



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for November 11, 2009**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Leesa Meade called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 14, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Sudha Suryadevara gave an update on upcoming winter programs and Holiday Lights Contest.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin Costello explained that the Park Board was 82% through the budget at the end of October.
- Leesa Meade asked about the budget session. Kevin Costello explained that the shade structure, Whistlestop revitalization, park comprehensive plan, tables and benches are in the 2010 capital budget. Kevin Costello also stated that there is \$30,000.00 allocated for other project(s).
- Keith Johnson expressed that Windlestrae Pond should be the centerpiece of the park. Bill Maule suggested waiting on the pond project until the comprehensive plan has been completed.
- Leesa Meade suggested completing smaller projects that have bigger impact.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Leesa Meade informed the Park Board that Larry Fiel's term on the Park Board is over and that he will not be returning.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Kevin Costello explained that the timing of the Whistlestop Park project is being negotiated with the contractors in conjunction with the Horsham Road and Parkway projects. Kevin Costello also stated that arrangements might have to be made to stay off the fields for two years.
- Kevin Costello explained that Chambers Associates is proposing a rain garden and is concerned that it is too big. The soccer field would not be a full size field.
- Tony Ruggeri stated that a light soccer field would be lost as a result of the current rain garden. Leesa Meade suggested having temporary lighting like that at Windlestrae – Zehr.
- Heather Berkey asked about the green left turn arrows at Routes 202 & 63 as well as at Route 202 & Knapp Road. Kevin Costello explained that they would be part of the Parkway project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Heather Berkey spoke about vandalism at the Bark Park.
- Tony Ruggeri stated that a resident requested the Usher Lane turnaround be filled with gravel.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chuck Ziegler proposed walking the trails in Windlestrae Park. Costello explained that he spoke to Ray Barndt; the trails are too wet to gain access.
- Kevin Costello said that Ray Barndt would contact Chuck Ziegler to walk and flag the trails.
- Bill Maule suggested putting wood chips and stone on existing trails. Kevin Costello explained that Ray Barndt already took care of it.
- Kevin Costello explained that a 90 foot pedestrian bridge at Kenas is being built.
- Dan Spinelli explained that Nick Albans met with Ray Barndt and will replace tables at Fellowship Park after February. He will take the wood off and put in Trex like material in addition to painting the tennis wall.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.