



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The May 2021 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Angelo Grasso, Scott Fontaine, Scott Schultz, and Angelo Grasso. Also in attendance Greg Reiff, Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer Community and Recreation Center Director.

**May 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the March minutes and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PARKS ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Linda Brooks reported that the utilization of Township parks is extremely heavy. Mr. Grasso concurred and indicated that it is a positive for Montgomery Township and its expansive park facilities.

Mary Beth Meehan indicated that there were a number of cracks in the surfacing at the Rose Twig tennis courts.

## **PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Greg Reiff reported that the normal spring heavy mowing season was in full swing. He also indicated the following incidents occurred in the last month:

- 1) The basketball and tennis court lights at Whistle Stop park are not operational due to a failed circuit board.
- 2) Vandalism to place at Whispering Pines Park was described.
- 3) Friendship Park is nearly completed. He indicated that the entire facility looks fantastic. Dedicated of the park is tentatively scheduled for late June.
- 4) A Grant to improve the facilities at Fellowship Park has been applied for.

Mr. Reiff also presented the Committee a copy of his monthly Public Works report.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Shaffer briefly discussed ongoing and upcoming recreation programs/activities as well as some of the new concepts for summer 2021. As the COVID-19 pandemic winds down, he was very optimistic that there would be positive signs of normalcy in the CRC throughout the summer.

Specific details of recreation activities were provided to the Committee in the March/April recreation report.

## **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Linda Brooks and Al Quasti discussed the Windlestrae Park environment protection ordinance. They indicated that a full report is forthcoming at a meeting in the near future.
- 2) MONU Soccer's presentation about synthetic turf fields was discussed by the Board. The consensus was that Windlestrae Park was not the correct location to put artificial turf soccer fields. There was genuine support for the concept, but not in the location that MONU soccer proposed. Finally the Board would like to be part of the decision making process. They would like to have additional input to MONU prior to any presentation going before to the Board of Supervisors.
- 3) Mr. Shaffer explained the results of the recent Bocce Ball survey. The numbers were overwhelming in favor of having Bocce Ball courts as a future amenity in Montgomery Township. The Committee will compose and send a recommendation to the Supervisors prior to the start of the 2021 budget process.

- 4) The proposed new dog park was discussed. On a motion by Linda Brooks and a second by Angelo Grasso, the Board unanimously voted to hold the next Parks meeting at the Knapp Road trailhead of the 202 Parkway. The location is in front of the proposed site that the new dog park might be located.

#### **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, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Knapp Road trailhead of the 202 Parkway trail.**

Submitted by:

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Community and Recreation Center Director