

Montgomery Township  
**Park & Recreation Board**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2009**

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Larry Fiel, Keith Johnson, Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Tony Ruggieri, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Officer Johnson, and Sudha Suryadevara (Recreation Coordinator) were in attendance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

- At 8:08 p.m. Larry Fiel called the re-organization meeting to order.
- Larry Fiel entertained nominations for a new Chair.
- Tony Ruggieri suggested waiting until next month's meeting to reorganize because Bill Maule was not present.
- Kevin Costello stated that it is recommended that the reorganization be completed at this meeting.
- Larry Fiel made a motion to nominate Leesa Meade as the new Chair.
- Tony Ruggieri seconded the nomination for Leesa.
- The vote was unanimous for Leesa Meade as Chairperson.
- Leesa Meade entertained nominations for Vice Chair.
- Heather Berkey nominated Bill Maule as Vice Chair.
- Leesa Meade seconded the nomination. Bill Maule accepted nomination over the phone.
- The vote for Vice-Chairman was unanimous for Bill Maule.
- Leesa Meade requested that there be a rotation of park board members to attend the Board of Supervisor meetings if she cannot attend.
- Larry Fiel announced that Leesa Meade is the new chair and it was an honor to work with Bill Maule.

The re-organization meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Chair Leesa Meade.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Barbara Vesay commented that the reorganizing should be at the next meeting when Bill Maule is present.
- Chuck Vesay discussed the Shoot for the Cure Event (Windlestrae Park). He requested to add one concession stand & Cow Chip Bingo to raise money for the cause (in an open area and not on the playing fields). Cow Chip Bingo would run 2-3 hours the same day as the tournament. Kevin Costello mentioned that the Park Board can make the recommendation to the BOS and also requested that Chuck fill out a separate park permit for the event. This will allow staff to review the permit request. Leesa Meade felt this was a great

opportunity to get residents of the Township more involved and aware of the cause.

- Larry Fiel made a motion to approve Chuck's request. Heather Berkey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- A resident suggested rotating the 9 holes on the disc golf course based on wear and tear. Kevin Costello mentioned that there was no visible wear and tear on the course at this time.

- Larry Fiel wants to find out if there are any new priorities for baseball and soccer. He also inquired about the PECO Power Line Trail. Kevin Costello will speak to Pam for an update.

- Tony Ruggieri mentioned that the space near the quarry and Airport Square is a good place for a community center.

- Kevin Costello- Township is talking with engineers and PennDOT to discuss options for the open space on Dekalb Pike and Knapp Road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BYLAWS**

Leesa Meade stated that there were only 6 members on the Park Board, but the Bylaws state that there must be 7. Recommend to the BOS to publicize opening.

Kevin Costello- Board is aware of opening. Opportunities to fill open positions on the committees are at the discretion of the BOS.

### **BARK PARK**

Heather Berkey would like a plaque or memorial for her dog at Bark Park. She got a quote for approx. \$200. Discussion took place as to what it would say and if there is money in the budget for this plaque. Kevin will check with Pam on the policy for memorials.

### **RECREATION IDEAS**

Leesa Meade would like to suggest a story time event 2 times a month. Possibly coordinate it with the book mobile. Free event would include story, crafts and snacks. Find volunteers to set up.

Leesa also mentioned a pajama party at the Gazebo. Sudha will speak with Beth and Pam regarding both ideas.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BYLAWS**

Larry Fiel- page 2 of Bylaws...Can you continue for another 5 years after your term is over?

Kevin Costello- The decision is at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Leesa Meade - suggested that everyone come up with 2 priorities to accomplish with the \$380,000 for the next meeting. Leesa would like to invite BOS to Park Board meeting or arrange a meeting with the Board to discuss the Board's goals for the Park Board. Leesa would like to ask for a replacement for Jeff when he can't attend Park Board meetings so that someone from the BOS is present at the Park Board meetings.

Keith Johnson- states that he feels the current communication is one way.

Leesa Meade - "We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to submit a list of priorities for the Park Board."

### **RECREATION SURVEY**

Keith Johnson wanted to know the official results from the survey. Kevin Costello stated that a general township survey was completed, but the recreation survey was neither completed nor funded.

Heather Berkey- suggested putting a survey on channel 22 and have people contact the township building.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:40PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM at the Township Building.