



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2009**

Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Tony Ruggieri, Dan Spinelli, Bill Maule, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Officer Robert Johnson (Montgomery Township Police) and Allyson Planders (Management Analyst Intern) were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Leesa Meade called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 8th meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Kids University camp has been running smoothly.
- Kevin said that he does not know the status of hiring a new Recreation Director.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin said that they are currently below budget. The Township is starting to prepare the 2010 budget.
- Kevin also said that a plan writer for the forest stewardship plan has been chosen and that the plan would be within the \$1,000 budget set by the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chuck Vesay of Montgomery Soccer mentioned the possibility of a coaches' clinic at Windlestrae Park, but Kevin Costello said that would not be possible because of the grass seeding, but it would be possible if it was confined to only field one.
- Chuck also said that he submitted the fall soccer schedule, but would like his signed permit in confirmation of the dates and times. Kevin said that he should check with Pam.
- Leesa Meade said that technology would be helpful in the scheduling process for both organizations and residents. She said that Pam had committed to an electronic calendar system.
- Kevin said that the Board has approved a new website design part of which will include a scheduling component.
- Tony Ruggieri asked if there was a way to see the IT requirements and how the scheduling for the website would work.
- Bill Maule asked about the money allotted for the projects of the Park and Recreation Board. Tony said to show the Board projects and then they can possibly be approved.

PREVIOUS CAPITAL

Whistlestop Park

- Kevin Costello met with John Chambers about the final plan for the park. For both baseball fields to function properly there will not be enough room for a regulation soccer field in the middle.
- Chuck Vesay said that the land was originally offered to soccer when soccer was a park of the township and they donated it to the use of the entire township.

- Kevin said that the plan should be ready to show the members at the next meeting
- Tony Ruggieri asked when the project will start. Kevin said the cost estimate will go to the Board in October and work should begin by late spring or early summer 2010.
- The members also discussed the shade covers for the playground and Kevin said they would need to be designed for the particular playground.

Spring Valley Park

- Kevin Costello presented the recommendation for the basketball courts and backboards.
- Tony asked if the project would be approved by the board in October, then would the project be able to be completed at that time. He said that it would be better if they did not have to wait to start summer league games there until 2011.
- Kevin said that they are still in process of getting all the final numbers and costs together.
- The members discussed whether the court should be covered in a rubber material or painted, and Tony said that for the summer league what was absolutely necessary was to just have two full size lit courts.
- Kevin said that Montgomery Soccer would like temporary lights at Zehr fields and he would write an action summary for the board.
- Tony: "I make a motion to accept Chuck Vesay's proposal for temporary lights at Zehr." The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Park Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Leesa said that she was sorry she did not schedule a walk for Fellowship Park this month, but she will do it for next month.
- In regards to recycling in the parks, Kevin suggested that a representative talk to Pam and attend an Environmental Advisory Council meeting.
- Kevin said the Township attempted to recycle in the parks by contracting out eight years ago and it was not successful; he suggested that it be tried first at the two main parks (Windlestrae and Spring Valley).
- Leesa suggested that they also look at the recycling programs that have been successful in comparable townships.
- Bill Maule asked if the members would be able to see the plans for Friendship Park for the next meeting. Kevin said he would talk to Chambers.
- Leesa also suggested that the members go to Highpoint to look at the Gaga court again because it would be something cheap and easy to add to one of the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.