

Upper Merion Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

December 13 , 2016

7 :30 PM Tuesday

Attendees : Tina Garzillo , Mike Trachtenberg , Rob DeFelice , MaryAnn Ahearn , Neil Sardiñas ,

Dan Russell , Bill Jenaway.

Guests : Jonathan Black

Dan Kell

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes : Approved 4 - 0

Board of Supervisor Liaison Report

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

- 1) Representatives from SEPTA ,SEPTA POLICE, and UMPD Chief Tom Nolan, met to discuss crime issues along the rail lines.
- 2) Interviews for all Citizen Board vacancies are currently taking place.
- 3) Appointments of all Community Center Complex Board members (5) have been made.
- 4) Six applicants have applied for the two vacancies on the Park & Recreation Board.

Special Guest

Allan A. Meyers spokesperson, Dan Kell, met with board members to address their questions and recommendations regarding the contractor's role in the future development and maintenance at Heuser Park and all township parks in exchange for equipment storage and dumping of clean construction fill at Heuser Park. The board will give their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to help advise with the new agreement that would allow Allan Meyers storage space at Heuser Park.

Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell reported and /or made comments on the following :

- 1) The township received a \$1.2 million dollar grant for the Crow Creek trail project.
- 2) Preview Night at the Community Center was very successful.
- 3) The township 2017 budget is up for adoption. A.D.A. improvements at the township pool are scheduled to be completed before the 2017 pool opening.
- 4) Governor Tom Wolf , signed the land grant agreement giving our township the needed land parcels to connect Heuser Park to Valley Forge National Park.
- 5) Residents of Rebel Hill are very appreciative for the recent improvements made to the William Wall Park.

Old Business

Board member, Neil Sardifias, reported on a proposal by the Forester for the proposed Schuylkill

Trail West Trail AshTree removal project .

New Business

- 1) Dan Russell presented to the board members a request by the Upper Merion Lacrosse Club for approval to purchase an additional storage shed (12 × 38) to be placed adjacent to their

existing storage shed at Heuser Park. The shed would store their nets and Gator vehicle.

Mike Trachtenberg made a motion (MaryAnn Ahearn - 2nd motion) to approve the Lacrosse

Club's purchase of agreed size storage shed , matching their existing storage shed, providing

the proposed storage shed meets with all township codes and permits.

Also, Club members would provide landscaping around the shed.

This motion passed , 5 - 0.

2) Dan Russell informed board members of a new grant made available for BLUE LIGHTS.

These Solar powered lights / calling devices would be placed in our parks and along our trails for

emergency use.

Adjournment : 9 : 30 PM.

Respectfully submitted ,

Rob DeFellece

