



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on June 12, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Michael Okino, Tony Ruggieri, Angelo Grasso, Kim Greene and Linda Brooks. Mark Angelone was absent. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Stacy Crandell (Assistant to the Township Manager) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes and Michael Okino seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Dougherty from Gilmore & Associates was present to report on the Powerline Trail Connector Feasibility Study. Mr. Dougherty reviewed several options for the trail location. The Feasibility Report will map out each option, identify issues and include budget numbers to help with the evaluation process. Stacy Crandell reported that the township would need to get community participation so a public meeting would be planned in the next few months.

**PARK COMP PLAN STATUS**

Kevin Costello reported that he heard from the MCPC today. MCPC is working on finalizing the Park Comp Plan and will get Kevin the final draft to forward to the Park Board as soon as they can.

**PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Kim Greene inquired if we should consider making a trail from Whispering Pines Park into the shopping center. Kevin Costello reported that not all of that property belongs to the township, therefore we cannot build a trail on it. The general consensus was to leave it as is at this point. Tony Ruggieri commented on the great job that Public Works and MTBSA did building the snack stand and getting it running.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker reported that the Recreation Office is finalizing plans for the fall programs.

Sharon Tucker stated that the Kids University camp starts on June 24<sup>th</sup> and currently has 174 children registered with approximately 35 on a wait list that we still need to review to see if we can safely accommodate.

Kim Greene discussed the summer basketball league that is scheduled to begin on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Kim Greene, along with the other referees inquired about getting a Code of Conduct established that can be adopted by the township. Michael Okino reported that he developed the Code of Conduct for Montgomery Basketball Association and the Township could adopt a similar plan. Michael Okino stated that we could send it out to parents to sign off in advance, bringing the signed form to the first game. Michael Okino wants to make sure that the Code of Conduct gives the referees the final decision to remove a parent or a player from the game if there is an issue. Sharon Tucker will work on getting that developed and get a draft out to everyone.

Angelo Grasso supplied two first aid kits for use by the Basketball League. Sharon Tucker will purchase additional ice packs and Michael Okino will check to see if he has timers at home that can be used for the league.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello reported that Public Works is moving forward with the widening and paving of the Maule trail. It will be a nine foot wide trail and the goal is to have it completed in time for Autumn Festival.

Kevin Costello reported that most of the parking lot at Friendship Park is paved but there are some sections that need to be replaced.

Kevin Costello stated that he located the previously discussed Windlestrae trail map created by an Eagle Scout and there are a few modifications to be made and then it will be ready to post at the park kiosk and on the website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tony Ruggieri discussed the progress made at the first Community Center Steering Committee. He showed the schematic and reviewed the current plan along with the topics still up for discussion. Linda Brooks stated that the outside of the building looks great but she wants to emphasize the importance of it being a distinguished looking representation of our township.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Michael Okino reviewed the discussion that township resident Chuck Ziegler addressed at the June meeting with regards to having a communication plan in place for any changes to existing parks or new sites being developed. Michael Okino would like everyone to get some ideas together to develop a policy outlining how we can effectively communicate that information to the public.

Tony Ruggieri stated that he was in touch with Bill Rogers, the resident that came to the January 2013 meeting to request the addition of a skate park in Montgomery Township. Tony Ruggieri informed Mr. Rogers that we will not be building a skate park at this time but we will consider it for the future. Tony Ruggieri requested that Sharon Tucker return the donation check Mr. Rogers had brought to the meeting to be used towards the construction costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Okino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Tony Ruggieri and the motion passed 5-0.

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