



Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for February 8th, 2023

The regular February 2023 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, so, Heather Pelletier, Lynne Reamer, Moira Giordano, and Jeremy Dombroski, Also in attendance were Tanya Bamford Board Liaison, and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

February 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Jeremy Dombroski at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heather Pelletier made a motion to approve the February 8th, 2023, meeting minutes. Moira Giordano seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PARKS ACTIVITY

- 1) Board Liaison Tanya shared information regarding tick and insect season. According to her sources the “bug season” will be normal due to the two cold weather periods we had in December and January.
- 2) The zip-line at Windlestrae park has been repaired.
- 3) Parks are being utilized due to the mild winter weather.

PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

A complete summary of projects/activities for the month of January was provided to the Committee in the Parks Department monthly reports that were distributed to the Committee.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer discussed current winter 2023 recreation programs being conducted. Specific details can be found in the February Recreation Report that was distributed to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

1) Mr. Dombrowski initiated a discussion regarding the focus of the Committee for the 2023 calendar year. He told the committee that the old farmhouse and surrounding area in Windlestre appeared to be a prime location which could be utilized in a positive manner for outdoor recreation/environmental programming. The Board continued to brainstorm the concept.

The following items were mentioned:

- a) Explore possibilities of utilizing the space as a viable natural area with an outdoor classroom.
- b) Consider uses of the farmhouse as a Community Arts Center.
- c) Research other local communities (such as Whitemarsh Township) that have created similar park applications.
- d) Request a study be conducted to see if the idea is feasible and affordable.

2) The Committee explored the idea of having the March 2023 Park Board in Windlestrae for an onsite visit. On a motion by Lynne Reamer and a second by Moira Giordano the members unanimously agreed to hold the March monthly meeting in Windlestrae Park. The session will be conducted on **Wednesday March 29th, 2023 at 6:30pm**. The committee will convene in the main parking lot of the Maule section of the park.

3) A conversation ensued about positive “small projects that would be small wins”. The Committee felt that there should be short-term projects that could be accomplished during 2023. The Board mentioned the following possibilities:

- a) A new snack stand.
- b) Trail markers for Zehr portion of Windlestrae
- c) Autumn Woods signage and location on Google maps can.
- d) Solar panels and the use of renewable energy in the parks.

***** Thinking “*outside the box*” was the theme of the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Moira Giordano and a second by Lynne Reamer the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. **The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at 6:30pm. The session will be held in the Maule section of Windlestrae Park. Attending individuals, should meet in the Maule section parking lot.**

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community & Recreation Center Director