



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on May 13, 2015 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Al Quasti, Angelo Grasso, Jim Early, Tony Ruggieri and Michael J. Fox. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Brian Forman (Recreation Director) and Matt Reimel (Athletics and Recreation Coordinator).

CALL TO ORDER

Al Quasti called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to approve the April 13, 2015 minutes and Jim Early seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Public Works Director, Kevin Costello reported that there was nothing major. They moved the Infield out a little on Kenas 1 so that multiple age levels would be able to play there. They expanded and widened the base paths on Rose Twig. The pad Site for the delivery of the shed is good to go. Kenas Soccer fields 1 and 2 have been seeded and are being irrigated daily. The fields should be ready to go by June 1st. Brandon McManus requested the field at Zehr to run a fundraiser. Friendship lot was paved and cleanup will be happening soon. A dog bag dispenser was requested at Fellowship, and that is now in.

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Public Works Director, Kevin Costello reported routine activity. He also reported the significance of the grow mats we used and how he would look into purchasing more.

Michael J. Fox suggested that we make sure Organizations are using better judgment on the fields to ensure the longevity of the work we have done to them. The board strongly agreed.

Linda sent a note about Tennis Courts. Kevin reported that all courts took a beating this year and many have a substantial amount of cracks. It is in the plans to fix the cracks at Rose Twig Hockey Court.

RECREATION UPDATE

Recreation Director, Brian Forman reported that Movie ticket prices have gone up \$.50. He also reported that we have been getting a lot of requests regarding space and rentals in the new Rec

Center. The trip to Thomas Edison House is this Saturday. Kids University is full near 150-160 participants per week.

Kevin Costello will be removing the Kids University Banner from Stump Road due to camp registration being closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Ruggieri suggested converting the Hockey Court at the Orchards to a Pickleball Court due to the space barely being used by residents.

Kevin will look into costs to paint the area.

Matt will look into costs for a portable net.

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Director, Brian Forman presented the members with an updated draft of revised outdoor facility use fees. Everyone agreed that they were fair. We discussed that if an organization is running a fundraising event then we would let them use the fields for free. We also discussed how non-profits can afford to pay these low fees.

Michael J. Fox suggested making it “not so cheap” for none residents and gave a good example on why. The board agreed to make the nonresident fee \$25.00 per hour.

We also discussed that no organization is allowed to sublet the fields under any circumstance. Brian will be reviewing the current policies and come back with some changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Michael J. Fox suggested that we rotate fields and give them a year off to rehabilitate. The board thought that was a great idea. Kevin Costello has a field already on a break and will continue to rotate out fields for a break.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony Ruggieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Angelo Grasso. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Township Building.

Submitted by
Matt Reimel