**Montgomery Township**

**Park and Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes for March 12th, 2025**

The regular March 2025 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board wase held on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025. The members of the Parks and Recreation Board in attendance included: Heather Pelletier, Lynne Reamer, Nancy Saladik , Jeremy Dombroski, Jess Jastrzembski, Moira Giordano. Also, in attendance was Tanya Bamford Board Liaison, Greg Reiff Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer Community and Recreation Center Director.

**\*\*\*\*\*** Township Manager, Carolyn McCreary showed video presentation regarding **The** **Wall that Heals.** The replica of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial will be on display July.

10th to 13th . The mobile display and education center will be on display in Windelestrae Park.

**January 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Dombroski at 7:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lynne Reamer made a motion to approve February 12th minutes. Heather Pelletier seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Darlaine Manning presented a proposal to install three to five Bluebird Nestboxes at various locations surrounding the CRC building and tree line. She is an active member of The North America Bluebird Society as well as the Pennsylvania Bluebird Society.

The Committee positively received the proposal. On a motion by Moria Giordano and a second by Heather Pelletier, the motion/ recommendation to place Bluebird Nestboxes around the Community Center open space was unanimously approved.

**PARKS ACTIVITY**

Weather has limited reviews of various parks in the Township.

\*\*\*\*\*\* 2025 Parks Assignments listed at the end of the Minutes.

**PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Greg Reiff discussed the current state of the New Dog Park. Growing grass has been a challenge. He indicated that the Dog Park may have to close this Spring to allow the turf to stabilize and resume a normal growth cycle.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Shaffer discussed the Gym floor project that began March 3rd. He gave an overview of the current Recreation activity schedule. He indicated that adjustments to the Group Exercise schedule will be the biggest challenge during the duration of the replacement.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE**

Jess Jastrzembski gave the Board a brief update on the Senior Committee’s activity. Monthly Seminars have been scheduled for the rest of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

The following items were discussed during the remainder of the session:

1)The construction of the new bathroom in the Rose Twig section of Windlestrae was mentioned

1. *Windlestrae Farmhouse* : Tanya Bamford spoke regarding matching Grant opportunities available for funding the project.
2. The  Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program.
3. Department of Community and Economic Development Economic (DCED)
4. We must find a *starting point* for a Capital Campaign/Funding was mentioned.
5. Partnership with another public or non-profit entity is essential.
6. The Parks Board realizes that the Farmhouse renovation project is a long-term endeavor.
7. Different types of fireworks displays were mentioned.

There being no further business, on a motion by Heather Pelletier and seconded by Jess Jastrzembski, the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

**The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at 7:00PM.**

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

**2025 Park Assignments**

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| **Committee Member** | **Parks** |
| Jeremy Dombrowski | Windlestrae/ Rose Twig/Maule/Zehr Track  Athletic Fields |
| Moira Giordano | Whispering Pines  Autumn Woods |
| Kim Greene | Bark Park |
| Jess Jastrzembski | Fellowship |
| Marybeth Meehan | Friendship Park |
| Nancy Saladik | Memorial Grove |
| Heather Pelletier | Spring Valley |
| Lynn Reamer | Whistlestop |