



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for March 10th, 2021**

The 2021 reorganizational meeting and the regular March 2021 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board were held on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center (CRC). The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Al Quasti, Scott Fontaine, Kim Greene, and Angelo Grasso. Also in attendance were Greg Reiff, Public Works Director, Matt Quigg Board Liaison, Tanya Bamford Board Chair, and Floyd S. Shaffer Community and Recreation Center Director.

2021 Reorganization Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Brooks called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:33 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Ms. Brooks and a second by Mary Beth Meehan, Al Quasti was appointed Temporary Chair.

Mr. Quasti opened the floor for nominations for the 2021 Committee Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Quasti to nominate Mary Beth Meehan as Chair. The motion was seconded by Linda Brooks. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Ms. Meehan Chair was unanimous.

On a motion by Mr. Quasti and a second by Ms. Meehan, Linda Brooks was nominated as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Ms. Brooks, Vice Chair, was unanimous.

There being no further business, Ms. Brooks motioned to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and Ms. Meehan seconded. The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

March 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Mary Beth Meehan at 7:39pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Quasti made a motion to approve the November 11, 2020, minutes and Marybeth Meehan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment consisted of a presentation from MONU soccer regarding the placement of artificial turfs surfaces on existing lighted large athletic fields at Windlestrae Park. Attached is a synopsis of the presentation delivered by MONU President Brent Whiting and MONU Vice President Troy Moyer.

During the meeting the following items were discussed:

- 1) High demand for turf fields. Income possibilities.
- 2) Public/Private venture within the Community.
- 3) MONU purchasing its own land for the project.
- 4) Competitive/Travel soccer vs. recreation soccer.
- 5) Environmental impact – Engineers will be determining the implications.
- 6) Parks Board would like more information and a feasibility study from MONU soccer.
- 7) Mr. Quasti requested that if any Committee members had further questions or input for Soccer, he would be happy to compile them. He will forward the list directly to the MONU Executive Board.

PARKS ACTIVITY

Public Works Director, Greg Reiff presented information regarding the activities that have occurred during the winter of 2020/2021. A complete summary of projects/activity were provided to the Committee in the Parks Department monthly reports that were distributed to the committee.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer discussed current 2021 recreation programs that are taken place under COVID-19 safety protocols. He also gave an overview of the summer 2021 Kids University day camp operation that will be conducted at the CRC. The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the CRC daily operations were discussed. Specific details were provided in the January/February recreation monthly reports.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Linda Brooks brought to the Committee for further discussion; the concept of an Environmental Protection Ordinance with regards to the special ecological features that are located in Windlesstrae Park, specifically in natural areas of Windlesstrae, the Zehr track, and the Wiseman Track. She indicated that the preservation of the unique environment existing in those areas is essential to ensure the fragile balance between the developed recreation amenities and the unique ecosystem within the park. Linda indicated it is a treasure that needs to be preserved for future generations of Montgomery Township residents.

**** Mr. Quasti generously offered his assistance and expertise in preparing the document.

Bocce court construction was discussed. The Board was positive about the idea presented by Mr. Fusco at the November 2020 meeting. Mr. Shaffer indicated that a survey for residents is being prepared to gauge interest. On a motion by Mr. Grasso, and a second by Ms. Greene, the Committee unanimously agreed to conduct the survey and send the results to the Board of Supervisors in support of Bocce court construction as a capital project for the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Meehan and second by Mr. the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday April 14th, 2021 at 7:30PM.

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community & Recreation Center Director
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