

AGENDA ITEMS

Park and Recreation Plan Update

cc:	R. Birch	K. Johnson
	M. Fox	Sewer Authority
	J. McDonnell	F. Bartle
	J. Walsh	B. Shoupe
	C. Chimera	E. Reynolds
	L. McGuire	M. Beatty
	J. Glickman	M. Schelly
	L. Manai	J. Goldstein
	J. Trump	J. Rall

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

February 17, 2011

The February 17, 2011, meeting of the Montgomery Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Jonathan Trump at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jay Glickman, Leon McGuire, James Rall and Ellen Reynolds. Commissioner Michael Beatty was absent. Also present were Matthew Schelly, Montgomery County Planning Commission, Beth Pilling, Montgomery County Planning Commission, Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Supervisor Liaison.

The minutes of January 20, 2011, were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments. However, Chairman Trump advised that Eric Phillips had submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission, as his work schedule would not allow him to attend all of the meetings.

Matt Schelly and Beth Pilling, Montgomery County Planning Commission, were present to discuss the Park and Recreation Plan Update. The Township Board of Supervisors had asked the County Planning Commission to assist the Park Board with this project. The Plan had been prepared in 1999. Mr. Schelly explained that the project was similar to the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan Update. He noted some concepts found in the Comprehensive Plan that related to the Township's parks and open space system. Ms. Pilling explained that they would be meeting with all of the Township's Boards and Commissions asking for their input. She stated that they believed that these groups would provide valuable information on the ways in which open space, trees, streams and wetlands, land use objectives, history and the interests of various community groups could be integrated into the plan. Ms. Pilling

stated that the Township already had an excellent park system; however, they were looking at ways upon which it could be improved for the enjoyment of the entire community. The Park Board wished to maximize the benefits of the township park system for all of the residents. Ms. Pilling stated that this plan would reflect the Township's objectives; the County was just assisting with the development of the plan. An inventory of the existing park system had already been accomplished. It was noted that the Township had been proactive over the years by obtaining open space areas as different areas of the township were developed. The Planning Commission should keep this in mind as new plans are submitted for review. It was asked that the Planning Commission discuss the Park and Recreation Plan Update at a future meeting and advise the County Planning Commission of their recommendations and/or input.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. The plan for Wireco (aka Phillystran, Inc.) will be on the agenda.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marita Stoerrle
Development Coordinator/
Recording Secretary