

**Upper Merion Township
Park and Recreation Board Minutes
July 13, 2010**

Attendees: Erika Spott, Dan Russell, Barb Schafer, David Burns, Neil Sardinas, Mike Trachtenberg, Eileen Connelly, Maryann Ahearn.

Guests: Jay Kowal, Yvonne Post, Carol Kenny

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of June 8th Minutes

Yvonne Post wrote article on goats and invasive "Mile a minute Vines."

Vines are at Bob White Park Area

Jay Kowal 5 to 7 acres of overgrown vines

Concerns:

Goats must be fenced (electric) in.

Children and disease. Ticks?

No issue with goats.

Angora Goats and what do they eat?

Hay, vines, foliage.

Size of her goats herd. 6 goats and love to eat mile a minute vines.

What goats to bring and the best time to use the goats for the vines.

Spring, Summer.

Negatives of using goats (Billy goats)

Transporting of goats

Transport only 2 goats at one time in truck.

Cost of fence and materials. Any grants available? Yes

Pilot program to start second week in September.

Yvonne Post e-mail address: ypcreativeed@gmail.com

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Erika Spott

Health Department and Farmer's Market

Director's Report:

We had a great 4th of July Celebration.

The fireworks were fantastic but had small problem.

We had safety measures in place and everything was o.k.

Summer Programs 1,294 participants.

1179 inside the school

Summer Program is going well.

Ken Ballard is doing feasibility study.

The three sites are:

Gulph School

Heuser Park

Gold's Gym

He will give report sometime in Mid-August and have a meeting with the township in September.

I talked to Ron Wagemann about the trail and the property owners.(422 Bridge)

Old Business:

Binder with each park, map and directions.

Monthly reports in binder and to do list and feedback about each park.

Web site for parks and feedback by e-mail and forms about parks.

New Business:

Heuser park was painted.

Seeding was completed at Heuser football field.

The playground at Norview Farms see-saw and rubber matting problems.

Dave Burns suggested dedicating park bench in memory of Shannon Connelly.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen C. Connelly