



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on August 13, 2014 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Al Quasti, Mike Okino, Jim Earley and Angelo Grasso. Tony Ruggieri, Kim Greene and Linda Brooks were not present. Also in attendance were Larry Gregan (Township Manager), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), and Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Al Quasti called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike Okino made a motion to approve the July 16, 2014 minutes as distributed, Angelo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE**

All members agreed the parks looked great and they had no issues to discuss at this time.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

Sharon Tucker reported that the summer basketball league ended and great feedback was received from families that were thrilled to have a place to keep the kids playing without too much pressure for them.

Sharon Tucker reported that Kids University ended on August 8<sup>th</sup> and several parents have emailed or called to give positive feedback about the staff and the program.

Sharon stated that the fall newsletter is at the printer and will be mailing to residents this week with program registration opening in the next week.

Sharon Tucker distributed a park guide that was made by the Recreation Office staff. The intent is to upload the information to the website and have hard copies available for review at the front desk and in the Recreation Office. Sharon asked that all Park Board members review the guide and provide any feedback or recommendations by the September meeting.

Sharon distributed copies of the Park Comprehensive Plan developed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. All Park Board members are asked to review that copy so that any feedback can be discussed at the September meeting. The plan is to have the Park Board recommend the approval of the plan to the Board of Supervisors.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Kevin Costello stated that he is working with the engineer to put together a bid packet for the Whistlestop Park pavilion project.

Kevin Costello reported that the two Kenas soccer fields just received another application for foxtail grass, then the fields will be slit seeded and irrigated, with the plan still to reopen the fields in the fall.

Kevin Costello stated that staff is working on the 2015 budget. Public Works is budgeting to recoat the street hockey court at Rose Twig and replace a slit seeder for the baseball and soccer fields. Kevin requests that all members come to the September meeting with suggestions for any budget requests at their specific parks. Larry Gregan commented that we are focusing our resources towards the community center and we are not looking to create projects but if there is a recommended need for something we can certainly review it. Al Quasti will email the missing Park Board members to let them know they should come prepared with recommendations in September.

Mike Okino inquired about the status of the Memorial Grove Eagle Scout project. Kevin Costello reported that one bridge is complete and one is in progress.

Angelo Grasso inquired how the Township would handle any additional requests for war memorials since the approval of the Korean Memorial at Memorial Grove. Larry Gregan indicated that the request came through Todd Stephens' office, the Board of Supervisors agreed to provide a location and there is space if other requests should come in. The requests would be reviewed on an individual basis.

Kevin Costello reported that phase 1 of Friendship Park is almost complete. Township staff met with the engineer and will look at the original improvements to get updated pricing and review any new recommendations for improvements. The plan is to move forward by winter or next spring with final improvements. Kevin stated that Gilmore & Associates will come to a Park Board meeting to review improvement options.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Larry Gregan reported on the status of the Community Center. The foundations are being installed. There is an issue with the soil and the water line that is being worked out. A construction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. The start of steel erection is planned for mid-October. The parking lot paving must be done before the building starts going up. Larry stated that the Board of Supervisors approved design work for the Community Center Spray Park.

Larry Gregan provided an update on the search for a Park and Recreation Director. Approximately ten first interviews were completed and staff is planning to do second interviews next week and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in September.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Okino made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Earley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2014, 7:30 pm at the Township Building.