

**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 8, 2007**

At 8:10p.m., Vice Chairman Barry Weinstein called the meeting to order. David Keightly, Heather Berkey, Leesa Meade, Keith Johnson, Larry Fiel, Bob Witmer (Board of Supervisor Liaison), Officer Rob Johnson (MT Police Department), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Pam Gural – Bear (Assistant Township Manager), Evelyn DiFeo (Recreation Coordinator) and Meghan Williams (Recreation Intern) were present.

Vice Chairman Weinstein had moved Public Comment from number two item on the agenda to number one.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MTBSA Concession Stand Request**

Under public comment, Tony Ruggieri, Vice President of Montgomery Township Baseball Softball Association (MTBSA), said that he had contacted an architect regarding the proposed concession stand MTBSA would like to construct behind the Connie Mac Field. Mr. Ruggieri explained that Jonathan Trump, a certified architect, will draft some plans for the MTBSA to present to the Park and Recreation Board at a future meeting. Mr. Costello explained that this plan would be considered a capital project and has not been budgeted in the five year capital plan. Mr. Trump said that he would put together schematics and draft a picture of what the concession stand will look like and present it to the Park and Recreation Board at the October meeting and then the Park and Recreation Board can proceed from there. In addition to viewing the plans, Vice Chairman Weinstein suggested the Park and Recreation Board members and MTBSA view a few concession stands already constructed to get an idea of what they are looking for.

**MTBSA Fall Ball**

Mr. Ruggieri explained that MTBSA would like to host a fall ball softball league in addition to their baseball league. Mr. Ruggieri said that MTBSA would need to sit down with Montgomery United Soccer Club to discuss scheduling at the Rose Twig Section of Windlestrae Park. Mark Savini, venue manager for Windlestrae Park told Mr. Ruggieri that a schedule could be worked out between MTBSA and MUSC for use of the Rose Twig Section Fields. He asked if they could meet at a later date.

**Rose Twig Section Bridge**

Mr. Ruggieri asked if the Township could construct a bridge that could handle the weight and width of their gator so that they could transport equipment back and forth from the Rose Twig Section of Windlestrae Park and the Main Section of the park. Mr. Costello said that he would have to check with the Township Engineer to see if that was possible. He wasn't sure what would be involved to construct the bridge; such as, permits from the DEP, etc.

**Thank you**

Mr. Savini from MUSC wanted to thank the Park and Recreation Board and Mr. Costello and staff for the hard work they have put forth to prepare the soccer fields for the fall leagues. Mr. Savini said that since the irrigation system was added the fields have been in great shape.

**Permission to use 400 lb. Roller**

Mr. Savini said to Mr. Costello that MUSC would like to have permission to use a 400lb. roller on the Kenas 1 at Windlestrae Park Main Section to flatten it out a bit. Mr. Costello said he would not recommend doing that at this time. He continued to say that the Township Parks Department will do that in the winter.

**Back Section of Rose Twig**

It was asked by both Mr. Ruggieri and Mr. Savini when the back section of Rose Twig would be available. Mr. Costello said no earlier than 2009.

There being no further Public Comment the Board move onto accepting minutes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***CAPITAL PROJECTS***

**Back Section of Rose Twig**

Mr. Costello told the Park and Recreation Board that Mr. Chambers needs to draft a new plan because MTBSA requested to have a 60' to 75' field instead of the 90'. Due to this change the field will be able to be pushed back and that the locations and the slopes of the fields have to be redesigned.

**Disc Golf**

Mr. Costello explained that the bids have been awarded and they are just waiting on the Mr. Duesler to submit his bonds. Once that is submitted Mr. Duesler will start construction. The Disc Golf Course will be completed in time for Autumn Festival.

**Park and Recreation Survey**

Ms. Gural-Bear explained that the Park and Recreation Survey was still being developed. She said that she is working with Mr. Gegan, the Finance Director to establish costs for requested facilities. The survey may be out by the end of September.

## **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the monthly reports provided by Mr. Costello and Ms. DiFeo. They were concerned with the vandalism that has been occurring at Spring Valley Park's Restrooms. Officer Rob Johnson from the Montgomery Township Police Department was present to discuss security options. Officer Johnson suggested having motion detectors with lights that would go on because people do not like to be seen and caught doing the vandalism. The Park and Recreation Board asked about installing video cameras.

Officer Johnson said that he has an officer that can check into that option for them and let them know what the cost and how effective it would be.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5 Year Capital Plan**

Mr. Fiel expressed concern about the 5 year capital plan and the new Board of Supervisors coming in January. He is concerned that they will change the capital budget plan. Mr. Witmer explained that it can be changed at anytime, but not to be concerned at this time.

### **Vendor at Autumn Festival**

Ms. Berkey asked Ms. DiFeo if she had contacted Mike Young who owns Wacky Walker to include him at the Montgomery Township Autumn Festival. Ms. DiFeo said no. Ms. Berkey gave her his contact information and asked that she contact him for the festival.

### **Installing Shade Trees**

Ms. Meade asked why the tree at Spring Valley Park was cut down. Mr. Costello explained that the tree was vandalized and required for it to be removed. Ms. Meade asked if the Township has discussed about installing shade trees at some of the parks tot lots. Ms. Gural-Bear said she would discuss the matter with the Shade Tree Commission at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Weinstein adjourned the meeting at 9:50p.m.