

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:30 PM.

ATTENDEES: Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Robert DeFelice, Neil Sardiñas, Deena Newman, Dana Augustine, Paul Salamy, Dan Russell, Tina Garzillo.

GUESTS: Gerri Vattimo, Barley Van Clief, Brian Schloeff

1.The Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of The October 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6 – 0.

3. Guests

1.Gerri Vattimo /Upper Merion Special Events and Marketing Director

Ms.Vattimo gave a brief presentation on the new "branding" of the Upper Merion Community Center. This includes the solicitation of over 500 local businesses in our area to sponsor the many township events and programs.

2. Brian Schloeff /Facilities Manager – King of Prussia Soccer Club

Mr. Schloeff expressed his appreciation for previous year's grant monies and cooperation received and proudly announced their soccer program is growing!

3. Robert Devers /Upper Merion Area High School Athletic Director

Mr.Dever's provided an update on the new turf stadium which included the time open to the public, the scheduled development of the new high school, and future needs of athletic fields during the construction phase.

4.Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Tina Garzillo's report included the following:

1.The final Saturday of The Upper Merion Farmers Market Summer Season of 2018

featuring the popular Chili Cook-Off which is a great fundraiser.

2.The township Winter Holiday Village Event – December 1,2018. 12:00 – 3:30 PM

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3. ALDI'S is coming to Upper Merion township.
4. Public Safety – Upper Merion township is taking over the Laffayette Ambulance and Rescue services.
5. A "diner" will be coming to Upper Merion to the old Joe's Crab Shack location.
6. Upper Merion township has signed a new 4 year electric energy contract.
Electricity generated from clean, renewable ("green") energy resources.

5. Parks & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell's report included the following:

1. Gilmour & Associates- Kick-off of The Crow Creek Trail Project. A "fly over" of the trail area.
2. Parks & Recreation budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors.
2019 P&R budget to be posted and adopted in December, 2018.
3. Emerald Ash Borer Project – Not complete, in its punchlist phase.
4. Discussion of the steep slope and disturbed bank along the trail caused by the timber removal.
5. The 2018 Parks renovations. Uncompleted parks projects will resume in 2019.
6. Updates on the following township park projects: The Dog Park, Petrucci's parking bumper bollards, and the township retention pond.

6. New Business

Paul Salamy inquired about the possibility of the lacrosse club taking over the complete maintenance of the Heuser Park athletic fields used by the lacrosse and football organization's.

Adjournment: 9:53 PM.

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice

