

**Montgomery Township
Open Space Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 9, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Open Space Committee was brought to order by Chairman Roy Rodriguez was held at 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the Open Space Committee in attendance included Roy Rodriguez, Larry Poli, Kim Greene and Jay Glickman. Jeffrey McDonnell, Board Liaison and Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager were also present.

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

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Jay Glickman, seconded by Roy Rodriguez, the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: John Marbella, Churchill Circle, asked the Committee about the possibility of having a bridge for pedestrians at the Limekiln Pike Bridge. Chairman Roy Rodriguez explained that in order to preserve the historical appearance of the bridge, there was no room for a dedicated area for pedestrians. However, Chairman Rodriguez explained that the Sewer Authority owns the land under the bridge and he is looking at having a picnic area and that the Committee will talk with the Park Board to see if they have any interest in creating this area.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Rodriguez welcomed Kim Greene and Beth Staab. Kim Greene, Vice-Chairman of the Park Board, introduced herself to the Committee. Kim also talked about some of the upcoming projects with the Park Board including Friendship Park.

Chairman Rodriguez asked Jeff McDonnell to give an update on Zehr Property. Jeff explained that the property is still involved in litigation.

New Business:

- **EAC Project on Bike Trail/Trail Connection**

Chairman Roy Rodriguez said that this will be tabled until Beth Staab is here to discuss.

Old Business:

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

Jim Dougherty from Gilmore and Associates was in attendance to give the Committee a brief overview of the feasibility study to find the most feasible cost-effective way to create a trail connection from the Powerline Trail to the Parkway Trail. He reviewed the scope of work and that they would like to have a Feasibility Study completed in September so it could be approved

by the Board in November. Jim explained that the Open Space Committee will have a final look at the Feasibility Study at their October meeting.

- **Update on Recreation Center:**

Jeff McDonnell gave a brief update about the status of the Recreation Center. He explained that they approved contracts for engineering, traffic and landscaping but is holding off on architecture for now. Stacy Crandell explained that the Township is looking into grants to help fund the building. Chairman Rodriguez suggested talking to the IDA.

Other Business:

None.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Open Space Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM.