

**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Minutes of Meeting for October 10, 2007**



Chairman Bill Maule called the meeting to order at 8:08p.m. Larry Fiel, Heather Berkey, Barry Weinstein, David Keightly, Keith Johnson, Leesa Meade, Bob Witmer (Board of Supervisor Liaison), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Pam Gural-Bear (Assistant Township Manager), Meghan Williams (Recreation Intern) and Evelyn DiFeo (Recreation Coordinator) were present.

Chairman Maule had moved Public Comment from number two on the agenda to number one.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank You

Chuck Vesay, Executive Director of Montgomery United Soccer Club (MUSC), thanked the Park and Recreation Board and Mr. Costello for the work that has been done on the fields. He continued to say that the diligent work by all of the parties has helped make the fall season very successful.

Portable Lights at Zehr Section

Mr. Vesay asked the Park and Recreation Board if MUSC could use portable lights at the Zehr section of Windlestrae Park in order to give the fields at the main section of Windlestrae a rest from practices and games. The Park and Recreation Board asked how long the portable lights would be used and Mr. Vesay said they are planning to use the lights on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30p.m. to about 9:30p.m. for four weeks. The Park and Recreation Board members discussed, motioned and voted to allow MUSC to use portable lights at the Zehr section at Windlestrae Park for playing at night.

Reset Parking Lot Timer

Mr. Vesay asked the Park and Recreation Board if the timer for the parking lot lights at Windlestrae Park could be changed to come on at 6:30p.m. Mr. Costello said he would have his crew make that change.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Projects

Disc Golf

Mr. Keightly said he had been out to Windlestrae Park on Monday, October 8th to see what progress Dr. Duesler had made with the disc golf course. Although only one hole was complete, Dr. Duesler told Mr. Keightly that he was optimistic about having 11 holes completed by Saturday, October 13.

Rose Twig Section

Mr. Costello explained that the Township was using water tankers to hose down the area because it had been so dry. Now that it has rained, the dust from the construction is not as bad. He said that P. K. Moyer should resume work on Thursday.

Bark Park Fence

Mr. Costello told the Park and Recreation Board that Mr. Barndt was getting quotes for the additional fence for the new small-dogs optional section.

Spring Valley Park Restrooms: Discuss Security Options

Mr. Costello told the Park and Recreation Board that the bathrooms at Spring Valley Park were temporarily closed because of the graffiti that had been spray-painted on the walls of the restrooms. The Park and Recreation Board discussed options to prevent the reoccurring vandalism. The creation of a neighborhood watch was one suggestion. At the September meeting, Officer Rob Johnson said that he has been working with another officer who specializes in security systems. Ms. DiFeo said she would speak to Officer Johnson to confirm that he (and/or the other officer) would be at the November meeting to present a wireless camera option. Until then, the Park and Recreation Board members discussed offering a reward with the hope that someone will come forward with information regarding the identity of the vandals. At the November meeting, the Park and Recreation Board members will discuss all options with Officer Johnson.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

The Park and Recreation Board members reviewed the minutes from the September meeting and approved them as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan G. Komen Walk

Chairman Maule thanked Ms. Meade and Ms. Berkey for being involved with the recent Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

Zehr Section Sewer Line Easement

Mr. Costello said he had spoken with Chuck Fealy regarding the sewer easement at the Zehr Section of Windlestrae Park. He said that the sewer authority committed to putting in the trail, but was not sure who would pay for the materials to install it. Mr. Fealy told Mr. Costello that he would check with Beverly Brown.

Clearing Around the Pond at Windlestrae Park

Mr. Keightly asked Mr. Costello if he had received quotes from some of the companies that Mr. Chambers suggested. Mr. Costello explained to Mr. Keightly that they have most of the equipment to do the work in house. The Public Works Department is planning on removing the brush in January or February. He continued to explain that he wanted to make sure they save as many trees as possible. Mr. Keightly asked if some of the areas around the stream could be cleared so people could enjoy the scenic vista.

Bridge on Kenas Road

Mr. Johnson asked when the bridge on Kenas Road would be finished. Mr. Costello said that the widening of the bridge is being reviewed by the Planning and Zoning office. He will check into it further and should have a status report for the November meeting.

Whistlestop Park Walking Trail

Chairman Maule asked Mr. Costello if the walking trail could be made wider at Whistlestop Park. Apparently the trees have grown dramatically and are covering some of the trail.

Review of 5-Year Capital Plan

Ms. Meade asked if the Park and Recreation Board would be reviewing the 5-Year Capital Plan. Ms. DiFeo said she would put it on November's agenda.

Name the new Hartman Road Park

Ms. Gural-Bear told the Park and Recreation Board that the park on Hartman Road that David Cutler is building needs to be named. Chairman Maule said he would like to leave it up to the children in Montgomery Township to name the park. Ms. Gural-Bear said they would send fliers through the schools asking for help from the elementary students. The Park and Recreation Board discussed prizes and agreed that a \$100 American Express gift card would be appropriate.

There being no further business, Chairman Maule adjourned the meeting at 9:20p.m.