



# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

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## MINUTES

### Community Center Complex Advisory Board

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:30pm

1. Attendance – Gino Cavaliere, Chris Levy, Paul Kubler, Karen Huller, Sharon Davis, Ben Eyer, Evan Patrick
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions for Gino
4. Approval 6/15/21 minutes
  - A. Is it the Secretary's responsibility to fact check?
    - i. Needs further discussion
  - B. Do we need to include detail on liaison reports?
  - C. Should comments stay as close to verbatim or modified for maximum context?
    - i. Chris - Is it a citizen committee's responsibility to give a true recount of what happens in the meetings
      1. True and what amount of detail is needed is subjective
    - ii. Main purpose is to portray the main semblance of what was said
    - iii. Gino – likes the highlights
    - iv. Sharon would like it in between how detailed the minutes are now and the usual school board minutes
    - v. BOS workshops procure more frank feedback because people feel less scrutinized
  - D. Minute approval will be postponed
  - E. Perhaps there should be guidance from BOS on minutes
    - i. Greg - as a former citizen board and sub-committee member, prefers the BOS does not dictate how different citizen boards take minutes
    - ii. Various citizen boards have been doing it their way for a very long time
    - iii. Some staff members may be in charge of minutes in certain cases

## 5. Staff Report

### A. Passholder update

- i. Up to 1619 active – up 112 from last month
- ii. Freezes are at 38 (annual)
- iii. Daily average visits
  1. 179.4 per weekday; up by 28 from last month
  2. 88.5 weekend; up by 13 from last month
- iv. No numbers on how much the free passholder usage

### B. Pool Update

- i. 2573 current members
  1. Most since opening
  2. To maintain safety, registration has been closed
    - a. Based on pandemic concerns
  3. Sharon – how does that translate into daily visits and what percentage of the members actually come?
    - a. Evan – people there for practices who are not swiped, so it is hard to really measure daily visits
    - b. Paul K. - The limits is number of bodies in the pool
    - c. How did Heather arrive at the cap? Was it based on being worries about full capacity?

### C. Summer Camps

- i. ADC at C3 and a few other locations (Baxter, Middle School)
- ii. At the maximums for township camps
- iii. ADC2 – starts August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- iv. Consortium for the Arts – Wizard of Oz by end of July
  1. Performance July 28, 29
  2. Tickets through Community Pass
  3. Open house for parents before
  4. Sharon – where?
    - a. Evan isn't sure where the show is
- v. Beechtree, Leadership camp
  1. Perhaps the Leadership camp is where we could find Ben's replacement
  2. Evan will ask Dennis to contact the parents
  3. Age limit on Student Liaison?
    - a. Think you have to be a Junior or Senior
    - b. A younger liaison would be able to give us great input on teen programming
    - c. Evan will check on the ordinance
    - d. The teen liaison can then promote the Leadership camp, showing leadership as a reward for doing the program

### D. 431 Art Gallery Returns

- i. New exhibition
- ii. Paul - How much of the art is sold?
  1. Greg – Knows at least 2 people who did purchase the art

## 6. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report

- A. Annual meeting did occur
  - i. Goals and objectives are kept broad
  - ii. Specific value of C3 and pool
  - iii. Goal to resume to pre-pandemic level participation, resume budgeting to pre-pandemic levels
  - iv. Free Passholder program was mentioned
    - 1. Make sure people who want to take advantage can do so without stretching themselves too much
    - 2. Paul – Recalls we have not raised fees; is that favorable for the BOS?
    - 3. Greg – Doesn't recall if there were increases in fees, but keeping the pool affordable is important
    - 4. Paul - Wants the staff to be paid well
      - a. Greg is aware of upwards pressures on salaries
      - b. Paul – the board has continued to be concerned about compensating and retaining lifeguards, staff
      - c. Paul – wants to maintain the reputation of the center of being a great value to this community, and sees how we pay our staff as part of that
      - d. Neither the center or the pool are intended to make the township money; there are secondary and tertiary monetary returns
- B. Fair/Fall fest
  - i. Fireworks are supposed to be held
  - ii. Events at Nor-View Farm in September and October on the weekends
  - iii. Promoting sponsorships
  - iv. Family-friendly events
    - 1. Horse and buggy rides
- C. Contacted by Rosemont College about use of baseball fields at Heuser
  - i. Similar to Villanova relationship to Plymouth Township fields
  - ii. There are a lot of great things that have the potential to happen at Heuser Park in the coming months
- D. Board of Community Assistant Grant
  - i. August 16<sup>th</sup> – applications close
  - ii. Will announce 2<sup>nd</sup> round grants at September meeting
  - iii. C3AB has right to apply again
  - iv. Less money than the 1<sup>st</sup> round
  - v. Paul – Previously did a joint effort with the EAC to optimize efficiency
    - 1. Would like to see that happen across the township
    - 2. The rock wall was something we researched
      - a. Karen – not sure it's the time yet to be that ambitious
    - 3. Memorial for members of our community taken by COVID
    - 4. Programming?
      - a. How about programming for kids so that parents can return
      - b. Paul - Did the survey go out to those frozen/cancelled?
        - i. If we can figure out how many are being impacted, we could better devise something that would serve them

- ii. We are at 40% off of the peak we had reached
- iii. Evan – no way to communicate with all of those people through Community Pass
- iv. May be COVID-related concerns
  - 1. Nothing we can do for that
- v. Gino – when someone doesn't renew, do they find out why?
  - 1. GA said there had been people calling at one time
  - 2. Short staffed now
  - 3. No one asked Sharon if she renewed

E. Chris – Thinks that the trail work slowed down

- i. Greg had heard late July, and it's getting very close
  - 1. Most of the trail is paved
  - 2. Parts that aren't are the ones that run up toward the pool, and an area near Crow Creek
- ii. Chris – the area behind the high school isn't paved yet either
- iii. Chris – The senior center patio is overgrown
  - 1. Greg - Assumes that is park maintenance
  - 2. Karen – perhaps engage a girl/boy scout troop to help

7. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report (No Liaison in attendance)

8. Senior Center Representative Liaison Report (Liaison not in attendance)

- A. Opened last Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, regular hours
- B. Spots out front have been full during hours

9. Student Liaison Report

- A. Ben's last meeting
- B. Likes Sharon's idea to have someone younger join the board
  - i. They might have more current and relevant input into teen programming

10. Old Business

- A. Paul K. still has a problem with how okay people are with the amount of space taken from the pool
  - i. Is concerned about what more may be lost
  - ii. Information from Dan was not adequate
  - iii. The spec from the consultants included more land, and that was a lot of time and spent money
  - iv. Still wants answers and resolution
  - v. Concerned about the interest to continue with that contractor on a new project
- B. Two new free passholder interviews tomorrow

11. New Business

- A. A tile is open in the ceiling
  - i. Drips, probably from air conditioning condensation
  - ii. No reported roof leaks during recent storms

## 12. Adjournment