

7:30 PM Tuesday
July 08, 2014 *REVISED*

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, David Burns, Eileen Connelly, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Dennis Rudzinski, Neil Sardiñas, Barbara Schafer, Bill Schutter, Mike Trachtenberg

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes: June 2014

Guests:

David Glauner - The King of Prussia Soccer Club would like to have exclusive use of Bob Case Park for the club's 240 members. Currently Bob Case Park has mixed use, which includes flag football causing damage to the surface. Each year \$10,000 is spent to maintain Baxter Field by the King of Prussia Soccer Club. The King of Prussia Soccer Club has a shed located at Bob Case and has invested money in the field. The KoP Soccer Club occasionally uses school property.

Bob and Fran Littlewood - It has been determined that the proposed design for a sign identifying Vannicelli Field is within Upper Merion's sign parameters. The name of the field will be placed on an added rectangle to the top of the current sign. The estimated cost for the addition is ~\$5,000.00. It is currently an unbudgeted item. The earliest it could be approved would be the August BOS meeting.

A motion to approve the sign and investigate what the township will pay toward the sign was passed by the UMPR Board. The UMPR Board is requesting that the township double check the sign's wind stress study.

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Bill Jenaway - Thursday night the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors will approve the plumbing contract for the Upper Merion Community Center construction. There is an \$85,000 grant to restore the pond. The Upper Merion Swim and Tennis Club continues to improve. A sliding board is being installed this year. Membership is averaging 385 to 400 families per year.

Director's Report: Dennis Rudzinski is substituting for Dan Russell - Reiterated that the UMCC plumbing contract will be approved by the BOS this Thursday. The HVAC, General and Electrical contracts were approved last month. Full construction will begin within the month.

Staffing - Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation - received over 50 applications. The committee interviewed 15 candidates including 3 internal. We are currently into the final round being conducted by the Township Manager.

July 4th - The celebration was a huge success. Record attendance was added by the Carnival sponsored by Tons of Fun Entertainment.

Summer Programs are running smoothly.

Park Report: Bill Schutter –

Upper Merion Shade Tree Committee - planted 7 trees in Heuser Park

Support for Upper Merion day camps

Executive Estates - Cleaned up storm damage

Kingswood Park - New swing chains, removed vines

Swedeland Park - Cleaned lavatory, installed new nets on courts, moved timer box and installed new light bulbs

Upper Merion Township Park - Removed brush

Walker Field - Moved timer box to discourage vandalism

Old Business: Upper Merion Park Master Plan -- Upper Merion's parks have been inventoried. UMPR Board discussed potential candidates for the Park Master Plan committee. A list of candidates is being sent to Dan.

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment:

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