

7:30 PM Tuesday

April 12, 2016

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice , Mary Ann Ahearn, Eileen Connelly, David Burns, Dan Russell, Glenn Anne Chabala.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes : March 9, 2016 meeting minutes approved, 6 - 0.

Guests : Jonathan Black , Susan Saraceni

Director's Report (Dan Russell)

- Dan Russell reminded everybody in attendance our township will be celebrating Earth Day on April 23, 2016
There will be an increase in the number of vendors in attendance.
- The township EARTHDAY AWARD will be awarded to The Friends of Valley Forge, in recognition of their park clean-up efforts.
- The National Arbor Day Foundation representative will be in attendance at our Earth Day celebration to present our township the TREE CITY USA award. This will be the 40th consecutive year our township has been the recipient of this award.
- The U.M. Crew boosters has a change in its leadership -PA. State Rep. Tim Briggs (D) will help direct the U.M. Crew team at their 51st Annual Regatta on April 23, 2016.
- The Community Center construction progress is moving forward.
- Pat Andrien has been appointed the new Front Desk- Financial attendant. Welcome Pat!
- Gina Marie Hoy has been appointed the new Front Desk- customer service manager to the Community Center. Welcome Gina!
- The Community Center maintenance positions have been posted.
- The Concerts Under The Stars 2016 series is completely booked for this summer. This is a free series- no charge.
- Dan Russell gave an update on the maintenance and repairs within our parks by our township park maintenance supervisor, Bill Schutter and his staff.

Asistant Director's Report (Glenn Anne Chabala)

- Glenn Anne reported on the township swimming pool renovations.
- The newly renovated swimming pool food concession area will feature a variety of affordable tasty foods and snacks.
- Aquatics manager Heather Melck will hold an open house for swimming pool members and residents to check out the latest pool renovations and improvements. Memberships are available.

- The swimming pool will open May 28th!
- Resident Jonathan Black suggested offering swimming pool memberships with parking privileges.

Old Business:

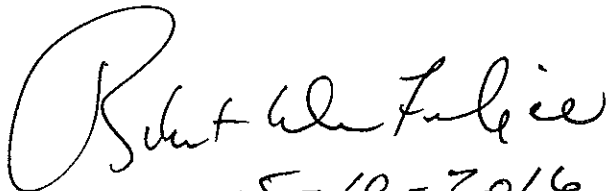
- Mary Ann Ahearn discussed the arrival and the needed preparations for the goats at Bob White Park in May, 2016.
- David Burns inquired about multiple park maintenance and an agreement with an outside contractor.

New Business :

- Resident Susan Saraceni asked for the board members support in re-naming Swedesburg Park after long time Swedesburg resident and historian, Ed Dybicz.
- Mike Trachtenberg assigned new township park evaluations to board members.
- David Burns commented on the past township parks Master Plan subcommittee meetings, the shortage of athletic fields, and the upcoming meeting between township and school district officials regarding facilities and athletic fields.
- Eileen Connelly gave an update on her filed grant application for The Outer Limits Program. (\$5000.00)
- Jonathan Black commented on the need to address the enormous growth expected in the township over the next two years, projected to exceed an additional 3000 residents, which would have an immediate impact on our parks and athletic fields.

- Adjournment: 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robert DeFelice


5-10-2016.