

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, Mary Ann Ahearn, Deena Newman, Neil Sardiñas, Paul Salamy, Jerry Recupido & Tina Garzillo

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of the May 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 5-0.

3. Guest: Barley VanClief, Vytas Masalaitis

4. Board of Supervisor's Report-Tina Garzillo

- Farmer's Market this Saturday is family fun day.
- Core Creek Trail Project is moving along nicely.
- Tina toured the new fire station at the town center today. Cube Smart's attorney announced they are donating to the firehouse. It will be officially open and operating in 3 weeks.
- Morgan's Brooklyn BBQ opened at the mall. 80 seats for outdoor dining.
- The King of Prussia diner is delayed until July due to waiting for kitchen equipment coming in.
- Township was rewarded a few million dollars for infrastructure due to COVID.

5. Park & Shade Tree Report- Jerry Recupido

- Lights at Executive Estates basketball court was power washed. There is no power to the lights there for the court. They removed the lights from there to see if they work to try to use them at Walker Park.
- Ordered a mystic washer for courts and playground that worked well at cleaning up Executive Estates and William Wall.
- Pickleball lines are going to be painted at Bob White on June 23rd on all 3 courts. Executive Estates will be the next court to add lines.
- Planted 5 trees at Covered Bridge Rd part of the trail.
- At Executive Estates there is a large ash tree that was treated last year for Emerald Ash Borer but the tree is not doing well. Davey Tree came out to did an evaluation and noted that the tree is going to have to come down.
- Signs will be made for all 3 baseball fields at Heuser

6. Park & Recreation Director's Report-Dan Russell

- Absent due to family emergency.

7. Old Business

- BCA Grant Application
 - Received grant for 3 park benches.
- Joint Mtg with BOS recap
 - Went well and had positive response.
- Update Re: Upper Merion Youth Athletic Association (football, baseball, lacrosse, and soccer)
 - Mike is attempting to resurrect it and include other sports organizations such as swimming and wrestling to make it easier to streamline parents being able to sign up for all sports the same way and for coaches to get similar training.
 - Possibly help each other with fundraising and find more connections of companies through a greater number of families.
 - The goal is to organize it with the help of Parks and Recreation but to then turn it over to the leagues to take charge.
 - Plymouth Whitemarsh Township has a youth association similar to this and Dan has reached out to get a model for ideas.

8. New Business

- How to get community input regarding Heuser Park part 2.
 - Find the old survey from the original master plan and make updates to send out and encourage township residents to respond to get more ideas of the desires of residents and compare to old survey results.

9. Community Center Complex Advisory Board Report- Paul Salamy

- 1895 passholders last month and the numbers are increasing but the attendance is going down due to warmer weather.
- Pickleball and badminton has been very popular.
- There have been scholarships for the community center and 3 families have been identified by a school counselor.
- Pool had record numbers this past weekend.
- Still discussing a 5-year anniversary plan.
- Swim team has record number of kids (110).

10. Adjournment

Adjournment: 9pm
 Kindly Submitted,
 Deena Newman