



**Montgomery Township  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for January 11th, 2023**

The 2023 reorganizational meeting and the regular January 2023 monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Park and Recreation Board were held on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The members of the Park and Recreation Board in attendance included: Mary Beth Meehan, Kim Greene, Angelo Grasso, Heather Pelletier, Lynne Reamer, Moira Giordano, Jeremy Dombroski, and Jess Jastrzembki. Also in attendance were Tanya Bamford Board Liaison, and Floyd S. Shaffer, Community and Recreation Center Director.

### **2023 Reorganization Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Beth Meehan called the reorganization meeting to order at 7:02 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Beth Meehan was appointed as Temporary Chair on a motion by Heather Pelletier and seconded by Mr. Grasso.

A motion was made by Lynne Reamer to nominate Jeremy Dombroski as Chair. The motion was seconded by Kim Greene. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Mr. Dombroski Chair was unanimous.

On a motion by Heather Pelletier and a second by Kim Greene, Lynne Reamer was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. The vote electing Lynne Reamer, Vice Chair was unanimous.

There being no further business, Mr. Jastrzembki motioned to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting and a second was made by Moira Giordano. The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

### **January 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order by Chairperson Jeremy Dombroski at 7:06pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Heather Pelletier made a motion to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes and Moira Giordano seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Former Parks and Recreation Board member Linda Brooks was present. She said good bye to the Committee and urged them to continue their efforts take care of the parks within Montgomery Township. Linda also communicated that there must be a balance in the parks between active and passive recreation opportunities. She indicated that nature needs more protection in all open space areas in Montgomery Township.

Linda also provided the group several articles that discussed artificial turf fields and outdoor classrooms that could be located in park settings.

## **PARKS ACTIVITY**

1) Lynne Reamer and Jess Jastrzembki both mentioned the good condition of our parks (Whistlestop and Fellowship respectfully) given the fact that it is winter.

2) Tanya Bamford, Board liaison initiated a discussion regarding the new GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software that the Township is implementing. She stated that helpful information and pictures of the various recreation area are currently online. The GIG system possesses components that will be helpful for all departments in Montgomery Township, especially with simplifying the work order process in the Public works department.

## **PARKS/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

A complete summary of projects/activities for November/December was provided to the Committee in the Parks Department monthly reports that were distributed to the Committee.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

Mr. Shaffer discussed current winter 2023 recreation programs that are operating in the facility. Specific details were provided in the November/December recreation monthly reports that were distributed to the Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

1) Mr. Shaffer discussed a resident request to place Blue Bird Houses in various areas of Fellowship Park. The entire committee was in favor of placing bird houses within Fellowship Park.

2) The remaining portion of the meeting involved an open discussion about the roles, functions and directions that the Parks and Recreation Board should undertake during 2023. Items mentioned included the following:

- A) Public use of parks other than organized athletics. Incorporating amenities that are not just sports based.
- B) Committee role in providing information and ideas to the Board of Supervisors.
- C) Using parks as outdoor learning centers for children and other populations.
- D) Possible partnerships with Scouts.
- E) Conduct Nature walks
- F) Repurposing parks that have outdated or unused features.

3) The Committee requested a contact list of the members of the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Shaffer indicated that he would put together the roster for the February session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Kim Greene and seconded by Moira Giordano the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

**The next meeting of Parks and Recreation Board will take place on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at 7:00PM.**

Submitted by: Floyd S. Shaffer, Community & Recreation Center Director  
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