



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for March 11th, 2020**

The March 2020 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board were held on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Al Quasti, Angelo Grasso, Scott Fontaine, and Kim Greene. Also in attendance were Tanya Bamford, Chair Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors, Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman and Derek Muller Community and Recreation Center Program Supervisor.

March 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Marry Beth Meehan at 7:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Quasti made a motion to approve the February 12th 2020 minutes and Scott Fontaine seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Township resident, Chuck Vesay thank the staff for bringing the Montgomery County Senior Games to Montgomery Township. The Community Recreation Center is slated to be the host site for Cornhole competition in May. In addition, Mr. Vesay thanked the Public Works Department for their excellent year-round work that they provide for the upkeep of the numerous Parks in Montgomery Township.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Muller briefly discussed ongoing recreation programs as well as upcoming Special Events taking place at the CRC. Scott Fontaine initiated a discussion regarding the availability of basketball courts for members.

PARKS ACTIVITY

The Park Assignment Chart was reviewed and updated by the Board. Assignments for 2020 are listed below:

Park Assignment List 2020					
<u>Scott Schultz</u>		<u>Scott Fontaine</u>		<u>Angelo Grasso</u>	<u>Mary Beth Meehan</u>
Fellowship		Windlestrae Athletic Fields		Windlestrae (Zehr)	Whistlestop Park
Knapp Road/Natural Area		Autumn Woods		Windlestrae (Rosetwig)	Friendship Park
<u>Linda Brooks</u>		<u>Al Quasti</u>		<u>Kim Greene</u>	
Memorial Grove		202 Parkway Trail		Bark Park	
Gazebo Park		Spring Valley		Whispering Pines	
Windlestrae (Maule)					
Windlestrae Natural Area					

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Montgomery United Soccer Presentation

MonU President Brent Whiting and Vice President Troy Moyer presented to the Parks Board a proposal regarding the installation of artificial athletic turf fields at Windlestrae Park. The concept envisions a Private/Public partnership between Montgomery Township and MonU Soccer. The entire presentation is included at the end of these minutes.

MonU soccer would like the Parks Board and ultimately the Board of Supervisors to seriously consider the artificial turf proposal. They are seeking permission to move forward with a formal feasibility study of installing two artificial turf fields on the current real grass soccer fields; Kenas numbers 1 and 2.

Park Board Member Al Quasti volunteered to meet with MonU soccer and serve as a liaison in the initial planning stages of the venture.

Outdoor Pickleball courts in Montgomery Township

Township Resident, Tony Ruggieri initiated a discussion regarding the construction of outdoor pickleball courts within a park. Mr. Ruggieri suggested the idea of converting the Street Hockey Court in Spring Valley Park into four or possibly five courts. The committee also suggested the idea of utilizing the basketball courts at Windlestrae (Maule) for the placement of outdoor pickle ball courts. The committee felt that the basketball courts were not used heavily as Spring Valley's street hockey courts and might be a viable location.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Quasti and second by Ms. Greene, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday April 8th 2020 at 7:30PM.

Submitted by: Derek Muller, Community & Recreation Center Program Supervisor