



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on July 13, 2011 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Tony Ruggieri, Dan Spinelli, Mark Angelone and Leesa Meade. Also in attendance were Mike Fox (BOS Liaison), Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Lawrence Grogan (Township Manager), Ann Shade (Director of Administration & HR), Sharon Tucker (Recreation Coordinator) and Kate Grubb (Management Analyst).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tony Ruggieri called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leesa Meade made a motion to approve the June 8, 2011 minutes and Dan Spinelli seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PARK COMP PLAN – UPDATE

Kevin Costello provided an update that staff is continuing to meet with Beth Pilling and Matt Shelly of the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Currently, they are working on the formulating a mission/vision statement and compiling demographics and census information. Kevin Costello reminded the Board that the County is still accepting feedback and comments from any Township Board or Commission and that committee members may email Kevin with his/her feedback and he will transfer them accordingly. Kevin Costello reported that Beth Pilling and Matt Shelly plan on presenting a draft Comprehensive Plan in October.

PARK ACTIVITY – UPDATE

Kevin Costello stated that the Whistlestop Park project is coming along nicely and that the tennis courts at Spring Valley Park have been completed and looks great. Kevin Costello checked the tennis courts when they were finished and there was still a slight low spot creating a very tiny puddle. He believes that there must be an underground spring located in that general vicinity. Kevin Costello added that the Township is trying to keep up with trash removal at the parks and there seems to be a lot of trash not making its way into the trash cans this year.

Supervisor Fox reminded the committee that the EAC paid for the recycling containers located at Spring Valley Park and that there is enough funding to place recycling containers at William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae, particularly the two Kenas soccer fields and the Zehr soccer fields. Leesa Meade questioned the status about the recycling effort at Spring Valley Park. Kevin Costello said that it has gotten a little better and that a patrol car does drive through the park to deter loitering.

Mark Angelone asked what the status was regarding the snack bar stand at William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae. Tony Ruggieri stated that it was up to MTBSA to apply for any required permit from the

township and that the ball is in their court. Tony Ruggieri asked if MTBSA placed an additional shed in Rosetwig. Kevin Costello reported that there has not been an additional shed placed at Rosetwig.

Supervisor Fox asked when the dugouts were going to be installed. Kevin Costello said that as soon as MTBSA's tournament is over the dugouts will be installed. The particular type of dugout being installed will be similar to those at William F. Maule Park at Windlestrae and will require 5ft. deep footings.

RECREATION UPDATE

Sharon Tucker reported that Kids University is almost halfway finished. There are 157 children registered, which is 33% more compared to last year. Sharon Tucker stated that Kids University has a great mix of seasoned counselors along with some new ones. With the higher number of children enrolled, the additional trips offered filled very quickly and there were a few complaints regarding the first come, first serve status of the trips. Two parents attended a Board of Supervisors meeting and expressed their opinions. Sharon Continued that staff looked into varying options to open up a second bus, etc. and were able to secure a second bus for its "Pump it Up" trip. Supervisor Fox stated that out of 157 children where were only 2 parents who complained, which is a phenomenal statistic. Supervisor Fox continued that he has heard an abundant amount of positive feedback regarding Kids University and that staff and the Recreation Department is doing a great job. Mark Angelone asked if the counselors work a full 40-hour week. Sharon replied that most of the counselors do work full-time. Larry Gregan added that some counselors who are under 18-years old have certain regulations in the amount of hours they can work since the camp is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the counselor schedule has had to shift times around to cover everyone's schedule. Larry Gregan continued that scheduling and ensuring the appropriate number of counselors is very taxing and that staff will assess counselor staffing for next year in conjunction with the camp hours offered.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Kevin Costello stated that in regards to the Whistlestop Park Project, the contractor is going to begin constructing the baseball fields. Currently, the subcontractor for the earth work is looking for another source of fill, but with the seeding being held off until the fall, it isn't a problem. Tony Ruggieri asked if there could be access to the back of the ball fields since it is a long walk to the parking lot with equipment. Kevin Costello noted that with the layout of the park, it would not be recommended for there to be public vehicle access; as such access would be near the playground and tot-lot. Kevin Costello also announced that the change order for additional grading was approved by the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$12,600. Supervisor Fox commented that the Board thought the funds were well spent since the area would have been too wet and gone unused if the changes weren't made.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Leesa Meade made a motion for adjournment and Dan Spinelli seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.