

Upper Merion Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Tuesday - 7:35 PM.

Attendees : Tina Garzillo , Robert DeFelice , Neil Sardiñas , Dan Russell , Bill Schutter , Bill Jenaway.

Guests : Jonathan Black , Rich Lachenmayor , Cory Besz , Angela Palumbo , José Almonte ,  
Paul Salamy , Linda Moser , Bob Wochele.

**New Business :** Park & Recreation Board Chairperson welcomed guests to the meeting.

Representatives from the following sports organizations were in attendance to give

updates on past and current activities: Valley Forge Generals Sr. Legion Baseball ,

U.M. Football & Cheer , U.M. Aquatic Club , U.M. High School Crew Team , U.M.

Lacrosse Club , U.M. SPRING/ S.N.A.P. , U.M. Youth Wrestling.

\* U.M.B.A. and the Upper Merion Soccer Club failed to send a representative to the

meeting or submit an application for township grant monies to be disbursed in

2017.

•Board member Robert DeFelice made a motion to recommend board member Mike

Trachtenberg to represent the Park & Recreation board on the Community Center Complex

Advisory Board. Neil Sardiñas seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3 - 0.

- Chairperson Tina Garzillo has spoken with boy scout groups to volunteer at Bob White Park with the removal and clean -up of the weed and vegetation scheduled for November 19th, 2016.

- Park Maintenance Superintendent,Bill Schutter, asked board members to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 3, 2016 , with Barley Van Clief and Shade Tree Committee members.

#### Old Business

- The board was asked to recommend a board member to The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. This committee will provide a framework for managing continued economic growth and development/ redevelopment of our township.

- Board member Robert DeFelice made a motion to reschedule the November 8th,2016 meeting (Election Day) to November 7, 2016. Neil Sardiñas seconded the motion. Motion Passed, 3 - 0.

#### Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell gave the following report and / or comments:

- The Park & Recreation fall program has begun and there is a lot of activity throughout the Community Center.

- The Community Center's Grand Opening celebration will be on October 16,2016.

- The Park & Recreation Master Plan is 50% funded by the Department of Community & Economic Development ( DCED). The DCED will reimburse our township once the Board of

Supervisors adopts the Master Plan. The BoS does not have to commit funds to the Master

Plan to receive the reimbursement.

\*Board member Neil Sardiñas made a motion for the Park & Recreation Board to accept the

Master Plan as a completed project in order for the township to be reimbursed by the DCED

in the grant amount of \$40,000.00. Board member Robert DeFelice second the motion.

Motion passed , 3 - 0.

•A special edition of the Township Lines publication was released- featuring the Community Center and a limited Free three day pass offer in November 21st thru December 23,

2016.

•The Community Center memberships have reached over 1016 members.

#### Board of Supervisor Liaison Report

Board of Supervisor Chairperson ,Bill Jenaway , gave the following report and or comments:

•One applicant has applied for the P&R Board thus far.

Two applicants have applied for The Community Center Advisory Board. Interviews will begin

next week.

•The punch list on the Community Center continues to be worked on.

•The township has received an abundant amount of compliments on the Community Center.

#### Park Maintenance Report

Park Maintenance Superintendent, Bill Schutter gave a report on the maintenance performed by

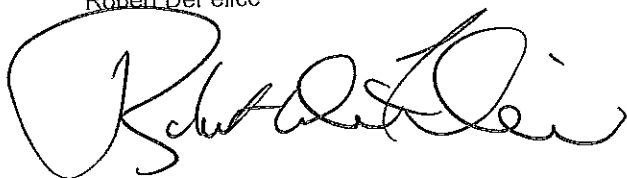
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him and his staff In September,2016 for the following parks : Baxter Park, Bob White Park, Bob  
Holland Park, Heuser Park, Leo Ross Park, Mckaig Park, Merrill C.Young Park,Swedeland  
Park,Swedesburg Park,Sweetbriar Park, Township building Park, Valley Forge Acres Park,Walker  
Park, Beer Fest Wagon,and the Regatta.

Adjournment : 9 : 26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert DeFelice", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name "Robert DeFelice".