

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: March 9th minutes approved

GUEST: Jeff McCabe

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIASON REPORT:

Erika reported that there are several candidates to fill the vacancy on the Park & Recreation Board. Selection will be voted upon at April Supervisors meeting.

Earth Day- come meet the farmers on Earth Day. Farmers Market to start on may 15.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Park & Recreation Board members invited to meet with the Board of Supervisors in a joint meeting on May 6, at 7:30 pm.

Summer programs are being marketed. School presentations have been arranged for summer programs.

Summer concerts have been arranged June to August- 8 weeks total. Program has been impacted by a 40% cut in sponsor support.

Meet the farmers will be held on April 24 from 1-3: 00 pm at the rear of the township building. Scott Sibley will be presented with an award on Earth day.

April 30, Township will be presented with the Tree City USA award.

Emily (Miller) DeVuono has resigned, but will still work part time, sharing a position with Heather Melck.

OLD BUSINESS:

A college tournament was held over the weekend and paid a \$400.00 fee.

Goals were finalized:

1. Request Supervisors to initiate a Master Plan for present and future needs. A study of future park needs must be initiated. Initiate a Recreation Master Plan. This will need to be done by an engineering study. Field study and community center/pool are separate studies. Past Master Plan is 16 years old. We should proceed with a step by step plan in order to gain Supervisors approval.
2. Maintain Parks- create a plan to control what facilities we currently have.
3. Trail completion- We need “land and money.” We need to write grants in order to move plans to “shovel ready.” We need to obtain land or rights to land. Need a plan for Valley Forge Park connection.
4. Community Center/pool – sub-committee- RFP’s received. Ballard King & Assoc bid will be recommended to BOS for the bid of \$25,400.00. We have a \$10,000 grant and Daylin Leach has committed to the \$15,000 towards difference.
5. Investigate the feasibility of security in the parks. Investigate cost and technology needed for installing and hooking up with police department. We will need to justify any expenditure with the savings of costs to repair damages from vandalism, savings in insurance costs, and deterrence of future crime. This would initially apply to Walker and Heuser parks.
6. Investigate opportunities for adaptive recreation programs for all Township programs (we have a new adaptive recreation township program) as well as for all organizations who we support with funds and or facilities. We need to educate our Park & Recreation Board and facilitate meetings with all organizations above. We will attempt to get grants to pay for educating these organizations and helping the leagues establish programs.

NEW BUSINESS- None

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Trachtenberg
Secretary