



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes April 11th, 2018**

The April 2018 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Linda Brooks, Tony Ruggieri, Al Quasti and Scott Fontaine. Also in attendance were Kevin Costello Public Works Director, Derek Muller Recreation and Community Center Supervisor, 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

***** Prior to the start of business, Derek Muller, the new Community and Recreation Center Supervisor was introduced to the Committee. Mr. Muller will begin his employment in Montgomery Township on Monday April 23rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Brooks made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes and Mr. Ruggieri seconded the motion. The approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Township resident Chuck Vesay presented a series of requests to the Board with regards to positive improvements for various areas of Windlestrae:

- 1) Correcting the address for the beginning of Disc golf area in the Kiosks in the park. Zehr section should be 1238 Stump Road.
- 2) Relocation of several picnic tables from the "Pine tree wooded" area to a spot closer to the Zehr parking lot.
- 3) He also continued discussion regarding outdoor activities for Senior Citizens in park areas. Topics included pickle ball, Bocce, walking, biking and hiking paths, improved markings of trails in park

PARK ACTIVITY UPDATE

Due to the poor weather conditions over the last month, there was no Park Activity report from the Committee members.

Public Works Update

Mr. Costello discussed the final bid price for the Rose Twig Tennis Courts. It is hoped that the work will be completed in May, weather permitting.

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

RECREATION UPDATE

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

NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Recreation Grant Opportunity

Mr. Shaffer discussed the opportunity to apply for Grant funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) The program is entitled; Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program. The possible use of the funds would be to please various recreation amenities in Friendship Park. There is a 15% match requirement from the local municipality. The possibilities are:

- 1) Outdoor pickle ball courts
- 2) Outdoor Covered Bocce courts
- 3) Restroom Pavilion
- 4) Accessible playground

The Board was in favor of the concept. On a motion by Mr. Ruggieri and a second by Mr. Quasti the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved a recommendation to move forward with the application process. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2018.

Disc Golf

The proposal to utilize the Henning's area as a spot for a Senior Citizen Disc Golf location was revisited. The consensus of the committee was favorable. A formal vote on a recommendation will take place at the May meeting. Approximate cost detail and formal layout is anticipated to be voted at that time.

Moving/relocation of several Picnic tables - Per Mr. Vesey's request during Public comment. The Board entertained a motion to move several of the Pine tree picnic tables to an area closer to the parking lot. On a motion by Ms. Brooks and a second by Mr. Ruggeri, the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Valley Park –Baseball/Softball Modifications - A discussion continued regarding "skinning" Field # 4 at Spring Valley for use by girls' softball. Mr. Ruggeri question the impact it might have on soccer programs.

The Board decided to make a recommendation to move forward with investigating the cost and logistics of skinning Field # 4. Mr. Ruggieri made a motion to skin the infield, pending cost and impact on other athletic programs. The motion also included reference that the cost of infield mix and equipment needed to perform the work be paid for by MTBSA. A second was made by Mr. Fontaine. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Ruggeri and second by Mr. Quast, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday May 9th, 2018 at 7:30PM.

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer,

Community & Recreation Center Director