

Montgomery Township
Park & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2009

Bill Maule, Keith Johnson, Larry Fiel, Leesa Meade, Tony Ruggieri, Dan Spinelli, Heather Berkey, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director), Beth Usic (Recreation Director), and Jeff McDonnell (Board of Supervisor Liaison) were in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May13th meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

JOHN CHAMBERS

-John Chambers spoke on the Whistlestop Renovations. He mentioned that obtaining the top soil from the David Cutler project is a possibility for the field renovations. Permits from regulatory agencies and from Hatfield Township are needed. There are also possible environmental regulations to deal with (DEP permit, 6-12 months to obtain).

John Chambers also reviewed the Park Board's blue print for the Whistlestop renovations.

- Tony Ruggieri mentioned the ball fields are unsafe at Whistlestop due to grading issues. The fields need to be flat and there are also drainage issues. He mentioned that the baseball diamonds need to be stripped and re-graded.
- Keith Johnson mentioned that the soccer fields need turf improvement.
- John Chambers explained how this could be done. Needs to survey the land to determine the costs and time to renovate the park.
- Kevin Costello- mentioned that the top soil from the 202 parkway project (section 701) is a possibility.
- John Chambers stated that a permit is needed before we can get the fill dirt. He understands the Park Board's needs and stated his job is to get everything ready. The permit is site-specific.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

-Kevin Costello stated the light bulbs are in stock for Spring Valley.

-Basketball Courts at Spring Valley- Kevin Costello stated that the pools and backstops need to be removed as well as the concrete and the cracks are taken care of. Still doing more research for the project with Ray (the cost is being researched).

-Windlestrae walk- Leesa sent an email out to the park board with issues found at Windlestrae. Trash was an issue. Kevin Costello stated that he can triple the number of trash cans. Kevin also stated that it was possible to place trash cans between the basketball courts and the Rose Twig section.

-Fields at Windlestrae- Kevin Costello is having Ray Barndt look at the broken bench at baseball field #4.

-Park Board wanted to know if it is possible to have a handicap spot near ball field #4. Kevin Costello stated it was not possible because of the emergency access area and it is too close to Kenas Rd.

-Spring Valley is the next park that will be addressed by the Park Board.

BUDGET UPDATE

#2% through the Park and Recreation Budget.

RECREATION UPDATE

-Beth Usic provided a grant update and also gave an update on the Grant Seminar she attended on June 10, 2009. She told the board that she learned that it is very important to make sure that all of the specific details are in place before applying for the grant. It is important to have as many details and less opinions when writing to apply for a grant. Beth also stated that she learned that it is important to have multiple project ideas together before trying to apply for a grant. Many grants look to fund multiple projects at a time. She stated that it is important to establish what all the Park Board's short term and long term needs are as they gather their information. Initial contact has been made with the southeastern state representative of DCNR to explore feasible projects that could be submitted. All grant applications must be preapproved by the Board of Supervisors prior to submittal.

-Beth Usic also informed everyone that the summer concert series starts in June and the schedule can be found on the website and outside of the Recreation Office. Ms. Usic also gave a camp update. Camp numbers were increasing and we were still hoping to get approval for more staff because we are short staffed. The Park Board was concerned about the safety of the children at camp and wanted to understand why approval was not given to hire more staff so that proper ratios were followed. Beth Usic stated that we are working on trying to hire more people and that she would keep everyone updated.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Horticulture class idea was mentioned again to Beth Usic by the Park Board.
- Rose Twig being paved. Kevin Costello also stated that landscaping was being done in-house at Rose Twig.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Leesa Meade adjourned the meeting at 9:20PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 7:30PM at the Township Building.