

Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2008



At 8:00 p.m. Bill Maule called the meeting to order. Barry Weinstein, Larry Fiel, Keith Johnson, Leesa Meade, Heather Berkey, Dave Keightly, Larry Gregan (Finance Director), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) and Beth Usic (Recreation Director) were in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is noted under Disc Golf.

PRESENTATION

Larry Gregan presented the 2009 proposed final budget for Park and Recreation to the Park Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Forestry Update (Kevin)- Kevin Costello, Pam Gural-Bear and Ray Barndt met with the Department of Forestry representatives to discuss how to proceed with a study of the wooded areas in the Township. A walk-through of the Windlestrae Park wooded area was conducted in November with the Department of Forestry representatives and Ray Barndt. Kevin clarified to the Park Board that the Department of Forestry only provides a list of independent vendors or plan writers to study the wooded areas. The Department of Forestry will help to subsidize part of the study providing that there is some type of education mechanism provided by the Township.

Ray Barndt will provide the Department of Forestry information to the Shade Tree Commission for their review. Bill Maule asked Kevin Costello to find out if it is possible to use part of the capital reserve funds to implement the Forestry Restoration plan.

Disc Golf Update- Bill Maule questioned the reason that the Board of Supervisors denied the Park Board's request to expand the disc golf course. He would like the Board of Supervisors and Park Board to conduct a joint meeting in early 2009 or as soon as possible to discuss their reason for denying the request.

Public Comment- Barbara Vesay was concerned about the way the Board of Supervisors handled the disc golf course expansion request. She does not believe that the Park Board and the course supporters were treated fairly.

NEW BUSINESS –

Park Board Officers for 2009- Bill Maule announced that he will not run for chairman next year. He is requesting that Barry Weinstein run for the chairman's position if he will accept the nomination.

Ray Barndt supervised an Eagle Scout project in which the Scout constructed a very needed and nice bridge in Windlestrae Park. Keith Johnson would like to make a suggestion to modify the bridge. There is a puddle that forms at the end of the bridge and he would like to see the ramp extended at the end of the bridge.

Photography Club- Dave would like to know if it is possible to start a club that meets at the Township building. Beth Usic said she would look into this.

Autumn Festival Pictures- Dave Keightly would like to be recognized for the pictures he took at Autumn Festival.

Holiday Lights Celebration- Beth Usic informed everyone on the Park Board that they need to have their results in for the contest by Friday, December 12th. Beth also invited everyone to come out to the Holiday Lights Celebration on December 16th from 6:00-8:00PM.

***Note-** Dave Keightly suggested a Halloween Decorations Contest. Leesa Meade suggested doing an indoor lights contest.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill suggested forming three sub-committees for activities, facilities, and budget. Park Board members would work with various staff members in each of the departments listed and report back to the Park Board on a regular basis.

Dave Keightly would like someone to contact the Recreation and Park Society Membership Directory and Buyers guide to correct our facility information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bill Maule adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 8:00PM at the Township Building.