

**Upper Merion Township
Park and Recreation Board Minutes
May 10, 2011**

Attendees: Barb Schafer, Neil Sardinias, John Tallman, Eileen Connelly, Mary Ann Ahearn, Mike Trachtenberg, Emily DeVuono on behalf of Dan Russell

Guests: Steve Trobovic, Hans van Naerssen

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes for April 2011 meeting approved.

Guests

Steve Trobovic from the Springbrook Lane Homeowners Association came to the meeting discuss donating a path to the township. He was accompanied by Hans van Naerssen from Wayne - both are avid cyclists. The homeowners association has land along Croton Lane between Dewitt Rd. and Radnor Rd with a private 4-5ft wide paved trail. It is in reasonable shape although it could use some work in a section or two, and could possibly connect to the path from Roberts school. UM Township would maintain the path. It's lower than street level so not obvious to drivers on Croton Road.

Steve should be the main contact for this issue.

Old Business

Park Lighting: we've had questions from residents about when lights are turned on in park fields in the spring and summer, and would like to know more details about when and how the parks are lit. Sometimes lights are on with no one there. Emily will forward the question to Dan.

Bill Wall Park: There was also a question for Dan regarding who is responsible for the fence at Bill Wall Park.

Use of School District facilities: nothing back from UMASD yet.

Minutes: it was requested that minutes be submitted for review sooner following each meeting.

New Business

Terms of use and permits: we questioned whether there are policies and rules of use included on park permits. There has been a permit conflict at Bob White Park involving the UM Cricket Club which needs to give Dan a schedule for when they'll be using the field. A sample permit will be brought to next month's meeting.

Heuser Clubhouse access road: John observed a dangerous situation of fast driving on the clubhouse access road while children were present. The gate was not closed to prevent this, and there is no sign restricting motorists. A safety memo needs to go out to all sports organizations and there needs to be signage. Question for Dan – is there a policy for use of the access road? If not we need to make one.

Upper Merion Swim & Tennis Club status: confident it will open as planned.

VF Golf Course Development: question for Dan – how can we assure a good bike trail through this new development to connect Warner Rd. to Creeds? Is it in the plan?

Issues to discuss in the May 12th joint meeting with the BOS:

1. Use of school district facilities
2. Community Center status
3. Trail projects status regarding funding and access from the railroad & other landowners
4. Status of new fields at Heuser

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ahearn
Secretary