

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF 7-12-2011 MEETING

Present: Kim Hyeseon, Todd Kirsten, Jean Miranda, Yvonne Smith, Susan Steele.  
Halfmoon Township residents Joy and Troy Young were also in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Todd Kirsten, at 6:55 PM.

Mr. Troy Young conducted a presentation for an Eagle Scout project at Autumn Meadow Park. The proposal was for the construction of a sand volleyball court somewhere around the pavilion area. Mr. Young stated he would like to complete this project before the end of the year in order to receive his Merit Badge. He mentioned that funds would be raised by the Scouts to cover part, or all, of the cost for the proposed project. He was informed of the budget and approval process that must be followed in order for a proposal to move forward and told the idea would work its way through this process as quickly as possible.

The 6-14-2011 minutes were unanimously approved.

Susan Steele confirmed the tennis court construction had begun and would take roughly two to three weeks to complete. Susan let the board know that the tennis court surface would initially remain asphalt until the township had a better understanding of the level to which it would be used, as well as the possible damage that would be incurred yearly as a result of the ice rink. A future determination will be made whether to enhance the facility using a traditional tennis court surface system. She also mentioned she will be requesting \$2,000 in FY 2012's budget for basketball hoops at the multi-use area. Todd Kirsten informed the board that he had been taking pictures of the construction area, and planned to continue doing so daily, so that a before/during/after photo timeline could be posted on the website. Ms. Steele stated that a Shared Road Plan was being developed by Trish Meeks of the CRPA. A hash mark crossway between Houtz Lane & Municipal Lane was discussed and everyone was in agreement that improving safety for people crossing 550 between the two roads should be pursued. Options are being looked into.

Mr. Kirsten stated that he met with Jean Miranda at Autumn Meadow Park to assess possible locations for the proposed basketball court. The best location was deemed to be between the current location of the recycling containers and Smith Road based on available space and the fact that this location was already relatively level. The idea was raised to expand the parking lot in order to move the recycling containers to the other side of the lot thus freeing up the parking area nearest the proposed court location. Kim Hyeseon asked about the possibility of a multi-use facility instead of solely a basketball court. The idea of constructing a full court instead of a half court for this purpose, as well as other possible multi-use configurations, were discussed.

Mrs. Miranda brought up the idea of a survey to gauge the interest level of a splash deck and the children's ages, if any, of those surveyed who would be interested in using such an amenity. Pros and cons of possible splash deck locations were addressed.

Based on Ms. Steele's recommendation, at the August 9, 2011 meeting the Parks & Recreation Board will formally state its intention to make FY 2012 budget requests of \$20,000 for the basketball court at Autumn Meadow Park, \$50,000 for the splash deck at a location to be determined, and \$2,000 for lines to be applied to the existing basketball court at Municipal Park. Additional garbage receptacles for Municipal Park are being purchased.

Yvonne Smith voiced her concern regarding the overall fairness of the fee policy recommendation currently being developed. Reasons for developing such a policy were discussed. The necessity of specifically addressing Little League, and possibly the Centre Bulldogs, in the policy was briefly talked about. Todd stated the Parks & Recreation Board's fee policy recommendation would be the top agenda issue at the August 9, 2011 meeting and there would be extensive discussion at that meeting, and meetings beyond, before the recommendation was sent to the Board of Supervisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes drafted by,

Todd Kirsten  
Chairman, Halfmoon Township Parks & Recreation Board