

**Upper Merion Township
Park and Recreation Board Minutes
January 10, 2012**

Attendees: Barb Schafer, David Burns, Neil Sardinas, John Tallman, Eileen Connelly, Mary Ann Ahearn, Dan Russell

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Park & Recreation Board

Officers for 2012:

Chair: John Tallman

Vice Chair: David Burns

Secretary: Mary Ann Ahearn

Approval of December 2011 Minutes

Directors Report:

1. Heuser-VF Trail – the first meeting with representatives of the state budget office and township engineers about the RCAP grant took place on January 4. Talks with the railroad continue to show promise as well, so the project is moving forward.
2. Gold's Gym – the Board of Supervisors will vote this Thursday on whether to move forward on settlement. A meeting was held with the Senior Center about moving. Talked with architects (Kimmel Bogrette) to ask for a proposal for renovation. P & R will have activities there.
3. Jay's Monthly Report – We received Jay's monthly report of park maintenance for Dec. Jay will send Dan a report at the beginning of every month listing maintenance done in the previous month, and will come to some meetings once we start doing park reports again.
4. Nor-View parking barriers – the township will build up sinking sidewalks and install concrete parking barriers in front of Pertucci's.

Old Business:

1. Park Permits & Ordinances – park ordinances and permit applications were emailed to the board for individual review. We will give Dan any suggestions for changes and discuss them when Erika is able to attend, or when Park & Rec comes up with any changes.
2. Heuser Fields – we discussed finance issues to finish the new fields that have been graded.
3. Park report binders – we will each make a report binders for a few parks until we have a full set.
4. Adaptive playground equipment – Eileen would like to get the equipment purchased and installed in the spring, hopefully at Heuser park.

New Business:

1. Whitgate Park – Barb reported that the windscreening is down and needs to be put back up or removed for the winter.
2. Spring Catalog – is in the works and should be ready for distribution in mid to late Feb. NYC Theater trips are no longer offered due to the high price of theater tickets. Outer Limits program does not sponsor trip to Philadelphia for Phillies games because the team no longer donates tickets and the special sections for disabled persons are hard to get. Eileen will investigate options.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Ahearn
Secretary