

7:30 PM Tuesday

May 10, 2016

UPPER MERION PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice, MaryAnn Ahearn, Neil Sardinias, Eileen Connelly, David Burns, Glenn Anne Chabala, and Bill Jenaway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2016 - APPROVED 7 - 0.

Guests : Jonathan Black.

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report:

- *Board of Supervisor Chairperson Bill Jenaway commented on the Community Center construction progress and its soon to be announced Opening Date!
- *Paul Kubler was appointed to the Community Center Citizen Advisory Board.

Director's Report :

Park and Recreation Department Assistant Director, Glenn Anne Chabala, reported on the following :

- * Update on the township pool membership and the many renovations and improvements made to this facility.
- * The May 21st township pool Open House.
- * The Upper Merion Community Center construction progress - residents can follow this progress on the UMPR township and Facebook websites.
- * Reminded everybody that for members who have already joined, the Community Center memberships begin on Opening Day.
- * On June 2nd, 2016 there will be a Job Fair inside Freedom Hall for part-time Community Center employment.
- * The Community Center's Fitness Center will be independently managed.
- * The new 2016 UMPR Summer Recreation Guide is available.

Old Business :

- *Board member MaryAnn Ahearn inquired about the scheduled arrival of the goats at Bob White (sometime in May- early June) and whether the area inside the park that will fence the goats has been determined.
Board member Tina Garzillo's idea to use rain barrels to help store drinking water for the goats was well received.
- *Board member David Burns commented on the recent Fields and Facility meeting between Upper Merion township and Upper Merion Area School District officials and the construction projects scheduled in the near future for Caley Elementary School, Upper Merion Senior High School and the Gulph School.

Park Maintenance Report: Glenn Anne Chabala gave a brief report on the past month's park maintenance performed by the township park maintenance staff.

New Business :

*David Bums expressed concern for the needed preservation and maintenance of township athletic fields and for board members to focus on turf fields.

Board members were in agreement that township athletic fields should be "Red Flagged " during bad weather to reduce damage to fields.

* Board member Neil Sardiñas reported on his correspondence with Google Maps regarding the correct naming of various township park and landmarks.

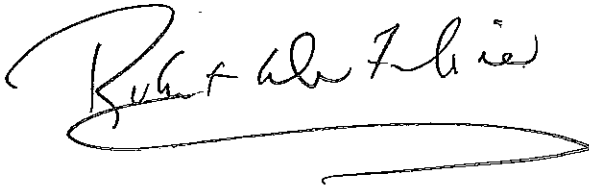
*Board member Eileen Connelly inquired about township policy regarding developer's to pay a fee in lieu of donating open space. Bill Jenaway clarified this can only be applied to residential situations.

*David Bums inquired about the petition to rename Swedesburg Park after local historian Ed Dybicz. A discussion followed and it was determined that it was township policy not to rename parks or facilities that had already been named. Perhaps a bench or landscaped area would be well received and approved. All Board members were in agreement to name a suitable memorial inside Swedesburg Park in honor of Ed Dybicz.

*Neil Sardiñas made a motion (Dave Bums second the motion) to ask township BOS to check with their solicitor and risk management about the pros and cons of getting a turf field at Heuser Park. Motion passed 7 - 0.

Adjournment : 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert DeFelice", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.