

7:30 PM Tuesday

August 11, 2015

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, Dave Burns, GlennAnne Chabala, Eileen Connelly, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Bill Schutter, Mike Trachtenberg

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: minutes from July 14, 2015 approved.

Guests: Jonathan Black, Nick Falcone, Sheila Frederick, Lisa Harding

Jonathan Black, a longtime resident, used to be on the Park & Rec board and came by to see what was going on lately.

Nick Falcone (UMBA, Youth Football), Sheila Frederick and Lisa Harding (Youth Football and Cheer) are interested in the Master Plan and better communication about available fields. They reported bad lighting on Walker fields 2 & 3.

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Bill Jenaway --

- Community Center – we hope there will be no more delays. Improvements to the intersection on Valley Forge Rd. are nearly finished. Penn DOT has required a traffic light there.
- The pool has been taken over by the township which made immense improvements in 72 hours in order for it to be usable. The middle pool will not open this year due to electrical problems. The baby pool issue is being corrected and the middle pool will not open this year due to electrical problems.
- The township is expected to grow by 10% and increases in public works & police staffing are recommended.

Director's Report: GlennAnne Chabala --

- The township now owns the pool and after much work, it is beautiful, clean and inviting. It's one of few 50 meter pools in the area. We've added 42 families to the 200 existing family memberships. People are happy and all is working well including parking. We were able to hire qualified staff quickly and the Hedgehog Grill is providing the food concession. There are still issues that need to be resolved for next season and we'll get a good evaluation of what's needed at the end of this season from the pool management company.
- July 4th celebration at Heuser Park attracted 5000 people.
- Summer camps are winding down in the next few weeks.
- The P&R department is working on new improved software for signups this fall. The fall program directory is at the printers and will be sent out soon.
- Heuser to Valley Forge bike trail should be usable by the end of September. The bridge abutments are under construction and the bridge should be in place by the second week in September.
- Community Center now has 44 charter pass holders and a dozen annual pass holders. The walls are going up and the construction is progressing in leaps and bounds. However there have been delays and we should know soon what will be completed by the end of September.

Park Report: Bill Schutter –

- Cleaning up storm damage all of July.
- Baxter & Middle School – setup for soccer tournament
- Bob Case Park – cut back vegetation along path
- Bob White Park – storm damage cleanup
- Executive Estates – storm damage cleanup
- Swedeland Park – repaired sink hole
- Township Building Park – lots of trees and dead branches removed
- William Wall Park – storm damage cleanup, getting quotes for new basketball rims

Old Business:

- Skate Park - nothing new to report
- Sweetbriar Park bridge repairs – no new developments. The bridge is safe.
- Vanicelli sign has arrived but has not been installed at Heuser Park yet.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Ahearn

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mary Ann Ahearn', followed by a long horizontal flourish.