



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on July 16, 2014 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Al Quasti, Mike Okino, Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene, Linda Brooks, Jim Earley and Angelo Grasso. Also in attendance were Larry Gregan (Township Manager), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), and Ginny Bailey (Recreation Secretary).

Also present were Mark Kelly and his son who were observing the meeting for Boy Scouts and Chuck Ziegler.

CALL TO ORDER

Al Quasti called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes as distributed. The minutes were approved 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin addressed Chuck Ziegler's concern about the tree down in Memorial Grove. Kevin said he went to put in a work order to have it removed and found out the work had already been done.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Kevin discussed the following topics:

- Grass at Whistlestop Park – the grass is in bad shape due to the heat and rain which has been hard on the fields. The Connie Mack field is getting there but it will take some time (a couple of seasons) but is okay to play on.
- The new sign has been erected for Memorial Grove Park. Linda said it looked nice.
- Angelo asked about police activity at Zehr – they may have been using the park for dog training.

RECREATION UPDATE

Ginny said Sharon Tucker asked her to mention a few things:

- Community Day – Saturday, September 20th – sponsors, vendors and volunteers are needed.
- Summer Concerts – Ginny said the concerts have been going really well with good attendance and good music. She encouraged the Park Board to attend and distributed the concert schedule.
- Credit Cards – the Recreation Office has started accepting credit card payments for online program registration. We've had several people register this way and it has been working well.
- Holiday Lights – Sharon is looking for suggestions to get more residents involved and Ginny distributed information Sharon had found about other Holiday Lights contests. Ginny asked for any suggestions by the end of the month so the information could be put in the Fall Recreation News.

- Kim talked about the Summer Basketball Program – they have had to cancel 1 out of every 2 games each week due to rain. When the Community Center is built, these rained out games could be played indoors. She also mentioned registration was low this year which puts 4th, 5th and 6th graders on the same team. Once the Community Center is built, she would like to see a sports program for special needs children as well as a youth night for kids who have trouble meeting other kids.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin and Larry discussed the following Capital Projects:

- Volunteers for Community Day – some areas that will need help will be scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, ticket taking, etc.
- The Memorial Grove sign is up and was made in-house.
- Public Works got rid of the old back stop at Whistlestop.
- The Autumn Woods sign had been defaced and had to be stripped and refinish to repair.
- The corn maze is planted for Community Day.
- Kenas fields 1 and 2 have been irrigated and treated for weeds and grubs and should be ready for fall.
- The field and court lighting at Windlestrae, Spring Valley and Whistlestop have been repaired and bulbs that were out have been changed.
- Friendship Park – Larry said that Phase I is being finalized and there would be a meeting next week with the engineers to discuss Phase II. They want to talk about what's feasible, if there are any limitations and any projects going forward so they can get Cutler, who is funding the project, on board. The trail is finished but parking lot needs to be top coated and striped. There will be a playground and they'd like to keep any fields open to the community and not restricted for a season. The grass is getting more established and lights will be added to the trail and parking lot.
- Kevin discussed the Eagle Scout project at Memorial Grove – gravel that was purchased and wood chips from trees downed in recent storms will be used to make a path so there are now two ways into the Memorial Grove.
- Larry said that grading has begun for the Community Center and they will be blasting this week due to the rock.
- Larry was asked about the search for the Park and Recreation Director – He said they received about 20 applications from some very qualified candidates.
- Larry said the Board of Supervisors approved the design work for the spray park at the Community Center. The design will be presented to the steering committee and then the Park Board and should be ready to go next spring.
- Larry said there was a presentation by PA Representative Todd Stephens at the Board of Supervisors meeting for a Korean Memorial to be placed at the Memorial Grove. The project will cost approximate \$1 million and will help generate more visitors and maybe volunteers to help maintain the park.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ground Breaking for Community Center – several Board members commented on how well run and what a nice event it was. The weather cooperated and the Police and Public Works did a great job.

Kim asked Chuck Zeigler about his email and if his concerns were addressed:

- One concern was regarding the trash blowing around and water bottles left on the benches after softball/baseball games. His suggestion was to remind people to use the waste cans provided in the park and for the teams to police the area when they are done playing.
- The other concern was the PA system used during games. Chuck's suggestion was to adjust the volume. A policy regarding noise levels was put forth by the Board of Supervisors for use this year. Jim said there was the DJ Farrar Tournament last week at Rose Twig and they used their own portable PA system and that the Board of Supervisors excused the tournament from the noise policy since it was a charitable event.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2014, 7:30 pm at the Township Building.

Submitted by Ginny Bailey