



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for February 12th, 2020**

The 2020 reorganizational meeting and the February, 2020 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board were held on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 in the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Al Quasti, and Scott Schultz. Also in attendance were Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman and Floyd S. Shaffer Community and Recreation Center Director.

*****Prior to the start of the meetings, new member Scott Schultz was introduced to Parks and Recreation Board

2019 Reorganization Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Brookes called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:33 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Ms. Brooks and a second by Mary Beth Meehan, Al Quasti was appointed Temporary Chair.

Mr. Quasti opened the floor for nominations for the 2020 Committee Chair. A motion was made by Ms. Brooks to nominate Mary Beth Meehan as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Quasti. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Ms. Meehan Chair was unanimous.

On a motion by Mr. Quasti and a second by Ms. Meehan, Linda Brooks was nominated as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Ms. Brooks, Vice Chair, was unanimous.

There being no further business, Ms. Brooks motioned to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and Ms. Meehan seconded. The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

February 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Mary Beth Meehan at 7:39pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Quasti made a motion to approve the October 9, 2019 minutes and Marybeth Meehan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Township resident, Chuck Vesay addressed the Board on the following items:

- 1) Mr. Vasay thanked the Parks/Public Works Department for completing the setup of the new Disc Golf course in the Hennings Field section of Windlestrae.
- 2) He requested that existing Disc Golf location maps be updated in the various Park Kiosks.
- 3) Mr. Vesay indicated printed scorecards would be a nice amenity for the course.
- 4) He indicated the disc gold lessons would be a positive thing for the Township to offer.
- 5) Mr. Vesay also favored the construction of outdoor Bocce courts.

PARKS ACTIVITY

Linda Brooks indicated that a few of the ramps throughout the Rose Twig section of Windlestrae need some attention due to slippery conditions.. In addition, the Gazebo at the Municipal building requires lighting replacement and a through cleanup.

A discussion about which Committee member is assigned to each particular Park to view monthly ensued. It was determined that assignments will be reviewed at the April committee meeting.

Mr. Reiff reported that new trail bridges had been complete that weather has been an issue in the continued removal of Ash trees throughout the parks. He also stated that the bid opening for the resurfacing of the street hockey court. In conclusion, Mr. Reiff reported that diseased Ash tree removal is 95% completed throughout the Township.

Detailed information of other projects/activity were provided to the Committee in the Parks Department monthly reports that were provided to the committee.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer briefly discussed ongoing recreation programs as well as upcoming Special Events taking place at the CRC. Specific details were provided in the January/February recreation monthly reports.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Preliminary plans for the initial phase of development for Friendship Park were provided. There was positive discussion regarding the amazing increase in pickle ball activity throughout the area. The need for more outdoor pickle ball courts in the Township was discussed. The committee was very excited to see the park finally being developed with a playground and recreation programming facilities.

Mr. Chuck Leckner was present from Montgomery Baseball. He made a presentation regarding the proposed placing of a warning track in the outfield of Field #1 (Charley Holl Memorial Field).

The six foot wide track would provide a safety warning for outfielders on balls that were hit towards the surrounding fence. The Public Works/Parks Department would install the track. Mr. Reiff also indicated that it would improve the appearance of the outfield fence. The warning track would enable better access to the grass growing around the fence.

On a motion by Marybeth Meehan and a second by Mr. Quasti, the Board unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the installation of a warning track in the outfield of Winlestrae #1 baseball field. The track will improve the safety for players as they approach the fencing while making plays on baseballs hit toward the outfield fence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Meehan and second by Mr. Schultz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday March 11, 2020 at 7:30PM.

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