

7:30 PM Tuesday
December 09, 2014

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, David Burns, Eileen Connelly, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Dan Russell, Neil Sardifias, Barbara Schafer, Bill Schutter, Mike Trachtenberg

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes: November 2014 minutes were approved.

Guests: George Nikolaou - King of Prussia Football Association. This season the King of Prussia Vikings 120 lb team won the Bux-Mont Pop Warner championship. Bux-Mont is the largest youth football league in the country. The league is stressing safety. Barb Schafer inquired about the multiple name plaques on the announcer's booth at Heuser Field. It was mentioned that the name plaques had been approved by Upper Merion Township.

The football association was reminded that they need to attend the meeting of all Upper Merion sports teams in the fall. Barb Schafer mentioned that she was not pleased by the name change from the King of Prussia Indians to the Upper Merion Vikings. George Nikolaou defended the change stating that it is a new team. The players are now all from Upper Merion Area School District. In the past many players were recruited from other communities. Now the Upper Merion Football Organization works in concert with the UMASD football teams. Bux-Mont Pop Warner has a challenger program for special needs children.

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Bill Jenaway - SEPTA has narrowed its options for the proposed rail line connecting King of Prussia to the Norristown High Speed Line.

Director's Report: Dan Russell - The groundbreaking for the Daniel T Kellett Skatepark was on November 30, 2014. The groundbreaking for the Valley Forge to Heuser Trail is scheduled for December 11, 2014 at 3:30. The December 7, 2014 Holliday Hoopla was very successful. Five awards were given for home holiday decorations. This December's UMPR Master Park Plan Subcommittee meeting was postponed to allow time for the park surveys to be completed. The Next UMPR Master Park Plan Subcommittee meetings are January 6, 2014 at 6:30 and February 3, 2014 at 6:30.

There is interest by Upper Merion girls to start a rugby team for female players under 19 years old.

Park Report: Bill Schutter - Upper Merion Township continues to gather leaves. Swedesburg Park has a new light installed. PECO needs to connect power to the light.

Old Business: The UMPR Rules and Guidelines were discussed by the board. The goal is to edit the rules and guidelines to meet UMPR's current needs.

New Business: None

Adjournment:
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