



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2009**

Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Dan Spinelli, Bill Maule, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), and Sudha Suryadevara (Recreation Coordinator) were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Leesa Meade called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 9, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Sudha Suryadevara gave an update on upcoming winter programs and Holiday Lights Contest.
- Dan Spinelli suggested having a spotlight of Spring Valley and Fellowship Parks in the next issue of Recreation News.
- Leesa Meade recommended having a calendar of major events in the Recreation News.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin Costello stated that the Whistlestop Park project, shade structure, Windlestrae Park pond project (permitting & engineering), land acquisition and the tables and benches are on the 2010 budget approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chuck Ziegler stated that there was a complaint from a resident regarding the lights at Spring Valley Park.
- Chuck Ziegler also talked about adding connector and loop trails along the Wiseman Tract. Kevin Costello stated that he would speak with Ray Barndt about the project.
- Leesa Meade suggested that the boy scouts could be involved with this future project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Dan Spinelli stated that the new basketball courts at Spring Valley Park are great and he has seen increased usage already. Kevin Costello explained that the project was completed ahead of schedule and under the budgeted amount.
- Bill Maule recommended publicizing the new courts by posting pictures on Channel 22 and the website.
- Kevin Costello explained that Chambers gave a preliminary plan for Whistlestop Park. He will review and speak to Chambers regarding the rain gardens for storm water management, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bill Maule asked about the rental of Windlestrae House.
- Kevin Costello explained that the Township selected a realtor to find tenants for the house.
- Bill Maule suggested having a home run derby in the parks for senior citizens.

- Leesa Meade explained that the new website will initially not be compatible with a calendar for field permits.
- Kevin Costello stated that new Comprehensive Park Plan is being proposed in the 2010 budget. The last plan completed was in 1999. He explained that upon approval, parks, anticipated park needs, etc. will be examined starting in the spring of 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bill Maule spoke about obtaining sponsorship for practice walls at Township tennis courts.
- Bill Maule explained that EAC purchased recycling barrels to pilot the recycling program in Spring Valley Park. The committee will place educational information near the barrels.
- Bill Maule spoke about having a shred event for residents. Kevin Costello explained that the Township held one at least year's Arbor Day event.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.