

**Upper Merion Township Park and Recreation  
Board Minutes  
March 12, 2013**

**Attendees:** MaryAnn Ahearn, David Burns, Eileen Connelly, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Dan Russell, Neil Sardiffas, Barb Schafer, Bill Schutter, Mike Trachtenberg.  
**Guests:** Buddy and Cathy DeRosato

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of February 12, 2013 minutes:**

**Old Business:** Buddy and Cathy DeRosato have requested a light to illuminate the basketball court in Swedesburg Park. Upper Merion received a quote from AQD for \$9,230.00 to install two 100-amp floodlights, a pole and transformer. Buddy DeRosato said that the price was too high. Upper Merion will request an additional price quote. Neighbors from Swedesburg will be invited to the April Park and Rec. meeting to demonstrate their support for or against the proposed light.

**New Business:** Residents of Evergreen Lane have complained regarding balls originating from Bob Holland Park landing in their yards. It is unknown to the Park and Rec. Board the specific location and the extent of the problem. The DeRosato's are residents of Evergreen Lane and stated that they are not aware of any problem with balls rolling onto their property from Bob Holland Park. The neighbors will be invited to attend a Park and Rec. meeting to determine the next step.

**Board of Supervisors Liaison Report:** Bill Jenaway informed us that the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors has decided that the Philadelphia Wings will not be a component of the Upper Merion Community Center. This will give complete control of the community center to Upper Merion.

The BOS voted to remove the banquet hall from the community center plan. It would have competed with churches and fire departments.

Upper Merion will now request bids for demolition at the community center site.

The Community Assistance Board is a newly created board for allocating revenue from the Valley Forge Casino. A few specific programs will share \$165,000. A general fund will receive \$1.2 million.

**Director's Report:** Dan reiterated that the Upper Merion Community Center will be 100% owned and operated by the township.

Currently the plan includes two full-size basketball courts, a few smaller courts and a configurable floor. Staffing models and job descriptions are being identified.

Design for the Valley Forge to Heuser Bike Trail is being refined. Norfolk Southern will permit the trail to cross their KOP Industrial Park spur at grade adjacent to the Trout Run Wastewater Treatment Plant. The trail will require a bridge to cross Trout Run at a price of \$340,000.

Community Day will combine with the Upper Merion Tricentennial Celebration on September 7, 2013. Heuser Park will host a weekend long fair and be the destination of multiple parades within the township. At Heuser Park, there will be carnival rides, games and a food tent staffed by local vendors.

The Concerts Under the Stars series is considering having a beer concessionaire to boost revenue.

Friday March 15, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 the UM Twp Building will be the location of the Summer Camp Fair.

A scout from Troop 551 has inquired to UMP&R concerning his plan to install an abbreviated disc golf course in Sweetbriar Park for his Eagle Scout project. He is aware of the resistance to disc golf in Bob White Park and intends to canvass the neighbors near Sweetbriar Park.

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Department won an award for producing the Best Park and Rec. Publication in Pennsylvania for 2013.

**Additional Old Business:** A music jam activity and ESL sessions are being considered.

Placing goats into Bob White Park to eat mile-a-minute vines is more than Yvonne Post's or Upper Merion's goats can handle. ECO-Goats will assess the project and give UMP&R an estimate.

April 11, 2013 this board will meet with the Board of Supervisors. Each member will speak about a different topic. This will be organized via email over the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned,  
Neil Sardiñas

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