

Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes February 21st, 2018

The February 2018 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Angelo Grasso, Tony Ruggieri, and Kim Greene. Also in attendance were Mike Fox, Board Liaison, Kevin Costello Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer Community and Recreation Center Director.

# February 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting

# CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brooks called the February meeting to order at 7:31pm

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Ruggieri made a motion to approve the February 21, 2018 minutes and Ms. Greene seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bud Reick of the Neshaminy Falls development was present. He brought before the Board a diagram prepared by Mr. Chuck Vesey with regards to an updated Disc Golf plan for Windlestrae Park. There was some confusion as to exactly what Mr. Vesey's proposal involved. After discussion, the Board decided to table the conversation until a future meeting. The desire of the Committee was to obtain a complete and accurate understanding of Mr. Vesey's final proposal, hopefully at the upcoming March meeting. Chairperson Brooks suggested that the Committee visit the area that the disc golf course currently exists as well as the Wiseman Tract, prior to the next meeting.

\*\*\*\* Following Public Comment, Mr. Fox provided an overview of the discussion that was held during February 12th meeting of the Board of Supervisors meeting. His review conveyed the sentiment of the Board with regards to the recommendations that were sent to the Supervisors after the December 2017. The conversation involved disc golf proposals, signage and lighting at the Community Recreation Center, signage at the Bark Park, program possibilities involving pickle ball and bocce located in several different venues in the Township.

#### PARK UPDATE

The Ash Tree dilemma throughout the Parks in the Township was discussed.

#### Public Works Update

Mr. Costello reviewed the probable cost estimate of a walking trail provided by Gilmore and Associates. The cost of construction was in excess of \$104,000.00.

Mr. Costello discussed the various park projects and activities his staff has worked on during the last month. Specific details were provided in his February 2018 monthly report.

#### **RECREATION UPDATE**

Community and Recreation Center Director, Floyd Shaffer discussed the February 2018 activity at the CRC. Details were provided in the Recreation monthly report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Costello indicated that a meeting has been scheduled with Montgomery Township Baseball/Softball (MTBSA) to find appropriate locations at Windlestrae for additional batting practice cages. Two or three new batting cages were proposed and recommended at the Board's January meeting.

A discussion of allowing MTBSA to place a shed in an appropriate location in Whistlestop Park ensued. The Park Board Supported the idea of having storage for the softball/baseball youth teams at Whistlestop provided:

- 1) The cost of the structure is borne by the MTBSA organization.
- 2) Proper liability insurance is in place indemnifying the Township per existing approved limits.
- 3) The site selected is approved by the Parks/Public Works Department

On a motion by Ms. Meehan and a second by Mr. Grasso, the motion to support the MTSBA request to place a shed for storage at Whistlestop Park passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Greene and second by Mr. Ruggieri, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

# The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on <u>Wednesday March 14th, 2018</u> <u>at 7:30PM</u>.

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