

Montgomery Township  
Park & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2008

---



At 8:10 p.m. Barry Weinstein called the meeting to order. David Keightly, Larry Fiel, Leesa Meade, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Beth Usic (Recreation Director) and Officer Johnson were present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Anthony Ruggieri (Status of Rose Twig Ball Fields & storage request)***

He was inquiring about the status of the new ball fields at Rose Twig. If the fields are ready by spring he would no longer need to use the fields at Whistlestop Park. Kevin Costello said the fields at Rose Twig will not be available until fall 2009 or spring 2010.

Anthony is also requesting a place to store the equipment used to maintain the fields. Kevin is looking into it.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Park Visit Update***

***Leesa Meade***(Status at Spring Valley Park)– The fence that borders Spring Valley Park is falling. There is also vandalism on the walking path. There is a poison ivy problem on the nature trail. It is not hanging over the trail. The fence in the woods from the upper to lower end of the park is barbed wire. Ms. Meade expressed concern that someone may get injured if in the woods. Also, the cat that is living in the park has had its shots and it is safe.

***Dave Keightly*** (Status of Fellowship Park) – Stated that he saw someone dragging branches from their property and dumping them at Fellowship Park. Officer Johnson and Kevin told him that he should call the PD immediately. Dave questioned what are we going to do about encroachment on township parkland not only at Mallard Pond but all of the parks. Kevin stated that this issue was a

matter of enforcement and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Planning and Zoning not the Park Board.

**Forestry Update-** (Kevin Costello)

The check was received from Prudential for the Volunteer Grants Program in the amount of \$250. The Park Board needs for the Board to authorize the Department of Forestry study of the wooded areas to receive the funds for the study which will not exceed \$1000.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tennis Court Update**

Beth gave the update about the problem of sharing the courts at Spring Valley. Everyone was informed that the police have taken care of the issue.

Kevin Costello reported that there is no need to resurface the courts at this time. The nets have been replaced. The windscreen isn't recommended because it may result in fence damage and can be very expensive.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Disc Golf**

Larry Caldwell is running the "Adopt a Hole" program. There is a lot of support and overall the response has been positive.

Barb Vesay- Suggested there is a map for the disc golf course. Leesa volunteered to put information in the kiosks regarding disc golf and other township activities.

Larry Fiel suggested placing the 5 year plan on the next agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, Barry Weinstein adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

*The next Park and Recreation Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Township Building.*