

# Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on July 10, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Tony Ruggieri, Linda Brooks, Al Quasti, Angelo Grasso and Mark Angelone. Michael Okino and Kim Greene were absent. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Tony Ruggieri introduced and welcomed the new Park Board member, Al Quasti.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mark Angelone made a motion to approve the June 12, 2013 minutes and Angelo Grasso seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

# PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kevin Costello reported that the Montgomery County Planning Commission has submitted the final draft of the plan to their editor then it will go to the printer. As soon as the Township gets a copy of that final draft it will be distributed to the Park Board for one last review before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

#### PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Tony Ruggieri commented that the parks look great.

Kevin reported that there is a lot of work to do to Whistlestop but the plan is to have it ready for fall ball this year. Kevin Costello stated that the Whistlestop Park hockey court was recoated and Public Works has received great feedback already.

#### **RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker reported that the fall programming was approved at the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> and there are some new additions being offered, such as a Youth Street Hockey Program and Breakfast with Santa.

Sharon Tucker gave an update on Kids University, which is in its third week. Sharon reported that the program is going well with our new Camp Administrator being able to focus on a lot of items that we didn't have the staff for in the past. Sharon stated that there are 175 kids enrolled overall in the program and we were able to accept an additional 8 children from our wait list containing approximately 35 children.

Sharon Tucker reported that the basketball league is up and running after some initial challenges. Sharon stated that from a staff perspective for the first year of a program it is running fine but at the August meeting there will be some recommendations made for improving the process next year.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello reported that the planning for the paved path at Windlestrae is underway and the goal is to have it completed in time for Autumn Festival 2013. Kevin stated that by taking grindings from the paving projects to be used for the path it will save \$6,000-\$7,000.

Kevin Costello stated that Friendship Park is moving along, with 75 percent of the trail paved and once the grass is established the planning of the amenities will begin. Kevin reported that Cutler gave \$1.4 million to build the park and we have spent \$600,000 so far.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Linda Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Mark Angelone and the motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.