



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on November 13, 2013 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included Mike Okino, Kim Greene, Tony Ruggieri, Linda Brooks, Angelo Grasso and Al Quasti. Mark Angelone was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Mike Fox (Supervisor), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Okino called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to approve the September 11, 2013 minutes and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARK COMP PLAN STATUS

Kevin Costello reported that staff has received the final draft copy of the plan and they will be reviewing it tomorrow. Following, staff will resubmit to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for editing. Then a clean copy will be distributed to the Park Board for final review, hopefully in December.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Tony Ruggieri commented on the bustle of activity at Spring Valley Park over the past weekend due to the Roger Erb Soccer Tournament hosted by the Montgomery United Soccer Club.

Kim Greene commented on the new sign at Friendship Park. Kevin Costello reported on the status of the Friendship Park improvements. The basins are being converted, sections of the trail were removed and need to be redone and the repaving of the parking lot needs to be completed. That work will be done in the spring of 2014. The runoff is emptying into two separate naturalized basins. Kevin Costello also stated that the bathrooms are still a possibility but that will be discussed in detail during the next phase. Kevin Costello states that Gilmore & Associates will come in to a Park Board meeting, probably over the next few months to review the existing plan, the amenities and the financial status.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker thanked the Park Board members that were able to volunteer or attend Autumn Festival on October 5th.

Sharon Tucker distributed a letter from an MTBSA fall baseball grandparent. The letter was very complimentary to the activity of the park and the amenities.

Sharon Tucker gave an update on the Summer Basketball League. Prior to the Park Board meeting, Sharon, Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene and Mike Okino met to review the 2013 and finalize plans for 2014.

Sharon Tucker passed around information regarding the Holiday Lights contest. Assistance from the Park Board members to judge the event is always appreciated and Sharon will be in touch as entries are received. Mike Fox requested that we spread the word about being able to nominate someone else's display, not just enter your own home. Sharon Tucker will reach out to The Reporter, as well as work through other means to get that word spread throughout the township.

Sharon Tucker gave an update on some upcoming 300th Anniversary events planned for 2014.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello reported that the 2013 capital projects are wrapped up. Public Works is cleaning up the fields and preparing for the winter. Kevin Costello stated that the 2014 projects include the Whistlestop Gazebo, replacement of the large mower and park signage as a priority.

Mike Fox reported that the Zehr family is removing their objections and the Township should officially get the Zehr Tract property in 2014. The next step will be to negotiate the fair price and move forward with the purchase. Mike Fox stated that there are no plans to do anything with the property for some time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Okino congratulated Mike Fox and Jeff McDonnell on their reelection to the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Okino reminded the Park Board members that December will be his last meeting as the Committee Chair and that everyone should start to think about who they would like to elect for 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony Ruggieri gave an update on the status of the Community Center. Tony Ruggieri also commented on the desire to install a handicapped accessible playground at either Friendship Park or the Community Center and that it could definitely be a positive factor towards getting our grant if we build it at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Kim Greene and the motion passed 6-0.

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