

## UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:30 PM

**Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, Mary Ann Ahearn, Deena Newman, Neil Sardiñas, Holly Meade, Dan Russell, Tina Garzillo, Paul Salamy**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Approval of the October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 5-0.**

**3. Guests-None**

**4. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report-Tina Garzillo**

- The mask mandate in our township buildings will be lifted January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- The Farmer's Market job fair took place. FedEx is doing immediate hires for all levels.
  - Groundwarehousejobs.fedex.com to apply. Enter our zip code to find KOP. Starting salary at \$18.75.
- Last day of Farmer's Market is November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a chili cookoff.
- Leaf collection has started. 3 zones.
- This is the middle of the budget season. Dan is trying to trim some things due to the normal revenues not yet fully resumed.
- Best Buy closed.

**5. Park & Recreation Director's Report-Dan Russell**

- Last week Dan participated in the RCAP audit for the \$1million roof project. The last \$25,000 was granted after inspection.
- The winter/spring guide will be sent to the printers soon.
- The lighting project at Baxter Park was complete. Thanks to the soccer team for funding this project 100%.
- A meeting will take place with DCNR to do some park inspections as part of the grant process to get reimbursed for the new playgrounds. They will be examining ADA accessibility.
- The budget was completed but he was asked to cut another \$225,000. This caused him to have to make some programming cuts. Once the revenue comes in it can fund some of these cuts.
  - Concert Under the Stars had to be cut for now.
- There was a lot of capital loss this past year.
- Next month we will talk about issues with Tabak Park.
- No lights at Bob White tennis courts due to a power outage.

**6. Park Maintenance Report- Jerry Recupido**

**7. New Business**

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- Heuser Phase 2 Survey
  - 540 responses. Seeing a lot of the same comments.
- The Upper Merion Youth Athletic Association Update
  - 8 different sports were identified. The surveys will be sent out to raise up to \$90 per person who fills out 75 surveys.

**9. Community Center Complex Advisory Board Report- Paul Salamy**

- Registration is down. Membership is picking up the past 2 weekends.
- Holiday Village is December 4<sup>th</sup> at the township building from 12-3pm.
- Still brainstorming ideas to increase membership.
- The life skills program has started.

**10. Public Comment**

- The field maintenance program is wrapping up at Heuser. There will be aeration, seeding, and a turf blanket placed down.
- Would we like to re-visit the idea of an art contest? It would be free and give people the opportunity to be creative and have fun.
  - Dan will talk to his staff about this.

**11. Adjournment**

Adjournment: 8:55 PM  
Kindly Submitted  
Deena Newman