



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

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The October 2022 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 within the Community Recreation Center (CRC). The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Lynne Reamer, Marybeth Meehan, Linda Brooks, Jeremy Dombroski, Moira Giordano, Heather Pelletier, Angelo Grasso, and Jess Jastrzemski. Also, in attendance was Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

October 12th, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Beth Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The proceedings began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Linda Brooks and a second by Mora Giordano, the meeting minutes of Wednesday October 12th, 2022 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PARKS ACTIVITY

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

- 1) Linda Brooks - posed a question regarding the removal of trees at Memorial Grove Park.

She also mentioned that she attended the Shade Tree commission monthly meeting in September. Linda indicated that Shade Tree Commission suggested their Tree Specialist look at the natural areas within Windlestrae.

After a discussion by the Parks Board, it was decided to bring to the floor a motion to be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The request recommendation was to hire a Botanist.

On a motion by Linda Brooks and a second by Angelo Grasso, The Board unanimously recommended sending a request to the (BOS) to hire a Botanist to evaluate the following Windlestrae natural amenities:

- a) Tree Canopy.
- b) Steams and their water quality.
- c) Vegetation.
- d) A complete evaluation of the flora and fauna for preservation purposes is requested.

2) An updated Park assignment list was provided to the Committee by Mr. Shaffer. All new Members have been assigned parks/ natural areas. The new list is included at the end of the minutes.

3) Moira Giordano initiated a discussion regarding the old Dog Park and the newly proposed one to be constructed off of Knapp Road. The focus of the committee's comments were:

- 1) The fate of the old Dog Park once the new facility is constructed.
- 2) Liability concerns existing in the current Dog Park location.
- 3) Legal concerns regarding ADA accessibility and right of way to the existing location.
- 4) Due to the close proximity of the two sites, the possibility of having a second Dog Park facility in another area of the Township was debated.

At the end of the conversation, a recommendation was considered to permanently close the existing Dog Park permanently once the Knapp Road one has been opened to the public.
There was no opposition.

***** The board will discuss the Dog Park topic further at the November meeting.

4) Jeremy Dombroski - discussed possible uses of the now vacant farmhouse located in Windlestrae.

PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The committee was provided with a copy of the Montgomery Township Park Department Monthly Report for September. Specifics of the parks department activities were detailed in the document.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Shaffer also provided the Committee with a written report detailing the various activities conducted in and around the CRC during the month of September. He indicated it should be a very busy fall season at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Jastrzembski and a second by Marybeth Meehan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. **The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday November 9th, 2022 at 7:00PM.**

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community Center Director

Park Assignments October 2022 Update

Jess Jastrzembski	Moira Giodano	Angelo Grasso
Fellowship	Whispering Pines	Windlestrae (Zehr)
Knapp Road/Natural Area	Autumn Woods	Windlestrae (Rose Twig)
Kim Greene	Heather Pelletier	Lynn Reamer
Bark Park	Spring Valley	Whistlestop
Mary Beth Meehan	Linda Brooks	Jeremy Dombroski
Friendship Park	Memorial Grove	Windlestrae (Athletic Fields)
Gazebo Park	Windlestrae (Maule) Natural Areas	

