



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on August 14, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included Kim Greene, Mike Okino, Angelo Grasso and Al Quasti. Tony Ruggieri, Mark Angelone and Linda Brooks were absent. Also in attendance were Larry Gegan (Township Manager), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Okino called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Greene made a motion to approve the July 10, 2013 minutes and Angelo Grasso seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peg Azarian, a member of the Township Senior Committee, introduced herself and reported that the members of the Senior Committee are taking turns attending various committee meetings in the township to get a better understanding of their role.

PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kevin Costello reported that the plan is still in the hands of the MCPC and there has been no recent update on the status. Kevin stated that he will update the Park Board when information is available.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Larry Gegan reviewed information from a Township resident involving his dog being attacked by another dog at the Bark Park. The resident attended the last Board of Supervisors meeting to suggest that the Township consider a different structure and procedure for the Bark Park similar to Core Creek State Park which has a membership based system. Following some discussion Mike Okino stated that the Park Board would do some research on the topic and come to the September meeting with a recommendation.

Kevin Costello reported that the Spring Valley Park hockey court has been repaired.

Mike Okino questioned the damage to the Spring Valley Park hockey court door. It is continually getting damaged by hockey sticks banging against it. Kevin Costello reported that Public Works has fixed it repeatedly and they will continue to monitor the situation.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker reported that Kids University ended on Friday, August 9th and it was a successful season with excellent feedback from parents as well as staff.

Sharon Tucker stated that the summer basketball league ended on Monday, August 5th and it was a successful year since it was the first year the township ran the program. Sharon Tucker will come to the September meeting with final budget information and discussion points for how to improve on it next year. The Park Board members agreed that paying Joedy Johnson \$400 for his participation as the Coordinator this year is reasonable and Sharon Tucker will take care of getting that processed.

Sharon Tucker distributed information for upcoming fall Recreation activities if any Park Board members are available to volunteer or attend.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello reported that the Whistlestop baseball field is scheduled for a September 1st opening and will be used by MTBSA since the Maule Connie Mack field will be closed for repair and resting.

Kevin Costello stated that Public Works reviewed the needs at the parks with regards to budgeting for 2014, keeping in mind that the primary focus will be on the Community Center. Kevin stated that the gazebo at Whistlestop Park is not in good shape and Public Works is recommending a pavilion be installed there. The Park Board was in agreement with that recommendation.

Mike Okino stated that he will communicate with the Park Board members to get any recommended capital requests ready for the September meeting.

Kim Greene inquired about the status of park signage as she feels this project is a priority. Kevin Costello stated that the cost can be absorbed in the operating budget and the plan is to move forward with new or updated signage as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Gregan gave an update on the status of the Community Center project. Larry stated that the township has applied for a DCNR grant for the accessible playground and splash park area which would cost approximately \$600,000 and the maximum we can receive from the grant is \$215,000. Larry reported that the current plan is for design work to be completed in December followed by a one-year construction period.

Larry Gregan gave an update on Friendship Park stating that there was a recent issue with a water problem due to the wetlands area. Once the site gets stabilized then the township will put together a budget and move forward with planning final amenities, including the Park Board in that process.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. The motion was seconded by Angelo Grasso and the motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Township Building.