

7:30 PM Tuesday

March 10, 2015

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, David Burns, Eileen Connelly, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Dan Russell, Neil Sardiñas

Pledge of Allegiance:

Guests: UMPR Master Plan Subcommittee, GlennAnne Chabala, Gerri Vattimo and community members.

Because of snow, last week's Park and Recreation Master Plan Subcommittee meeting was rescheduled to coincide with tonight's UMPR Board meeting. The minutes of the Park and Recreation Master Plan Subcommittee portion of tonight's meeting were recorded and will be distributed by T&M Associates.

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Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Bill Jenaway - Members of the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors have interviewed two of three candidates for the UMPR Board's open position. Additionally the UMPR Board will have a student representative. The UMPR Master Plan will be a guide for the BOS as it will identify UMPR needs and points of interest. Currently the township's pool is in litigation and the status of the 2015 swim season is not clear.

Director's Report: Dan Russell introduced GlennAnne Chabala UMPR's new Assistant Director and Facilities Manager of UMCC. She brings thirty of years of experience in the park and recreation field to Upper Merion. Gerri Vattimo Marketing & Special Events Manager and Event Coordinator was also introduced to the board. Gerri Vattimo brings many years of work experience from Lockheed Martin and other companies in this area.

Boy Scout Carl Vondra has proposed building a disk golf course this year in Sweetbrier Park for his Eagle Scout project. The UMPR Summer Program guide is at the printer. Upper Merion's summer camps fair is pending. Interior construction of the UMCC is progressing well. Structural steel is in place for the new addition.

Brian Knox from Eco-Goats is interested in seeing the environmental assessment documenting the invasive vines growing in Upper Merion parks. Eco-Goats or a partner company may be interested in being hired to have their goats remove invasive plants from UM parks.

New Business: The Village at Valley Forge may be interested in providing a venue for the Upper Merion Farmers Market. May 16, 2015 will be the beginning of the UMFM's 6th season.

Old Business: Adding a Vannicelli Field sign panel to the existing scoreboard in Heuser Park is on hold. It has been determined that the scoreboard in its current configuration, without the additional panel, exceeds its wind load factor of safety by 30%.

Prior to the meeting Tina Garzillo and Mike Trachtenberg compiled guidelines for organizations and their grant applications. They also drafted a Rules and Guidelines for Field and Facility Usage document. The initial drafts were distributed to the board for review and comments.

A request for a No Dumping sign in Bob White Park was reiterated.

Adjournment:

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