

**Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes
November 10, 2015 - 7:30 PM**

Attendees –

David Burns, Eileen Connelly, GlennAnne Chabala, Rob DeFelice, Tina Garzillo, Bill Schutter, Mike Trachtenberg

Guests –

Jonathan Black, Tony Metricarti, Rich Lachenmayer, George Nikolaou, Bob Wochele, Jose Almonte, Andrew Bahmueller, Cory Besz, Andrew McNally, Mike Buce

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation from Athletic Organizations –

Marlins – Grant money used for underwater camera as a training mechanism. Shares this with UMAHS.
% of UM residents on team – 90%. 202 registrants this year
Goals for grant funds – a new diving board
Community service – currently make a wish foundation, will discuss other possibilities

Lacrosse – Grant money used for equipment & financial hardship (no children turned away)
% of UM residents on team – 100% & protected by twp borders.
No paid coaches and 100% volunteers. Hosts tournaments to raise funds
Goals for grant funds – replace equipment, backstops, and bounce backs
This year there will be a middle school team
Community service - spent 3k - 4k to seed, re-sod, fertilize the fields, & roll the practice and game fields.

Wrestling –

% of UM residents on team - 50 kids in program only 1 not in school district.
All 3 coaches are volunteer.
Plans to shift age older and decrease the season for better retention. Registration is only \$75
Goals for grant funds – replace a wrestling mat, costs approx. 10K

Soccer -

Grant money used for portable goals that collapse and fit in sheds, sand bags, and mesh pinny shirts.
285 kids in travel program this year, and 23 travel teams. No paid coaches
% of UM residents on team - 93-95%, includes Bridgeport
Community service –Baxter \$10-12K field maintenance - invested in re-useable turf covers
(Bob Case torn up last spring)

Crew –

Grant money used for new light weight girls' boat with \$18K BCA grant money + P & R grant. Also bought a new launch. Last year started a middle school program paid by booster funds. School said they will not sponsor other than spring (insurance) would like to use funds this year for insurance
% of UM residents - all residents except one.
Goals for grant funds – pay for insurance
Community service – ran a community learn to row program this past fall, but did charge \$15

- WhiteGate Park - Prepared for tree planting on 11/14
- SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - Preparing for 11/14 tree planting

New Business:

School district will be building 3 new buildings. Unsure how this will affect athletic fields.
Discussion about the procedure for the waiving of fees. Existing grants regs address it, but field usage does not.

Guest, Mr. Jonathan Black, was very impressed by the presentations made by the sports organizations. He commented that he had no idea how dedicated the leaderships of the teams is and how much they actually do. He suggested that the future annual grant request meeting be televised so that the public is able to see what the organizations are all about.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Garzillo

