

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

August 9 ,2016

7:30 PM Tuesday

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

Bileen Connelly,David Burns,Dan Russell,GlennAnne Chabala,Bill Schutter,and

Bill Jenaway.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2016 . APPROVED 7 - 0.**

**Guests :** The Upper Merion Lacrosse Club : Jose Almonte,Rick Clairmont,Stacie Reinhardt,Tara

McCormick,Mike Merritt.

Jonathan Black.

**New Business**

•UMPR Board Chairperson Tina Garzillo welcomed members of the Upper Merion Lacrosse Club.

New township park guidelines were discussed and the new township Facilities Use Agreement

was introduced.

- Tina announced the installation of the new security system inside the Clubhouse at Heuser Park and expressed the board's intention to continue to maintain an open,positive relationship with members of our Community. She encouraged transparency and communication between the Park and Recreation Board and the athletic groups using our park facilities.
- UMPR Director Dan Russell will do a "walk through" of the athletic field's prior to turning over the field/facility to the individual organization.

Details of the penalties to be enforced upon organizations for failure to comply with the Facilities Use Agreement were discussed.

- U.M. Lacrosse Club president,Jose Almonte , gave an update on the lacrosse club's program, recent activities and goals.

#### **New Business cont'd**

- In other new business, the board discussed the issuing of reduced grant money amounts to our local township athletic organizations to help off-set the costs and reimburse our township for the new security system installed inside the Clubhouse at Heuser Park.
- Board member Mike Trachtenberg made a motion to the board that the adjusted amount of grant money being awarded to the sports organizations for 2016 will be based upon the percentage of dollars of grant remaining after the improvements were made to the Heuser park facility. The organizations will be notified of the amount they will receive prior to disbursement of the funds.

Board member Rob DeFelice second the motion.

**Motion passed, 6 - 1.**

David Burns voted against the motion.

He wanted to wait until he see's what the contractor,Allan Myers, donates back to the township for the security installation costs and other needed improvements at Heuser Park.

#### **Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report**

BOS Chairperson Bill Jenaway gave the following report and comments:

- Mr.Jenaway continued to attend the weekly Community Center meetings and was pleased to announce the scheduled Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Center during the Labor Day weekend.
  - The township Park and Recreation Master Plan will be discussed at the September 8th,2016 BOS Workshop meeting. T&M Engineer's will give an overview.
- Also,the Allan Myers agreement with our township,which allows Allan Meyers to dump and store equipment at the township's Abrams Yard,will also be discussed at this workshop.

#### **Park & Recreation Director's Report**

Board Director, Dan Russell ,gave the following report and comments:

- The Park and Recreation Dept. started their move into the Community Center.
- The U.M. Senior Center begins their move on August 15,2016.
- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Community Center will be on Labor Day.
- The 2016 Park & Rec Summer Camp season was a success.
- The township swimming pool membership exceeded revenue projections. Approximately 2000 members.

- The Concert Under the Stars series has ended. Attendance and sponsorships has increased.

#### Director's Report cont'd

- Dan has invited the Park & Rec Board to hold our next meeting ( September 13,2016) at the Community Center.

Assistant P&R director,GlennAnne Chabala announced guest pass admittance to the swimming pool was very popular this season,approximately 300 guest passes were issued this season.

- Board member Eileen Connelly inquired about discount rates for children under five years old when they are guests at the township swimming pool. She suggested the rate be reduced to \$5.00 from \$10.00.
- U.M. resident and former P&R board member,Jonathan Black, commmented , "it has only taken 47 years for the township to get a Community Center."

#### Old Business

- Board member Mary Ann Ahearn commented on the progres of The Green Goats at Bob White Park. Nine goats were removed leaving 10 goats. Everybody is happy with the goats!
- Eileen Connelly was pleased to announce the Outer Limits Group will be purchasing back-packs for the children for use during field trips with the monies recently awarded from a BCA grant .

- Board member David Burns inquired about The Volunteer Awards program.
- David Burns commented on the process as to how the new Township Facilities Use Agreement with the local athletic teams and organizations was adopted.
- Chairperson Tina Garzillo responded to David Burns' comments.

Because there was a "time-rush" with the Youth Football program beginning shortly, she wanted to have everybody on board as soon as possible.

She did not want any misinformation regarding the new Field Use Agreement being "leaked" to the organizations prior to the BOS approval of this agreement.

Tina thought it would be beneficial for all to meet or speak with each organization "one on one" to address any concerns they may have.

Adjournment : 9 :30 PM.

Sincerely submitted,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert DeFelice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

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