



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for September 14th, 2022**

**DRAFT**

The September 2022 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2022 within the Community Recreation Center (CRC). The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Lynne Reamer, Marybeth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Jeremy Dombroski, Moira Giordano, and Jess Jastrzembski. Also, in attendance were; Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Board Liaison, Greg Reiff, Public Works Director and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Beth Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The proceedings began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*\*\*\* Newly appointed Board Members, Moira Giordano and Jess Jastrzembski, were welcomed to the Parks and Recreation Board.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Linda Brooks and a second by Jeremy Dombroski, the meeting minutes of Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charles Vesay, Montgomery Township resident, and Chair of the Township Senior Committee introduced himself to the Parks Board and welcomed the new members. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for appointing a member of the Senior Committee to the Parks Board. Mr. Vasey commented that the Senior Committee is newly revitalized. He indicated that they are ready to assist in any capacity necessary to keep seniors active and healthy.

## **PARKS ACTIVITY**

The following topics were discussed with regards to issues/concerns in Montgomery Township parks by the committee:

1) Linda Brooks informed the group that she will be attending the Shade Tree Committee on Wednesday September 21. In addition, she indicated that she has reached out to Delaware Valley College about Windlestrae Park and the possibility of utilizing the natural area as a teaching laboratory.

A brief discussion of the ongoing issue of Township stream water testing also took place.

2) Angelo Grasso submitted his report via email: Zehr and Rosetwig areas are in good shape. Recent rains the last few days, has brought life and green back to the turf. All nets on the basketball, hockey and tennis courts are appear to be functioning properly.

3) Heather Pelletier also provided a report via email. She indicated all of the pole padding protectors (four basketball goals courts need to be replaced. The street hockey nets are not attached to the goal frames. Lastly, one pickleball net is bent.

4) Heather Pelletier - spoke regarding the lack of usage of various athletic fields within Spring Valley Park. A dialogue ensued about “repurposing the use of the various areas. Outdoor movies and a summer concert venue were mentioned.

5) Jeremy Dombroski - discussed the lack of usage of the street hockey court at Whispering Pines Park. The street hockey court will also be considered for “repurposing by the Committee.

## **PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

The committee was provided with a copy of the July/August Department Activity report.

Mr. Reiff discussed the various projects that are being worked on as well as the beginning of leaf collection season.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Shaffer also provided the Committee with a written report detailing the various activities conducted in and around the CRC during the month of July/August. He provided a recap of our Summer Day Camp Program (Kids University), the splash pad, the Summer Concert series, various other summer program opportunities.

## **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Reiff provided updates on the following items:

- a) Bocce courts bid award and a possible construction time table.
- b) Grant application for PECO Green Region grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for tree replacement in Montgomery Township. The Grant will be submitted through the Shade Tree Commission and coordinated through Gilmore & Associates (parks and landscape engineers).
- c) Whistlestop Park has been awarded a grant of \$250,000 by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The funds will be utilized for numerous improvements to the entire site.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Linda Brooks and a second by Mr. Jastrzembski the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. **The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00PM.**

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community Center Director