

**Montgomery Township
Community & Recreation Center Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center (Mont CRC) Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center. The members of the Mont CRC Advisory Committee in attendance included: Christine Wassel, Ally Gaylord, Audrey Schrader, Jim Kelly, Thomas Alesi, and Tony Ruggieri. Also present were: Robert Birch Board Liaison, Michael Fox Board Liaison, Stacy Crandell Assistant to the Township Manager, Matt Reimel Mont CRC Program Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer Community & Recreation Center Director.

Call to Order: Committee Chair Wassel called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Ruggieri and a second by Mr. Kelly, the minutes of the February 8, 2017 monthly meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Old Business/New Business

A discussion regarding the summer 2017 operation of the spray park and accessible playground area of the Mont CRC took place. Mr. Shaffer reviewed the options that were put forth at the February meeting:

- 1) Operate the area as a fee for use amenity include all residents, non-residents, members, and non-members
- 2) Institute a fee structure for non-residents only that are not members of the Mont CRC.
- 3) Continue to again operate the amenity as a free feature of the community center during the 2017 season.

Following the dialog, the CRC Advisory Committee, on a motion by Gaylord and a second by Ms. Schrader, unanimously agreed to make the following recommendation the summer 2017 operation of the spray park/accessible playground area of the Mont CRC:

- 1) The amenity should continue to be a free amenity at the community and recreation center for summer 2017.
- 2) A ratio of one adult per three children should be instituted and enforced.
- 3) The hours of operation should include a maintenance/cleaning period in the afternoons when there is a high attendance rate.
- 4) CRC staff should supervise the area during peak periods of operation (included in 2017 operating budget).

- 5) The use of the spray park should be included as an option within existing birthday party packages offered at the Mont CRC. The revenue generated would offset some of the operating costs of spray park.
- 6) Finally, the Committee encouraged staff to limit the “marketing” of the spray park/accessible playground area to a minimum this summer.

**** Mr. Fox suggested that Township Staff consult with the Township Solicitor on any specific rule changes to the operation to ascertain that they are acceptable and enforceable.

A conversation about various CRC facilities and equipment occurred. Several of the topic discussed included:

- 1) Child Watch Area specifically other uses of the space
- 2) Use of the upper lobby area for exercise equipment placement
- 3) Additional spin cycle purchases
- 4) Various other possible fitness equipment capital purchase in the next year.

Mr. Shaffer indicated that he would place further discussion on the agenda for the April meeting.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Ruggieri and a second by Mr. Gaylord, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

The next meeting of CRC Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Submitted by:

Floyd S. Shaffer

Community & Recreation Center Director