



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for February 9th, 2022**

The February 2022 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, February 9th, 2022. *The meeting was conducted in person.* The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Kim Greene, Lynne Reamer & Heather Pelletier. Also, in attendance were; Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Board Liaison, Audrey Ware, Board of Supervisors, and Angelina Capozzi Community & Recreation Center Program Director.

February 9th, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Beth Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***** Newly appointed Parks Board members, Lynne Reamer & Heather Pelletier, were introduced and welcomed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Beth Meehan made a motion to approve the January 12th, 2022 Minutes and Linda Brooks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

PARKS ACTIVITY

A discussion was held about park assignments. Newly appointed members, Lynne Reamer and Heather Pelletier The Committee agreed that Gazebo Park and Spring Valley Park are good candidates for new assignments. A more in-depth conversation will be held at the next meeting to finalize the park assignments.

Several discussions ensued regarding Township Parks:

- 1) Memorial Grove and the need for power washing of the area was mentioned.
- 2) Windlestrae Park and the preservation of the fragile ecosystem.

- 3) The ongoing concern of MonU Soccer's proposal to install artificial turf fields on the Windlestrae soccer fields.

PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Director, Greg Reiff was unable to make the meeting & will provide updates next meeting.

RECREATION UPDATE

Ms. Capozzi gave an update on all activities happening at the Recreation Center. Fitness classes are very popular at the Community Center and more fitness classes are being added. Children's Programs range from art classes, multiple sports classes, sciences classes, and many more. An adult basketball league started on Wednesday, February 2nd. Planning for *Kids University* (Summer Day Camp) is in full swing. The eight week program conducted at Montgomery Elementary School begins registration on Thursday, March 17th.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Bocce Court Construction**

Ms. Capozzi gave an update that we are establishing a timetable to see the engineers for a formal construction drawing prior to going to bid.

- 2) **Mike Okino baseball tribute update**

The celebration will be held Saturday, May 14th the time is TBD. For the sign the staff will decide, and alum players will be invited as well.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The remainder of the meeting involved dialog about the following topics:

- 1) A discussion as held about retaining natural resources within Montgomery Township. The consensus of the group is that open space must be preserved and goals should be established.
- 2) Another discussion was held about a possible threat to the environment at Windlestrae Park environment and potential drinking water. Linda Brooks read a statement from Hope Gross that stated "I would like to bring awareness to this Board that the Township is considering doing an analysis for artificial turf fields at Windlestrae Park. Turfs fields are constructed with materials that contain *Perfluorinated Chemicals* (PFAS) that pollute the soil and ground water". Ms. Gross indicated that she would like to educate the Parks Board on the PFAS issue.

- 3) Ms. Gross's letter also included the following: "I would also like to test the Little Neshaminy Creek for PFAS. To test the water at this location it would costs \$399.00, a couple samples may raise this cost." The board decided to discuss this matter at the next meeting and take action on the water testing proposal for the Little Neshaminay Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mary Beth Meehan and second by Linda Brooks the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday March 9th, 2022 at 7:00PM.

Submitted by: Angelina Capozzi
Community & Recreation Center Program Director