

**Montgomery Township**  
**Park and Recreation Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting for May 9, 2007**

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At 9:18 p.m., Chairman Bill Maule called the meeting to order. David Keightly, Heather Berkey, Keith Johnson, Larry Fiel, Leesa Meade, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Pam Gural-Bear (Assistant Township Manager) and Evelyn DiFeo (Recreation Coordinator) were present.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

The Minutes were approved as submitted. Vote 6-0.

**Public Comment**

**Foul Balls near the Tot Lot at Fellowship Park**

Bill Hagmeier, President of Montgomery Township Baseball Softball Association, discussed the matter of the foul balls being hit near the tot lot at Fellowship Park. A resident had expressed concern about the possibility of a foul ball hitting a child on the play equipment. Mr. Hagmeier said that he did notice this as being a problem. Mr. Keightly suggested having one of the benched players catch the foul balls that are hit toward the tot lot. Mr. Costello explained that the home plate at Fellowship Park had been moved from its original location when the field was skinned to 75ft. Mr. Hagmeier said he would evaluate the situation and advise the Township as to what direction to take.

**MTBSA: Purchasing a Trailer**

Mr. Hagmeier said MTBSA would like to purchase a trailer to move the equipment around with the John Deere Gator. MTBSA would like to chain it to the storage building located at the main section of Windlestrae Park. The Park and Recreation Board discussed and agreed that the MTBSA could make the purchase and chain it to the storage building.

**Holl Field Backstop**

Mr. Hagmeier explained that people congregate behind the backstop at the Holl Field and it disrupts the players. Mr. Hagmeier asked if something could be installed

behind the backstop to prevent people from congregating there. Mr. Costello said they could install a tarp on the backstop at the beginning of the season and remove it at the end.

## **Old Business**

### **Parks Sprayed**

Mr. Costello explained that Mr. Ray Barndt would be having the parks sprayed by Moyer & Son next week.

### **Pond Work at Windlestrae Park**

Mr. Costello explained to the Park and Recreation Board that he received names of a few contractors who to supply quotes to remove the brush around the pond at Windlestrae Park. Ms. Meade asked what the cost would be to dredge the pond. Mr. Costello said that the pond dredging, which is currently at 1.5 feet deep, is listed in the capital budget as \$150,000, but the actual cost to remove the 13,000 cubic yards of material would be \$250,000. Mr. Costello will contact the different contractors to obtain quotes to bring to the June meeting.

### **Rose Twig Back Section**

Mr. Costello said that the construction of the fields for the Rose Twig Back Section will begin either at the end of July or the beginning of August. Mr. Chambers had submitted the information to DEP and we are awaiting the necessary permit.

### **Whistlestop Park**

Mr. Costello said Mr. Chambers estimates that Whistlestop Park will require 11,000 cubic yards of top soil to repair the fields. The cost to transport the soil, grade the park and seed it will total \$91,000. The money has been set aside in the capital projects. Mr. Costello said he would have to further discuss the costs and time with Mr. Chambers and P. K. Moyer. The Township will not be able to start the project until late September because of the police event that is scheduled for the beginning of September and the soccer season, which starts in August. Mr. Costello added that MTBSA and MUSC will not be able to use the fields in the spring of 2008.

### **Park and Recreation Survey – Update**

Ms. Gural-Bear said the meetings for the focus groups have been set up for Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24. The Olive Garden will be providing the food for each event. Mr. Johnson asked what the focus of the survey would be. Ms. Gural-Bear explained that one question will be brought upon each focus group and from that question, Franklin and Marshall will develop questions from the answers the focus groups provide.

### **Flag-Raising Ceremony**

Mr. Maule said the flag-raising ceremony was a complete success. Mr. Maule, Dr. Kuhn, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Gural-Bear, Mr. Costello and the Cub Scouts were present at the Monday, April 30 ceremony.

### **Bark Park 5th Anniversary**

Ms. Berkey explained that she had been in contact with several vendors for the Bark Park's Fifth Anniversary Celebration. She has contacted Canine Country, The Reporter, Wacky Walker, Montgomery Township Canine Officers, Dogs Deserve Better, Cutter's Mill and Channel 10.

## **New Business**

### **Benches at Park Trails**

Mr. Maule asked Mr. Costello if benches could be placed at the corners of the macadam trails at Spring Valley and Windlestrae Parks. Mr. Costello said he would get a quote.

**Rebuilding Dugouts**

Mr. Maule asked Mr. Costello if the dugouts at Whistlestop, Spring Valley and Fellowship parks could be constructed like the dugouts at Windlestrae Park. Mr. Costello said he would check into the costs.

**MMR Request to Sell Food at MTBSA Photo Day**

Ms. Gural-Bear explained that someone from MMR had contacted her about selling candy at MTBSA's Photo Day on Saturday, May 12.

**MUSC Ad for Soccer Players**

Ms. DiFeo explained that a resident had brought in an article that a couple of MUSC coaches had placed in The Intelligencer. She continued to explain that the resident was upset because he felt that they were advertising for players outside the township when they have in-township players from which to choose. Ms. DiFeo said she had contacted one of the coaches and found that the coach was advertising for players from Montgomery Township and there was no intention to advertise for players from other areas.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Maule adjourned the meeting at 11:00p.m.

*The next Park and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2007 at 8p.m. at the Montgomery Township Building.*