

7:30 PM Tuesday

June 14, 2016

**Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice, MaryAnn Aheam, Neil Sardifias,  
Eileen Connelly, David Burns, Dan Russell, GlennAnne Chabala, Bill Jenaway, Bill Schutter.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2016. Approved 7 - 0 .

Guests : Jonathan Black

**Chairperson's Comments**

In an effort to direct the meeting in a more orderly fashion, Chairperson Tina Garzillo requested comments from the audience be heard after all board members had a chance to comment and then she would solicit comments from the audience.

**Board of Supervisor Liaison Report :**

BOS Chairperson Bill Jenaway gave a report and comments on the following :

- He was receiving "all positive" comments from the public regarding the township's swimming pool and its "1400 plus" and growing membership.
- The Community Center was progressing nicely and he was looking forward to its Grand Opening in the near future.
- The Alan Meyers Agreement with our township and the parking of the contractor's equipment and vehicles at Heuser Park is currently being reviewed.

**Director's Report**

Dan Russell gave a report on the following :

- The Community Center Project and the ongoing meetings every Tuesday with the Consultant and Contractor.
- Proudly commented, " he could see the light at the end of the tunnel" regarding the Community Center's Grand Opening and the township will be formerly announcing the ribbon cutting date soon.
- The Park and Recreation department and staff are busy preparing for the Official Summer Season kick-off Summer Camps , summer staff training programs, Concerts Under the Stars, and township's July 4th Celebration and carnival activities at Heuser Park.
- Complimented Bill Schutter and the Parks Maintenance staff for their renovation efforts at the pool.
- Gave an update on the Schuylkill Trail West connection to Valley Forge Park. The state legislation introduced a new House Bill to allow the Commonwealth to transfer some land to the township that is necessary to make the trail connection possible.