



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2010**

Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Dan Spinelli, Keith Johnson, Tony Ruggeri, Mark Angelone, Matt Bamford, Eugene Ross, Beth Pilling, Matt Shelly, Michael Fox, 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 March 10, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Sudha Suryadevara spoke about Kids University, Easter Egg Hunt, Ice Skating and the Washington D.C. trip.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin Costello stated that as the first quarter came to a close, the park board is 15% through the park budget. He added that infield mix and labor expenses would be approaching.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Kevin Costello updated the committee on the Whistlestop Park projects. He stated that a contract was not in place yet.
- Michael Fox stated that the Township is looking for someone to give dirt and grade the field, which would be half the expense of the project. He also added that if the Township could not find anyone to get rid of excess dirt, the project would have to be contracted out.
- Tony Ruggeri stated that he would like use the Whistlestop fields for practice until the project starts.
- Michael Fox stated that it would be safe to use the fields for the next month.
- Kevin Costello stated that the Board of Supervisors approved the baseball field watering project.
- The project will be started soon and should take about three to five days to complete. Kevin Costello explained that MTBSA would have access to manage the system.
- Kevin Costello also stated that the shade structure project at Whistlestop would get started this summer.

PARK COMP PLAN

- Matt Shelly and Beth Pilling introduced the Park Board to the Park Comprehensive Plan. They explained that the 2010 census data will be used and spoke about the outline based on the Township's RFP and 1999 Park Comp Plan. Additionally, they spoke about working with the Township staff as well as the Park Board throughout the process.
- Leesa Meade stated that the public's input should be considered. She suggested baseball's opening day, Autumn Festival, etc.
- Michael Fox stated that e-news or a public meeting could be utilized for public input.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony Ruggeri stated that the putting green was not a good idea. He suggested that the new park should be different with a unique play structure for children as the centerpiece.
- Kevin Costello suggested a roof over the bocce court to preserve the clay.
- Leesa Meade suggested something accessible for the tween/teen population.
- Heather Berkey suggested a tennis practice wall. Kevin Costello explained that the tennis wall would be better served near tennis courts.
- Leesa Meade asked if the amphitheater could be moved to add the play structure.
- Leesa Meade also suggested having a bathroom facility or a handicap accessible port-a-potty.
- Michael Fox recommended inviting John Chambers to a meeting to discuss and finalize plans for Friendship Park.
- Tony Ruggeri spoke about residents who were interested in setting up a temporary snack stand to raise money for the Susan G. Koman race. Sudha Suryadevara stated that they would need to complete a park permit.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tony Ruggeri will bring a draft copy of the field usage policy to the next meeting for discussion.
- Dan Spinelli stated that the Boy Scout project at Fellowship Park would start next Saturday. Projects included new benches and tabletops.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May12, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.