



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2010**

Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Dan Spinelli, Keith Johnson, Tony Ruggeri, Mark Angelone, Eugene Ross, Michael Fox, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) 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 April 14, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Eugene Ross explained Kids University.
- Michael Fox mentioned the new recreational hire of Christopher Beck.
- Leesa Meade suggested having an indoor facility for recreational programs.
- Keith Johnson suggested keeping a commitment to schools for new interns.
- Tony Ruggeri inquired about a book of processes for the recreational department.
- Eugene Ross explained the process left behind by Sudha Suryadevara.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin Costello explained the budget was currently on track for 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Boy Scouts, Jay Bense and Andrew Judge from Troop 547 stated they were looking for Eagle Scout projects.
- Dan Spinelli provided info about last Eagle Scout project.
- Michael Fox mentioned that there were no new projects at this time but, suggested that the Usher Lane and Windlestrae projects could yield opportunities.
- Kevin Costello suggested they continue to talk to Ray Barndt.
- Charles Ziegler asked for a trail between Kenas and Horsham Roads.
- Michael Fox explained there was a similar trail in construction for Memorial Grove and that the trails location would be a part of the Open Space.
- Kevin Costello mentioned the difficulties faced with constructing the proposed trail along Kenas Road.
- Leesa Meade, Michael Fox and Kevin Costello suggested a similar trail that would be easier to accommodate.
- Charles Ziegler also mentioned making new bike paths.
- Kevin Costello explained that this would be looked at as part of the Park Comprehensive Plan.

- Keith Johnson inquired about a bridge that was built by Windlestrae – Rosetwig.
- Kevin Costello spoke on the bridge's construction.
- Keith Johnson inquired about a new crosswalk.
- Kevin Costello explained that there was a new crosswalk installed in close proximity.
- Kevin Costello explained the planning that went into the crosswalk since it was a PennDOT road.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Kevin Costello updated the committee on the Usher Lane Project.
- Michael Fox explained the connection to the Memorial Grove.
- Tony Ruggeri suggested the island project as an assignment for the Boy Scouts.
- Kevin Costello updated the committee on the Windlestrae Park watering project.
- Kevin Costello updated the committee on the Whistlestop Park project.
- Kevin Costello updated the committee on the Shade Structure project.

PARK COMP PLAN

- Kevin Costello explained the latest meeting with Montgomery County. They are currently in the information gathering stage.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony Ruggeri recommended the construction of soccer kickback walls.
- Kevin Costello mentioned that their schedule was full at this time.
- Dan Spinelli said the walls would cost \$3,000.00 each.
- Mark Angelone mentioned missing basketball nets at Spring Valley Park and light issues at Windlestrae Park.
- Kevin Costello said he would take a look at both issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Friendship Park

- Kevin Costello introduced John Chambers and he presented the current version of the Friendship Park Plan.
- John Chambers explained the new changes put in place since the last meeting.
- Leesa Meade suggested a new location for the tot-lot.
- John Chambers agreed with the new location for the tot-lot.
- Kevin Costello pointed out the location of the surrounding area housing.
- Michael Fox commented on where trees could be placed and the type of trees to be used.
- John Chambers mentioned the approaching deadline for the permit for the park and that the PRB will provide input as the project develops.
- The committee voted unanimously to approve the Friendship Park Plan.

Field Usage Policy

- Leesa Meade suggested taking the policy home for review and the committee agreed.
- Leesa Meade mentioned having a leash policy included.
- Tony Ruggeri suggested a community garden as a project for the Eagle Scouts.

- Keith Johnson mentioned seeing the lights on late and inquired about the situation.
- Kevin Costello explained the system override for the lights so if they were accidentally left on they would shut off at midnight.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.