

**UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MARCH 9, 2010**

ATTENDENCE: John Tallman, Dan Russell, David Burns, Barbara Schafer, Neil Sardinas, Mike Trachtenberg, Eileen Connelly, and Erika Spott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: February 9, 2010 meeting was cancelled – no minutes.

GUESTS: Hally Ammons from Daylin Leach's Office, Greg Waks (Township Supervisor) and Matt Goldfine from Tim Brigg's Office.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIASION REPORT:

1. There are 3 to 5 applicants for the vacancy on the Park & Recreation Board – interviews are being scheduled.
2. Farmers Market is moving along – 13 vendors attended the meeting. Hope to run events on Saturday mornings in accordance with the market.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. There was a leak at the Heuser Park press box due to a broken pipe – unfortunately, the King of Prussians Indians did not shut off the water for the winter. It was suggested that Jay check the buildings weekly and have a check list of items that need to be done to close the buildings.
2. The study for the Community Center will continue. Daylin Leach's office may be able to offer funding if the engineer's quotes are over \$10,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Park & Rec Board voted unanimously to name the football game field at Heuser by Vanicelli Field – needs Board of Supervisor approval now.
2. Park Inspections – Board needs an Excel sheet of their reports and what Jay has accomplished. 2010 park inspections by the Park & Rec Board are to begin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dan stated an a meeting ws being held w/ Pinnoni for the results of the initial environmental study. There is money in the capital budget for this report. Determination needs to be made on how to acquire easements along the trail. Erika suggested reaching out to the property owners to acquire the land. If there is an agreement by the property owners, then the request for the study can be brought to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

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2. 2010 Park & Recreation Board Goals:
 1. Study of future park needs. Barb Schafer stated that Heuser Park needs 4 additional new fields. Dan said that the design work permits for Phase II of Heuser Park have been submitted and an analysis of future needs for field usage needs to be done – there have been a 40% increase in youth at schools in Upper Merion.
 2. Maintain parks to the best of the Park & Rec Board’s ability – continue to support and advertise the Adopt-A-Park program. David Burns is going to work on creating a plan.
 3. Trail completion.
 4. Community Center / Pool.
 5. Put WiFi in parks – Heuser & Walker/security cameras at parks.
 6. Watch dollars for Fees “in Lieu of”.
 7. Open organizations to young people with special needs (adaptive sports programs) – especially organizations the township gives grant monies to.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Trachtenberg
Secretary