

Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2009



Keith Johnson, Leesa Meade, Chairperson, Tony Ruggieri, Dan Spinelli, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Beth Usic (Recreation Director), and Jeff McDonnell, Board of Supervisors Liaison, were present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 18th meeting were approved as submitted.

REGULAR MEETING

- Leesa Meade called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Wisner- Had a complaint about a man cleaning up at the Bark Park. He was picking up trash and clearing branches from the park. The man was making comments about how someone needs to clean up the park. She also left a message for Ray to remove the chairs in the park.

Ellie Reader- Suggested a community garden for one of the township's parks. Ellie wanted to know if we can create a survey to see if we can gain interest on the garden. She also mentioned that the township's websites states that we have a community garden. Beth will look into having that removed off the website. Kevin stated that the township attempted community garden years ago and it eventually failed due to lack of interest.

MEETING UPDATE

Beth and Kevin met with Montgomery Soccer and Baseball organizations to discuss issues that can be resolved at a staff level. They will continue to meet with the organizations on the first Monday of every month.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

-Tony mentioned having the basketball backboards replaced at Whistlestop. Kevin will get prices for the backboards. Tony also stated that he thought the township could fit additional basketball courts at Spring Valley. Kevin noted that it would be very difficult and costly to achieve.

-Leesa asked if the township has looked into purchasing the land behind the house off County line road in Hatfield for a possible soccer field. Kevin said it was looked into years ago, but it does belong to Hatfield Township. Leesa said she would talk to Pam about putting the purchase of Hatfield's land on the Open Space Committee agenda.

-Baseball and softball field improvements were suggested as well.

BUDGET UPDATE – Kevin provided a print out for the park board which explains that first quarter was under budget.

RECREATION UPDATE

Beth updated group on the success of the Easter Egg hunt. There were 300+ kids in attendance. The event also included pictures with the Easter Bunny provided by Picture People, arts and crafts, snacks and games. Beth also mentioned that the Recreation Newsletter is expected to be out shortly.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Leesa spoke to Pam about DCNR grant. DCNR likes to have multiple organizations working together on projects. Goal for Park Board is to come up with a list of potential creative projects for grants.
- Beth will check with Pam to see if the Park Board's PRPS memberships were renewed for this year and will report back to group at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 7:30PM at the Township Building.

