



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for January 12th, 2022**

The 2022 reorganizational meeting and the regular January 2022 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board were held on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022. *The sessions were conducted virtually.* The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Scott Fontaine, Scott Schultz, Kim Greene, and Angelo Grasso. Also in attendance were Tanya Bamford Board Chair, Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Board Liaison, Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager, Greg Reiff, Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

2022 Reorganization Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Beth Meehan called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:05 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angelo Grasso was appointed by Chair Meehan as Temporary Chair. Mr. Grasso opened the floor for nominations for the 2022 Committee Chair.

A motion was made by Scott Schultz to nominate Mary Beth Meehan as Chair. The motion was seconded by Scott Fontaine. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Ms. Meehan Chair was unanimous.

On a motion by Mary Beth Meehan and a second by Linda Brooks, Scott Schultz was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Mr. Schultz, Vice Chair, was unanimous.

There being no further business, Mr. Grasso motioned to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and a second was made by Mr. Shultz. The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

January 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Mary Beth Meehan at 7:11pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the October 13th, 2021 and Mr. Grasso seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

PARKS ACTIVITY

There was limited discussion on the various Parks due to the winter weather. Linda Brooks mentioned the need for power washing and painting of the benches at Memorial Grove Park.

***** Parks assignments were discussed. Mr. Shaffer was directed to send out the current Park assignment to the committee members with next month's Agenda and draft minutes. The Committee will update assignment as needed should new volunteers be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Director, Greg Reiff presented information regarding the activities that have occurred in November/December 2021. A complete summary of projects/activity was provided to the Committee in the Parks Department monthly reports that were distributed to the Committee.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer discussed current winter 2021/2022 recreation programs that are operating in the facility. He also gave an overview of the summer 2022 Kids University day camp operation that will be conducted back at Montgomery Elementary barring any changes with regards to COVID-19. Specific details were provided in the January/February recreation monthly reports that were distributed to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

**** A review of various projects/events from 2021 were discussed.

1) **Knapp Road Dog Park**

At the December 13th, 2021 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved funding for the construction of a new Dog Park at the Knapp Road Trailhead in the amount \$235,000.00.

2) **Bocce Court Construction**

Funding was also approved for bocce courts at two parks:

- a) Friendship Park - \$183,000.00
- b) Community Recreation Center - \$182,00.00

***** All projects will need to be designed with formal construction drawings. Next, presented to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and authorization to advertise the projects under the public bidding process.

3) **Windlestrae Protection Ordinance**

Chair Tanya Bamford discussed information obtained from staff/consultants regarding land preservation within Montgomery Township. She indicated that protections are already in place within existing ordinances. Mr. Shaffer will include the current zoning code references researched by Judy Stern Goldstein of Gilmore and Associates in the package for next meeting.

A discussion took place regarding Deed Restriction and the potential consequences that a preservation ordinance might do to future elected Boards restricting improvements and renovations in the entire Park.

Linda Brooks indicated that she has reached out to the Natural Lands, based in Media, Pa. and The Heritage Conservatory located in Doylestown, Pa. She stated that her efforts will be to protect, preserve, and restore the fragile and unique forest area that is located in Windlestrae. She hopes her research will result in everyone working together with the “local government” to protect the area without passing restrictive ordinances for future Township officials.

- 4) Township Manager Carolyn McCreary announced that Montgomery Township has received a \$250,000.00 from the Pennsylvania DCNR for upgrades and improvements to Fellowship Park. Carolyn indicated that Whislestop Park would be the next candidate for DCNR funds during the next round of Grants.
- 5) MONU soccer and the upcoming turf field feasibility study was briefly discussed. The Parks Board requested to be “kept in the loop” as the study progresses during 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Linda Brooks and second by Mr. Fontaine the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday February 9th, 2022 at 7:00PM.

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