

**Upper Merion Township  
Park and Recreation Board Minutes  
September 13, 2011**

**Attendees:** Dan Russell, Barb Schafer, John Tallman, Eileen Connelly, Mary Ann Ahearn, Mike Trachtenberg, Dave Burns

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes for August 2011 meetings were approved.**

**Directors Report:**

1. Storm damage – Hurricane Irene and last weekend's rain storm caused damage in several parks. Walker Park was under 2-3 feet of water, large sink holes opened, large depressions were created, all playground surfacing was washed away. Minor flooding at Bob White and Sweetbriar Parks. The UM Boathouse was under water twice but sustained no damage other than dirt & mud: equipment had been moved, the dock held, and no boats were damaged. Community Fair had to be postponed for one week.
2. Fall brochures – sent out
3. Bob Clifton memorial was dedicated on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>
4. Soccer Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.
5. Cultural Festival at the Community Fair has to be cancelled because of re-scheduling the fair.
6. Park Maintenance – Jay will provide a written response to our park evaluations each month.
7. Street Light at Swedesburg Park – residents would like to have a street light next to the basketball court. It will be discussed when we know the cost.
8. Luncheon – invitations to the citizen boards appreciation luncheon were handed out.
9. Budget – work started on 2012 budget. Revenues are up and operations expenses are down this year.
10. Skateboard Park – fundraiser concert with professional skaters & equipment for kids to try will be held on Oct 1, 3pm – 8 pm. 1000 people are expected. \$3500 has been raised so far, and \$25,000 - \$35,000 will be saved through donations of time and work from Paul Volpe, B. Pietrini & Sons, Shorty Schultz.
11. Winter maintenance – park maintenance is done till Dec., with safety repairs done when needed.

**Old Business**

1. Park permit rules – will be discussed next time. P&R office is working on this.

**New Business**

1. Schuykill River Trail – Neil is attending a presentation about the current state of the Trail and will report.
2. Bench & Merry-go-round – Dan will email information to Eileen so she can order the adaptive playground equipment. She hopes it can be installed before the frost. Most likely location is Heuser Park.
3. Heuser fields – Dan will request a letter from the BOS on the status of new fields.
4. Community Center – consultants will make final presentation at BOS workshop meeting Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. P&R board requested to attend.
5. Swim club – feedback has been good. Should pedestrian crossing signs be posted?

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ahearn  
Secretary