



# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## MINUTES

### Community Center Complex Advisory Board August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:30pm

Attendance - Gino Cavaliere, Paul Kubler, Sharon Davis, Paul Salamy, Terry Stevens, Dennis Rudzinski  
Virtual: Greg Waks  
Chris Levy

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Executive session was called.
3. Approval 6/15/21 & 7/20/21 minutes
  - a. Table 6/15 for approval next month. Changes have been made
  - b. Motion to approve 7/20 by Paul K/second by Paul S. Minutes approved
4. Staff Report.
  - a. Passholder update
    - A. Up to 1622 active members
    - B. Freezes are at 37 (annual)
    - C. Daily average visits 179 per weekday; 100 weekend; up by 12 from last month
  - b. Child Watch Survey
    - A. Survey about concerns with memberships not being used due to no childcare
    - B. Email sent as well as on social media
    - C. 35 participants so far; will keep survey active and then discuss results at next meeting
  - c. Free Passholder Usage
    - A. 2 additional families joined; total of 5 families in the program
    - B. Not accepting any new free passholders; will hold any additional applications for now
    - C. Usage stats: 3 families started end of May; 1 family has visited 25 times, another 21 times and the 3<sup>rd</sup> family has used the center 10 times
    - D. All are on track with the usage stipulations of the program
  - d. Fall Programs

- A. Fall activity guide is available; expect to be back to normal for the Fall programs
    - e. Pool Update – pool memberships are well above what was projected
      - A. Follow-up to the question about capping the membership – this is partially due to staffing issues and the ability to safely guard the pool
      - B. For next year, really need to think about how to hire and retain the lifeguard/pool staff with competitive salaries/benefits
      - C. Gino asked about the white chairs at the pool – some are broken, some have mold. Paul S thinks the chairs were originally donated. Paul K suggested that maybe they can be replaced with a BCA grant
      - D. July 31 was International Lifeguard Day – the Stingray swim team and the Hedgehog Grill threw a Thank-You Party for the lifeguards.
        - i. A suggestion to show off the pool, for next year, is to have an adult only Luau/party, have another Bingo night (first was more successful than the second this summer)
5. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
- a. Township solicitor Joe McGrory is retiring, will go through RFP process to find a replacement
  - b. There are more than 2 dozen BCA grant requests; to be awarded in September meeting
  - c. Shout -out to the people involved with the KOP Diner – wishes them well
6. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
- a. Irwin Moore house potential uses discussed. To be further discussed at Historical Commission meeting (which coincides with this meeting)
  - b. Heuser Park
    - A. Rosemont College is going to use the baseball fields, working with P&R, UMBA, School Districts
    - B. Will have ~4 games this Spring
    - C. Rosemont is open to UM running concessions but may not be realistic since the games are generally early afternoon and there may not be many people in attendance
  - c. Budget discussions for 2022 starting
  - d. Crow Creek Trail – retaining walls being built for trail behind the pool; completion of whole trail should be by October.
  - e. Fall Fest – Oct 2 at 3pm at Heuser. Fireworks at night, many concessions/tables signed up
  - f. Baxter Park lights need to be replaced; using BCA grant \$14,000
  - g. Heuser lights also need replacing – on all the fields \$36000. A new BCA grant was filed on behalf of all the different sport teams. Paul K suggested that P&R talk with PECO to see if there are grant options or monies available to offset the cost.
  - h. Township P&R has resurfaced courts at Bob White, Swedeland Park, pickleball lines at Executive Estates
  - i. New trashcan project Paul S says they are “cool looking trash cans”
7. Senior Center Representative Liaison Report

- a. People are starting to come back slowly
- b. Encourage people to join the Garden Club – the raised beds need care, they are overgrown
- c. Need to dig up and replant 2 large bushes
- d. Paul S suggested to ask HS Club/students to help, if possible, or liaise with the Shade Tree Commission (Paul S will contact)

#### 8. Student Liaison Report

- a. No feedback about getting a replacement from the Leadership Camp
- b. Dennis will follow-up on if there is an age necessary to sit on a Board and if there are any ordinances, suggest maybe having an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and a HS student

#### 9. Old Business

- a. 5<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration
  - A. Staff is overstretched right now and the Fall Fest is at Heuser Park
  - B. Dennis had a few ideas to highlight a 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary promotion: T-shirts, free weekend for non-passholders
  - C. Paul S suggested mini-celebrations throughout the next year rather than one big celebration/Gino suggested asking if Frank Jones could help with give-aways
- b. Partnering with Historical Society
  - A. Paul K will reach out to them again to discuss putting up displays in the Community Center
- c. Paul S asked about the plans for the houses that abut the CC property
  - A. As far as we know, it is wait to see when/if the house is put up for sale
- d. Township COVID memorial
  - A. Greg said they BOS is considering how to create such a memorial

#### 10. New Business

- a. Hometown Hero Banner Program
  - A. Paul S shared information about the potential for having flags for service members to be hung throughout Upper Merion
  - B. Bridgeport had a large number of applications
  - C. Paul has been looking around the township for available lampposts since we would expect a need for a lot of flags
  - D. Application for banners can be designated for any US service member
  - E. More information to come.

#### 11. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Paul K, Second - Gino

*Judith*