



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on September 10, 2014 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Linda Brooks, Angelo Grasso, Mike Okino, and Tony Ruggieri. Jim Earley, Kim Greene and Al Quasti were absent. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Chris Green from Gilmore & Associates, and Ginny Bailey (Recreation Secretary).

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony made a motion to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes and Angelo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Mitchell – She stated that she had recently retired from Abington Hospital and was looking for some way to work with Seniors as she did with her former employer. She reached out to her community of Chalfont and they had no interest. She heard that there may be positions opening up at the new Community Center and Tony Ruggieri directed her to apply to the Township if such a position should open up. Tony Ruggieri also directed her to attend the Senior Committee Meeting which was being held in Community Room A.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

All members noted that there were no concerns and that the Parks were looking great.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker, Recreation Coordinator, was not in attendance however, she did ask Kevin to distribute some handouts and remind everyone that the 300th Anniversary Celebration was coming up on Saturday, September 20.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Friendship Park – Chris Green from Gilmore & Associates conducted a Power Point presentation of Friendship Park. Chris explained the highlights of the park as proposed with his recommendations and also fielded questions from PRB members to see if they had different ideas and where any cutbacks could be made if over budget. Chris handed out an itemized price list for Phase 2 of the Park. Game tables were discussed but due to the expense, the PRB members asked what could be put in place of game tables. Angelo recommended that Gilmore look into a new game called Pickleball to see if it was feasible for Friendship or one of the other parks. The potential for restrooms and a pavilion within Friendship Park were discussed, specifically the cost and required utilities for both amenities. Shade structures were also

looked at for the playground site. The most notable changes in the plan were the relocation of the playground, pavilion and bocce courts, moving them closer to the parking lot and away from Enclave Blvd., and the addition of a Labyrinth feature in the area where the amphitheater was originally planned.

The main purpose of the presentation was to balance out the proposed amenities for the Park with respect to the available funds. The discussion will continue amongst the PRB members at the next meeting. Additionally, some items and ideas could become part of a phase 3 if the future.

Community Center Splash Park and Playground – Chris Green also showed a Power Point presentation of the splash park and playgrounds for the new Community Center and a rough draft of how they were going to look subject to final design. Chris showed the water features of the splash park and explained how the ground vs. vertical sprays would function. He suggested different layouts and left a catalog of the various spray features to be reviewed. He also explained the water used in the splash park will be recycled and sent through a cleaning system to be reused rather than constantly using running water and running up a big water bill.

The playground would be built on a rubberized surface and Chris showed a variety of options for the playground equipment. Shading options for all areas were reviewed and discussed. There was a lot of discussion regarding making the equipment handicapped accessible through ramps and lifts and Tony Ruggieri said he would like the playground to be similar to Everybody's Playground in Horsham. In between the spray park and playground would be a seating area where parents could watch their children. Chris said that now that he has an idea of what the PRB members are looking for, Gilmore will come up with designs based on the current budget.

Pavilion for Whistlestop Park – Kevin Costello reported that due to new Co-Stars regulations the pavilion for Whistlestop Park could no longer be purchased and quotes obtained for the installation. The Engineer's estimate to bid the project with Prevailing Wages would be in excess of \$50,000.00. Kevin recommended that the pavilion kit could be purchased under Co-Stars and Public Works staff would do the installation and concrete work for approximately \$24,000.00. The project would take about 5 to 7 days to complete and would have to be worked into their current schedule. Linda Brooks made a motion to move the project forward as proposed and Mike Okino seconded. The project recommendation was approved 4-0 and will go to the BOS for approval.

Kevin also reported that Kenas #1 and #2 have been reopened for play.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Okino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Tony Ruggieri and the motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014, 7:30 pm at the Township Building.

Submitted by
Kevin Costello and Ginny Bailey