

**Montgomery Township
Open Space Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 8, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Open Space Committee was brought to order by Chairman Roy Rodriguez was held at 7:30PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Open Space Committee in attendance included Roy Rodriguez, and Jay Glickman. Jeff McDonnell, Board Liaison and Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager were also present.

Call to Order: The Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:41PM.

Chairman Roy Rodriguez turned the meeting over to Acting Vice Chairman Jay Glickman. Acting Chairman Jay Glickman entertained nominations for the Chairman position and nominated Roy Rodriguez for Chairman. Roy Rodriguez was elected Chairman for 2013. Jay Glickman turned the meeting over to the elected Chair Roy Rodriguez who then entertained nominations for Vice Chairman. Jay Glickman was nominated and elected Vice Chairman for 2013.

Adjournment: The Reorganization Meeting ended at 7:42PM.

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:42PM.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Roy Rodriguez, seconded by Jay Glickman, the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Rodriguez welcomed back Jeff McDonnell as Board Liaison and welcomed Stacy Crandell as the new staff liaison for the committee.

New Business:

- **Agenda for the Year**

Chairman Roy Rodriguez set the agenda for the year and stated the committee would meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30PM.

Old Business:

- **DVRPC Regional Trails Program Phase 2 Planning Grant**

Stacy Crandell provided an update on the grant. She stated that we have not received the signed agreement back yet. Once it is received the Township will work with Ken Amey and our

Township Engineer to look at different proposals and share it with the Open Space Committee. She also noted that the grant has been budgeted.

- **Update on Recreation Center:**

Jeff McDonnell gave a brief update about the status of the Recreation Center and about the public meetings that have been held.

- **Open Space/Recreation Land Acquisition Update:**

Stacy Crandell updated the Committee on the status of the Township's acquisition of the Zehr Tract. She also noted that the Township was contacted by 1233 Stump Road to see if the Township was interested in purchasing their property, which is between the property the Township owns and the school. The Township just was notified so they are contemplating this.

The Committee asked if the house was going to be demolished at the property already acquired on Stump Road. Jeff McDonnell explained that was the plan. Stacy Crandell added it was in the budget for 2013.

- **Development of Friendship Park**

Stacy Crandell reported that about 30% of work has been completed to date and the Phase I project will be completed by Spring 2013.

- **Update on Cutler/Montgomery Walk Trail Installation**

Stacy Crandell reported that we are still waiting for the earth disturbance permit.

- **Park and Recreation Plan**

Stacy Crandell reported that the Park and Recreation Plan is in its final draft and should hopefully be presented to the Board of Supervisors by Spring.

Other Business: Roy Rodriguez talked about the plan for gathering trees from the Pillegi property. Mr. Pillegi gave 100 trees so far from his property since it is currently going in for land development plans. Roy stated that he is willing to allow the Township to acquire additional trees but someone would need to come in to receive the bigger trees. John Antonucci, a Township Business and former member of the Shade Tree Commission, will volunteer his time for two days to acquire the bigger trees. The Township has already planted the 100 trees throughout the Township including the Township Building, Memorial Grove, the Orchards, and Autumn Grove.

Jay Glickman bring up about the locust trees that are damaging the sidewalks in Pine Crest. Staff will look into this matter and see what can be done.

Stacy Crandell talked about the initiative by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) who are looking to undertake connecting the Bike Trails in the Township and advertising this to the community. The Open Space Committee is interested in working with them.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Open Space Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.