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Minutes

Community Center Complex Advisory Board January 16, 2018 7:30pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Attendance: Paul Kubler, Chris Levy, Greg Waks, Rob DeFelice, GlennAnne Chabala, Evelyn Ankers, Sharon Davis, Sudha Suryadevara, Karen Huller, Terry Stevens, Greg Phillips (new BOS Chair)
3. Reorganization
 - A. Sharon is temporary Chair
 - B. Chair - Paul is nominated; reappointed as Chair
 - C. Vice Chair – Chris Levy nominated; reappointed as Vice Chair
 - D. Secretary – Karen Huller nominated; reappointed as Secretary
4. Approval of December 19th minutes – with edits, approved.
5. Staff Report
 - A. Exterior Sign –
 - a. BOS requested address under the township seal
 - b. Vendor is co-star vendor
 - c. Price may fluctuate from last year's quote; 10% hedge was added to budget
 - B. BCA grant –
 - a. \$2000 will be requested by Heather for CPR
 - b. If full amount is not used, is supposed to be returned
 - c. Last year used \$2592 of \$2600
 - C. Pickleball –
 - a. No more Pickleball meetups
 - b. Raised rates to \$10 open gym for non-resident; \$15 for daily pass
 - c. Sept 19 Meetup gym usage on Tues, Fri, Sun: Oct 131, Nov 178, Dec 182
 - d. Same times, 9 pickleballers paid
 - e. Saturday morning is an additional time that is very busy

- f. Not sure if any of them converted to passholders. Suspect some have
 - g. Joe's, Meetup leader, announcement was negatively slanted.
 - i. Named all other places with reasonable rates
 - ii. Distinction is that open gym rate increased overall; it was not a punitive action
 - iii. Choosing not to retort to his announcement
 - h. Still drawing a lot of passholders, especially Friday night. Resident families are coming out Friday night
 - i. Suggestion for SEO to help people find our center when they search for Pickleball King of Prussia (blog – provide updated rates)
 - i. Patch, Montcohappening.mag – Tell Gerry
 - j. People sign waivers and are not required so specify if they are there for Pickleball, but some do
 - k. Front desk will do their best to keep track people coming in for pickleball
 - l. Who was originally a member before meetup and who pays \$10 now?
 - m. Will see if there is a revenue loss and if there is alternative use for courts, e.g. UMBA pitching
 - n. We are and have to continue to make sure our passholders are being taken care of
 - o. There are a few very busy times
 - p. 2 PM is a lull. Not open gym, not a program, can use the pickleball courts then
- D. Lower level renovation –
- a. Tour encouraged changes
 - b. Change order to our gain of \$3K (3 drop ceilings were in the original bid)
 - c. Scraping and painting multi-use rooms and mind-body room will use drop ceiling
 - d. February 16th is now expected finish date (vs. January 24th)
 - e. We have a board meeting on the 20th so we can see it
 - f. Original bid included luxury vinyl tile (LVT)
 - g. Ceiling will be white – a layer of oil
 - h. Will inspect coverage
 - i. Not sure if there would be an extra cost for extra coats
- E. Snow days – idea to offer camp at center
- a. Open to UMASD kids for free
 - b. Safety has to be first consideration (kids and staff)
 - c. Hearing back from Montgomery County Community Center for ideas
 - d. Snow insurance – for a fee, will stay open for snow days
 - e. Not refundable if there are no snow days
 - f. Limited to 20-30 kids
 - g. Staff within walking distance?
 - h. Also make sure the facility is properly plowed and salted. Y gives 7th graders a free membership
 - i. Found that at 7th grade, many young people stop being active
 - j. Consider doing it for older kids
 - k. They have to be old enough to be here by themselves
 - l. How do you plan for staffing?
- F. UMT Foundation/ECDC
- a. Sharon and Chris attended, as did Greg, Jen Lyons
 - b. Want to fund scholarships for center membership

- c. Social worker will provide a list of people who applied for assistance without disclosing financial information
 - d. Asked for and granted \$7K – 10 full scholarships from the foundation: 7 full families
 - e. Want to have the payment go directly from the foundation to the center - An invoice will be sent
 - f. Signups will go directly from social worker to GlennAnne
 - g. Foundation will want us to track those check ins from the FOB number to make sure they are being used or have them reallocated
 - h. 40% of foundation reserves were allocated, so fundraisers for the foundation will be happening
 - i. 25% of township kids are on assistance
 - j. 2-3 dozen homeless kids
 - k. UM Emergency fund has 200 clients - Used to be 50
- G. Summer Camp Preview/summer guide --
- a. Scheduled to go public. Feb 2nd
 - b. Preview party 6-8 on 2.22
 - c. Afterward Karen is performing at the Bridgeport Ribhouse
6. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report –
- A. Greg is Vice Chair of BOS now
 - B. C3AB purpose:
 - a. Let township staff do their job, provide feedback
 - b. Make sure it's always clear that this board does not run programs, run anything.
 - C. All township employees are going to undergo sexual harassment awareness training, as is this board
 - a. Includes racial, ethnic bias awareness training
 - b. May become mandatory for citizen board members
 - c. We are liable for our actions
 - d. Certain behaviors may have been wrongfully tolerated but they were no longer be tolerated
 - e. Initial role out is face-to-face and will occur 3 or 4 times at varying times
 - f. There is an anti-nepotism policy in UM
7. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
- A. Garden – hosting public meeting in Freedom Hall 1.29 with residents to explain the project
 - B. Dog park – plans underway with UM Dog Club and Dan Russell to discuss conception,
 - a. Location: Most likely Mullen Track adjacent to Walker Field
 - b. Will raze house
 - c. May also house a new firehouse
 - d. Will connect Allendale Rd to Walker Field
 - C. UM Farmers Market –
 - a. 30 applicants applied for managerial position
 - b. Interviews beginning soon
 - D. Township adopt-a-park
 - a. TD bank will adopt the township park and will do 4 clean ups and donated \$2,500
 - E. Rob DeFelice is officially board liaison

8. Senior Center Representative Liaison Report
 - A. Dick McCann is official president
 - B. Still key people incapacitated; Lacking presence in the office
 - C. Parking is somewhat better
 - D. Back door –
 - a. Still waiting for IT to get buzzer- No timeline
 - b. Senior Center members who are not passholders do not have FOBs
 - c. Installing apartment-style buzzer for them
 - E. Greg requested numbers on how many use the back door – no #s available
 - F. Mondays at 10:30 is peak time
 - G. Inquire as to what BCA grant the senior center is asking; Terry will inquire but information is scarcely shared
 - H. Mary McCree did pass in early January
 - I. A lot of members have handicapped placard - Used to be 90, and expect it has grown

9. Old Business
 - A. Updated conversions from 5-day free pass
 - a. 33% conversion rate
 - b. Last year it was 27%
 - c. 418 participated
 - B. Curves – 4 people, 100% converted
 - C. Lucille Roberts –
 - a. 82% conversion rate
 - b. 46 came over; 38 joined
 - c. They had 600 members
 - D. Phoenixville Y is closing soon?
 - a. Freedom Valley YMCAs are experiencing Mergers
 - b. Brand new Y in Gilbertsville was completed and donated, merged with Freedom Valley and closed within a year
 - E. Tomorrow electrician is coming to see if backlighting is possible on main sign outside front doors
 - a. Possible color-changing LED
 - b. Letters are quite far from the face of the building
 - c. When you backlight, shine the lights on the back and illuminates the front
 - d. Will explore other options if backlighting isn't viable
 - F. Lower level entrance sign is up.
 - G. Handicap sign is up in the back
 - H. Roofing/maintenance contract was not renewed - There were two roof leaks
 - I. Thursday art exhibit is being changed - No receptions planned

10. New Business.
 - A. Working on monthly statistics reporting –
 - a. Deduplicate numbers
 - b. Merged families
 - c. Will be available beginning of February
 - B. March 6th is when Charter Passholders expire
 - C. Heat – need a fan up in lobby to blow hot air back down

- D. Outer limits inquiry by Mary Scioli – will be advised to contact Sudha
- E. Class today 12 people squeezed into corner of weight room instead of upstairs at 10:30.
 - a. When a fitness center instructor holds a class or boot camp, they use the octagon and the equipment
- F. Indoor lacrosse programs last year rented and smacked balls into the walls
 - a. Is there a way to get 1-2 lax rebound walls to practice?
 - b. No place to put them
- G. Last Tuesday at least 6 people during peak time did not check in with FOB or sign in
- H. Casino sold, will BCA funding take place?
 - a. BOS will meet with Boyd next week
 - b. Expect them to be good in the community
 - c. 3rd quarter sale will go through
- I. Floors look great now that someone is cleaning after close

11. Adjournment.

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