



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for September 8th, 2021**

The September 2021 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Montgomery Township Community Recreation Center (CRC). Members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Linda Brooks, Angelo Grasso, Scott Fontaine, Marybeth Meehan, and Scott Schultz. Also in attendance were; Valerie Liggett, Senior Landscape Architect from Gilmore & Associates Inc., Greg Reiff, Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

**September 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Marybeth Meehan at 7:37pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Angelo Grasso made a motion to approve the July 2021 minutes and Scott Schultz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Heather Berkey, 205 Susan Circle 19454 was present. Heather was involved in the founding of the first Dog Park in Montgomery Township. She gave a brief presentation regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the original facility in June of 22, 2002. Heather felt that there should be some sort of formal recommendation about the 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation. She also had concerns about the potential demise of the “old” Bark Park.

Linda Brooks explained the current conditions and safety issues that currently exist on the original site. The Board felt that incorporating the construction of the new Dog Park and formal recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first facility could be a “win/win” for everyone involved.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Val Liggett was present from Gilmore and Associates’ to further discuss the new Dog Park and answer any questions from the Board. She explained in detail the two options for the design and the opinion of cost. After discussion, The Board was in favor of recommending the new Dog Park concept to the Board of Supervisors proposal for inclusion in the 2022 Capital budget. On a motion from Linda Brooks and a second by Mary Beth Meehan, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

- 2) A brief discussion on the Windlestrae preservation ordinance proposal took place. Mr. Shaffer stated he would look for some input from the Board of Supervisors on the presentation that was presented on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 prior to the next meeting.
- 3) The final item of business dealt with the Bocce court construction concept. On a motion by Scott Schultz and a second by Linda Brooks, the Committee unanimously voted to send a request to the Board of Commissioners to include funding in within the 2022 Capital Budget to study the construction of Bocce Courts in Montgomery Township.

### **PARK ACTIVITY REPORT**

Linda Brooks reported on the dirt that is accumulating on the sundial at Memorial grove Park. The damage from the remnants of Hurricane Ida throughout the Township was discussed.

### **PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS REPORT**

Greg Reiff distributed his monthly report. He indicated that the cleanup had been completed from Hurricane Ida. The pedestrian bridge between the Maule and Rose Twig sections of Windelstrae was rebuilt/repared in-house by his staff. He also highlighted the completion of an Eagle Scouts project of the trail markings of one of the numerous trails in Windlestrae Park.

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Mr. Shaffer provided information on activity at the Community Recreation Center during July and August 2021. He indicated the each day shows increased traffic. There is definitely a “positive” feeling throughout the building as fall programs begin in earnest. He especially noted the return of Group exercise as an indication of the return to normalcy in the CRC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Scott Fontaine and a second by Angelo Grasso, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:57pm.

**The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Montgomery Township Community Recreation Center.**

Submitted by:

Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director