



**Montgomery Township
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes for July 14th, 2021**

The July 2021 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the Montgomery Township Community Recreation Center (CRC). Members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Linda Brooks, Angelo Grasso, Al Quasti and Kim Green. Also in attendance were; Greg Reiff, Public Works Director, and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

July 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Vice Chair Linda Brooks at 7:36pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Al Quasti made a motion to approve the June 2021 minutes and Angelo Grasso seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JoAnne Cunningham of 117 Norcross Place, North Wales, PA 19454 was present. She introduced herself to the Committee. Ms. Cunningham asked several questions about locating the previous meeting minutes and agendas of the Park Board. Mr. Shaffer indicated that he would be happy to send her any documents that she needed from the Committee archives.

PARK ACTIVITY REPORT

The Committee discussed and confirmed various park assignments that the members were assigned.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS REPORT

Greg Reiff distributed his monthly report. In addition, he specifically discussed work being conducted at Autumn Woods.

RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Shaffer provided information the Committee regarding the summer 2021 operation of the CRC. He stated that returning to “normal programming” has begun. The goal for fall 2021 is to have a full slate of recreation opportunities in place for the entire community.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

***** The meeting was then turned over to MONU Soccer. An updated detailed proposal regarding converting the Kenas soccer fields into synthetic turf was presented. Brent Whiting, President and Troy Moyer, Vice President presented the updated proposal. A copy of the Executive Summary is included with the July minutes.

Below are the various comments offered by the Committee during the discussion:

- 1) The environmental impact on the Park could be severe.
- 2) Overuse will increase stress on existing amenities (bathroom, trash, parking)
- 3) MONU Soccer should look into purchasing their own fields.
- 4) Is turf truly necessary?
- 5) Is there an alternative site within Montgomery Township for the soccer fields?
- 6) Projected “Township” time appears to be low for rental opportunities other than soccer. Other sports utilization and potential rental revenue are ambiguous.
- 7) Township resident Joanne Cunningham commented that when her children played soccer there were too many cancelations due to poor field conditions. She felt that having synthetic turf would begin to bring back the “MONU soccer family concept”.

***** Linda Brooks reminded the Committee that the Windlestrae preservation ordinance request is scheduled to be discussed at the Monday July 26th, 2021 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

***** Conceptual plans and costs estimates for the possible new Dog Park were distributed. The committee was requested to review the renditions and cost estimates. A discussion will take place at the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Kim Greene and a second by Mr. Quasti the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:57pm.

The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday, August 11th, 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