park.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Linda Brooks inquired about getting park signage similar to that at Stony Creek Park in Lansdale which is well labeled for environmental diversity, listing wetlands, ponds, meadows and even a labyrinth. Linda Brooks suggested that we could do the same at Windlestrae Park. Kevin Costello stated that we can forward the information to Beth Pilling for inclusion in our Park Comp Plan.

Mike Fox inquired about getting a schematic done that would include a path from Rose Twig to Zehr. Mark Angelone will address it with the Boy Scouts as a potential project that they could work on.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Linda Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Angelo Grasso and the motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.