

Upper Merion Township
Park and Recreation Board Minutes
December 14, 2010

Attendees: John Tallman, Eileen Connelly, MaryAnn Ahearn, David Burns, Barb Schafer, Dan Russell, Mike Trachtenberg

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of October, 2010 Minutes
Approval of November, 2010 Minutes

Directors Report:

Community Center:

A public meeting for a Community Center Planning will be held.

Upper Merion High School class president put together a survey for high school students about the Community Center with over 300 respondents.

The feasibility study will be completed during the first quarter of 2011.

Skateboard park:

Young people met to discuss skateboard park. Fran Littlewood chairing a committee for development of this park. Committee has set a goal of raising \$200,000.00. A meeting has been set for 1/11/11.

The Police Department is also involved in the planning.

Heuser to Valley Forge Park Trail:

State Representative Tim Briggs has requested an additional \$500,000.00 state grant for construction of bridges. This would be used on the bike path.

The Township tree lighting ceremony was held on December 10, with Royal Bank as the sponsor for the event.

Park and Recreation Department budget was approved for 2011. It includes a 6% decrease from 2010. There is approximately \$70,000.00 left in the capital fund after expending \$40,000.00 for repairs from storm damage.

January 11, 2011 will be Park and Recreation Board reorganization meeting.

Dan Russell, Director, thanked the Board for their support and help during the 2010 year.

Old Business:

Park and Recreation Board priority list- Update Master Plan (15 years old)

Discussion was held on the gym closing at the Middle School.

Park and Recreation Dept. had to consolidate programs to allow school district to close gyms in summer. Dan will meet with them to discuss 2011 summer.

The goats have not been taken back to Bob White Park.

New Business:

Development of Wegmans's Market at the Valley Forge golf course is moving forward. There is no final plan in place for the rest of the development. Participants are working under a Court order. There is a town center concept.

There has been discussion with UMBA and Indians concerning their pledges for Heuser Park construction. Both organizations have made improvements at Heuser and Walker fields at their expense. No time limit was set as to when payment is due. Township Supervisor McBride has been involved in the discussions.

There will be another meeting including the sharing of maintenance costs between UMBA, Indians, Upper Merion School District, Rugby, MDP and Lacrosse.

Meeting adjourned.