



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for June 8th, 2022**

The June 2022 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 within the Community Recreation Center (CRC). The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Linda Brooks, Mary Beth Meehan, Lynne Reamer, Angelo Grasso, Kim Greene, Heather Pelletier, and Jeremy Dombroski. Also, in attendance were; Candyce Fluehr Chimera, Board Liaison and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

### **June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Newly appointed Board member, Jeremy Dombrowski, was introduced and welcomed by the Parks Board prior to the onset of business.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Grasso and a second by Kim Greene, the meeting minutes of Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment dealt specifically with *Perfluorinated Chemicals* (PFAS) and the potential dangers they possess in the stream waters of Montgomery Township. Township resident, Hope Grosse, was present to discuss the issue with the Park Board.

The need for stream water testing was discussed. The consensus of the Board was to wait until new Pennsylvania guidelines for water contamination are established in the last quarter of 2022.

#### **PARKS ACTIVITY**

The following topics were discussed with regards to issues/concerns in Montgomery Township parks by the committee:

- 1) **Bark Park** - a) Tree limbs need to be trimmed.  
b) The property continues to be very wet.

2) **Spring Valley Park**

- a) Four benches in the rear of the property are in need of repair.
- b) Tennis nets and pickle ball nets need attention.
- c) Bases need to be removed.

3) **Whistlestop Park**

- a) Questions as to the property line near baseball field and equipment in the area.
- b) Zip Line on playground is not working.
- c) Discussion regarding restroom facilities at the park.
- d) Several Picnic benches are broken.
- e) Basketball courts need cracks repaired.
- f) Baseball field needs maintenance.

A discussion ensued regarding the best methods way to communicate park maintenance and safety issues. Safety issues should be relayed to either Public Works (Greg) or the Community Center (Floyd) immediately. Other items can be brought to the attention of the Board and Staff at monthly meetings.

The group was in agreement that developing a priority list of potential projects and improvements (*especially in the smaller park areas*) would be helpful to the Supervisors as they develop a three to five year capital improvement budget for each budget cycle.

**PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

The committee was provided with a copy of the May Public Works/Parks Department activity report.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Shaffer also provided the Committee with a written report detailing the various activity conducted in and around the CRC during the month of May.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

Linda Brooks indicated that she will continue looking for environmental friendly agencies that would be interested in partnering and sharing preservation expertise with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Kim Greene urged all Parks Committee members to visit the Bark Park prior to the next meeting.

A conversation ensued regarding accessible and sensory friendly playgrounds in the Township. The Board felt that having playgrounds in Montgomery Township that are designed for special needs individuals is very necessary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Mary Beth Meehan and a second by Angelo Grasso the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm. **The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00PM.**

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community Center Director