

UPPER MERION PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

7:30 PM Tuesday

July 12, 2016

Attendees : Tina Garzillo , Mike Trachtenberg , Robert DeFelice , Mary Ann Ahearn , Neil Sardifias ,

Eileen Connelly , Dan Russell , GlennAnne Chabala , Bill Jenaway .

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 14 , 2016 . Approved 6 - 0 .

Guests : Jonathan Black , Charlene Bennett , Jon Garzillo.

Director's Report

Dan Russell gave the following report and comments on the following :

° The township swimming pool is doing very well . Pool membership is approaching 2000 members.

° The request to transfer funds by the BOS at the July 21, 2016 meeting into the township pool

account to pay for unforeseen capital improvements such as electrical upgrades , the

water lines to the Community Center, and filter and pump replacement were among expenses

to be addressed.

- ° The Community Center membership is over 600 members and the ribbon cutting date will be announced soon.
- ° The July 4th Fireworks were set off 15 minutes early due to the rain and proclaimed the Independence Day Celebration a successful event.
- ° A Special Event Permit requested by the True Reflections Ministries to the Upper Merion Police Department . The event is scheduled August 28th, 2016 behind the township building. This is not a township sponsored event.
- ° A local vendor's inquiry about placing concession machines at Heuser Park by the Clubhouse. The machines would offer more healthier snacks and drinks.
- ° The new security system recently installed at the Heuser Park Clubhouse .

Board of Supervisor Liaison Report

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

- ° The upcoming annual Goals and Objectives Meetings to be scheduled with the BOS and township department directors.
- ° The Fire Detection system inside the Clubhouse at Heuser Park .
- ° The Park and Recreation Master Plan to be reviewed and possibly be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the near future.

Park Maintenance Report

Dan Russell gave a report on maintenance performed by Bill Schutter and the township park maintenance staff for the month of June.. * See attachment .

Old Business

°Mary Ann Ahearn commented everybody loves the goats at Bob White Park.”

The connection with the solar fence and battery containing the goats is not at full power.

Larry Cihanek from Green Goats will be visiting Bob White Park to inspect and replace clips on

the connection points on the battery.

°Dan Russell announced the township was awarded a state grant to remediate the retention pond behind the township building. This work will be performed in the upcoming winter months.

Also,the land transfer needed to connect the Schuylkill Trail West to Valley Forge Park Is out of the State House Department and onto the Senate to have the land transfered to our township.

°Neil Sardifias expressed his concern for added safety barriers to be placed in the parking area in front of the Petrucci’s Ice cream counter located at Nor View Farm.

New Business

°Tina Garzillo congratulated Eileen Connelly on receiving a \$5,000.00 grant from the BCA board

on behalf of the Outer Limits Organization.

°Tina asked board members to build a checklist of needed maintenance when doing park evaluations.

°Board members discussed placing benches along the Schuylkill Trail West by Heuser Park and

working together with our township Shade Tree commission and having them potentially supply the trees to provide shade for the benches.

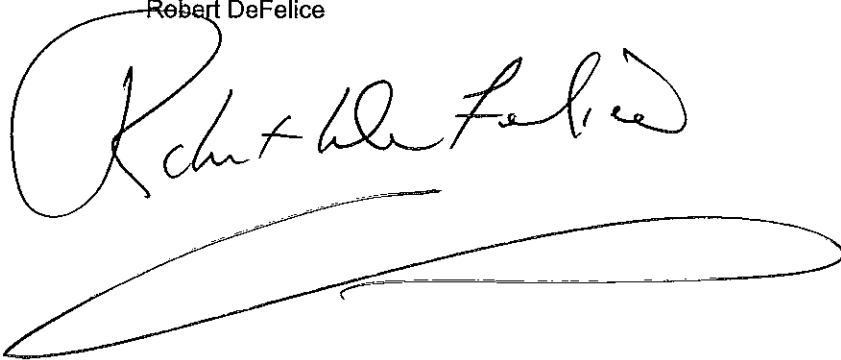
° Eileen Connelly directed a question to Park and Recreation director, Dan Russell, regarding the

Crow Creek Improvement Grant. A brief discussion followed.

Adjournment : 8 :49 PM.

Sincerely submitted,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert DeFelice". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.