

Upper Merion Park and Rec Board Minutes for April 2013 *Revised 4/22/13

Attendees: Dan Russell, Neil Sardinas, Mary Ann Ahearn, Barb Schafer, Eileen Connelly, David Burns, Tina Garzillo, Bill Jenaway, Bill Shutter.

Minutes approved for March and February

Guests Mr. and Mrs. DeRosato.

The available Board Minutes were requested by the DeRosato's. Barb Shafer was kind enough to give hers' to the DeRosata's

The DeRosato's wanted to follow up on the request for the Lights at Sweedsburg Park for the basketball court.

They thanked Park and Rec for fixing the Backboard at the park and other items.

Bill Shutter obtained two estimates from TWP. Park Maintenance to do for the possible lighting project... Fry Electric was more expensive \$10, 300,,, ACUM is the other contractor.

We cannot put lights on PECO poles.... Therefore, two new poles would have to be placed in the park...or...One pole two lights vs. two poles is the other option....The DeRosato's question to the Board was "why are we letting the contractors' tell us, the township what to do"? The park would require a wooden twenty foot pole...we compared this basketball court to the King Manor park light. Does the state have a standard on park lights?...Mr. DeRosato's contractor contacts say they could get it for half the cost estimate... a lot less... Going rate for a 30-foot pole is \$1500. The electrical service down the pole would be another \$1500... so they asked," why are we so high... "?"

Mr. DeRosato's will get the Park and Rec Department estimates from his contacts. They are state license electrical contractors.

Cost for 100-amp service is the largest cost for this project The light was not there before therefore the standards now may be different than in the past for park lights..... Electricians need to be registered in the Township

Member of the Board ask the question if there is a need for a light in the park.

In addition, Board member asked about the qualifications?

The DeRosato's also had a discussion about the refitting damaged benches. We are waiting to hear from Gary the representative from General Recreation.

There are also concerns with the ends of the aluminum benches.

He requested that the TWP. clean up in the Park with the Chipper. The Chipper is currently out of service.

The DeRosato's want to know why we only have to deal with just two contractors?

What is the \$ figure that works for the board to approve the project..."Park and Rec has a budget that this would fall into. Why wasn't this in the new budget... Dollars are into other projects.
If the light is approved. We need to get the neighbors approval.

What is with the balls in the park being kicked or thrown on neighbors yards?... No one contacted us. It is not an issue with the police as per any reports to the TWP.

The police at Walker Field placed new Parking signs on the opposite side of the road.

Will this cause problems as the sports season goes forward?

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report:
Nothing new... Prep work on the pool has begun.

Directors report:
At this years PA State Conference awards were confirmed on UM TWP Park and Rec. Dept.
Get the Awards on a Agenda for Mr. Kraynik so that the Twp. Supervisors can give the Park and Rec Dept formal recognition.

New Summer Recreation Guide was handed out.
Earth Day Festival coming up Saturday the 27th here at the Park. All are welcomed.
A local teacher will be recognized on that day for their service.

Issues at Heuser Park:
Electrical failure... wires were cut on the Baseball side... a surge was created. The line is 3000 feet...\$7.20 per foot...replacement cost will be expensive...Responsible Volunteers cannot just go and throw on the lights (Someone needs to instruct the clubs on how to do this with out overloading the electrical system).

Higher-pressure value at Baxter is at dangerous levels... The plumber fixed the valve...

A Sinkhole appeared at Baxter... and another one at Merrill C Young Park... Is there a water line feeding the basin and is it cracked?

Getting rid of equipment at the Community Center...Glass and Hockey Boards are to be sold off

Quick check for Environmental hazards before Demolition
Then we will have a business plan... Then a bidding for construction and Building the new Center...Looking for a traffic signal on 23?... Another concern is parking with consideration of the upper lot...but we need to look at it as one plan vs. two plans for zoning...We should be able to manage the land as one lot not 2...

Dan shared the blue prints for the Community Center.

Dan pointed out where the current three tenants would be located. They will have their own entrances and bathroom facilities.

The Mechanical Room is in the basement.

Elevator available

The Main Floor will be for township recreation

A full size Basketball court and two elementary size courts... Plastic sports surface will be included... 2..3 lane walking and jogging track six times round would make a mile?

Discussed entrance for most and also a senior entrance...meeting area general lobby Cardio area.. Athletic trainers area..Elavotor to all three levels

Small aerobics area.. Day care Facilities... 2 music rooms... lounge area/Café base...

Women's Facilities... 2 classrooms... 2 specialized rooms'... Pottery classroom...

Cooking lab/classroom...

What is the scale of the rooms for lessons?... Some one on one, two and three, students per room...

120 some parking spots will be available to the site...

Upper level...The Senior Center...Where you walk in... especially for senior center... plus other special architectural options...Game room ...two restrooms...Nurse's room...

Full glass wall to see the rest of the facility...New Park and Rec Department offices. There will be a large aerobics room. It will also break into three smaller rooms. Natural lights are being included into the plans...Insulation on the Ceiling/roof will be done... And will there be a trade off... the ceiling will not be boxed down... no tunnel lighting at this time....The big concern will be heating and cooling... Any Circulation Fans in the building. ... No. Only huge blowers.

The PA Live Steamers for Heuser Park 2... They unanimously choose not be a part of our park...

Conversations with T and M about more work with our trails

DCR worked with us ... A grant has been submitted to pick up additional funding for the Dept. and other potential applications as well...

Old Business...should we be mentioning the three fields at Heuser, Are they off the plans for this year...yes or no... They are off because we need a Master Plan...What happened... we were told to move ahead.....added...it feels like it has now gone into a much later dated plan vs. meeting the TWP. need for fields now...SO WHERE ARE WE...

Heuser Phase 1 will be begin planning...with the three and half fields ASAP.

Discussed our meeting with the TWP. Board of Supervisors for later this week Outer limits...more equipment in the parks like sensory equipment. Bring up the awards that were awarded to the department...

Free Concerts? Goats as an intervention to defeat the mile a minute vines, Farmers Market..

Where are the Signs for no dumping in the parks...they will be placed in the parks.

Meeting Adjourned

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