

**Upper Merion Township
Park and Recreation Board Minutes
February 14, 2012**

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

Guests: Nick and Kathy DeRosato

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of January 2011 Minutes

Guests

Nick and Kathy DeRosato requested a light be installed near the Swedesburg Park basketball court so that it can be used in the evenings. Right now there is no money for any kind of capital improvement, but it's on the list of things to do when there are funds to support it.

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report

1. Gold's Gym – the township now owns the property. A Request for Proposal will go out soon for a design for the renovation. The property will be the permanent home for the Senior Center and representatives will be involved in planning from the beginning. We hope to begin the construction phase by late 2012 to early 2013.
2. Heuser-VF Trail – the BOS will vote Thursday on building the bicycle/pedestrian trail to the 422 bridge.

Directors Report:

1. Spring-Summer recreation guides sent to the printer today.
2. Farmers Market is beginning its third year and Dan has met with Lydia Sardinas from the committee.
3. Concerts Under the Stars schedule will expand from 4 to 6 shows this year and the BOS will vote Thursday on retaining the sponsorship coordinator.
4. Earth Day celebration schedule is in the works. It will be larger than last year.
5. Destination Vacations (Collette Vacations) is offering a trip to San Francisco & Lake Tahoe in August and three people have signed up so far.
6. Gold's Gym property – the township is working with volunteer Eagle Scout, Jamie Shelton, to clean up the woods behind the property. Ron Wagenmann will meet with each of the current tenants of the building to negotiate month-to-month leases till the renovations begin.
7. Heuser-VF Trail – Dan has started very positive meetings with the property owners and the railroad who need to give easement for the trail. All looks very positive.
8. Jay's Monthly Report – We received Jay's monthly report of park maintenance for January.
9. School District fees – nothing new to report until after the school board's joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors in March or April.

Old Business:

1. Goats for Weed Control – Mary Ann will contact Yvonne Post to help us get this project off the ground. We'll ask for a proposal and presentation of what she can do to help.
2. Adaptive playground equipment – Eileen would like to get the equipment purchased and installed this spring, and her son Brian will set up a meeting with Dan to order the equipment.

New Business:

1. Moore Center – In response to Barb's question, Erika explained that the K of P Players have entered into an agreement with the township to renovate and use the building. The project is waiting on their funding to begin.
2. Heuser Fields - since new fields are very badly needed, perhaps funds for completion of graded practice fields could be included in a potential bond issued to fund the Gold's Gym property renovation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ahearn

Secretary