



**Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2010**

Leesa Meade, Tony Ruggeri, Dan Spinelli, Keith Johnson, Eugene Ross, Christopher Beck, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Michael Fox were in attendance. Heather Berkey and Mark Angelone were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Leesa Meade called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 14, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

RECREATION UPDATE

- Christopher Beck mentioned the closing numbers for Kids U. along with the numbers for discount ticket sales for the month of August.

BUDGET UPDATE

- Kevin Costello mentioned that the Park Board was on schedule with the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bill Rodgers, Township Resident, proposed the construction of a skate park at Spring Valley Park. The skate park would be an old swimming pool that was previously filled in with soil and concrete to expand the park. We were ordered to fill it because of the liability exposure it created. The cost is estimated to be around \$5,000.00. The measurements are estimated to be 110 ft. x 150 ft. Volunteers would be used for the project completion and it would take approximately 30 days. Minimal cost for upkeep.
- Michael Fox mentioned that other organizations such as Shade Tree, Public Works, Planning & Zoning and Liability should be consulted. There will also need to be a discussion with DVIT for a risk assessment. Christopher Beck and Kevin Costello said they would look into it. Lighting for the skate park may also be an issue.
- Peter, Township Resident and member of Montgomery Basketball Association (MBA) proposed a commemoration for MBA founder Michael Brooks. Peter proposed dedicating one of the basketball courts at Spring Valley Park with a decal of his name on the court or with a plaque. The vote for the exact type of commemoration will be held at the October Park Board Meeting.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Kevin Costello mentioned the completion of the shade structure at Whistlestop Park.
- The Whistlestop Park projects will be placed in the 2011 Budget for Board approval.

PARK COMP PLAN

- Kevin Costello stated that the Montgomery County Planning Commission, along with Township staff took an in depth tour of the Township park system and open space parcels. The County would like to begin discussions with other Montgomery Township Committees and Boards in the upcoming months. The MCPC would like to have a draft copy of the plan to present to the Board of Supervisors by fall 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Park Board discussed incorporating Bill Maule's name into "Friendship Park".
- Leesa Meade mentioned that the Park and Recreation website needed to be updated. Christopher Beck stated that he would make sure the website is updated as soon as possible.
- Leesa Meade mentioned the idea of a "Park of the Month". Michael Fox mentioned the possibility and that a development of a format was needed.
- Tony Ruggeri mentioned his ongoing investigation for kickback walls.
- Keith Johnson mentioned the reformation of a pothole in the Windlestrae – Zehr parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Park Board decided to vote on the Field Usage Policy (if ready) at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Tony Ruggeri made a motion that Mike Brooks be honored at Spring Valley Park. The Park Board unanimously agreed.
- Leesa Meade made a motion that Bill Maule be honored at Friendship Park. The Park Board unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building at the Park Boards discretion.