

Upper Merion Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

7:30 PM. Tuesday

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice, MaryAnn Ahearn, Neil Sardifias, Dan Russell, Carole Kenney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Park & Recreation Board Officers

-Motion was made by Tina Garzillo to nominate MaryAnn Ahearn temporary Chairperson. Motion second by MikeTrachtenberg. Motion passed 5-0.

-Temporary Chairperson MaryAnn Ahearn asked the board for motions to nominate board Chairperson.

Mike Trachtenberg made a motion to nominate Tina Garzillo. Motion was second by MaryAnn Ahearn. Motion passed, 5 - 0.

-Chairperson Tina Garzillo asked for motions to nominate a board Vice Chairperson.

MaryAnn Ahearn made a motion to nominate Mike Trachtenberg. Neil Sardifias second the motion. Motion passed, 5 - 0.

-Tina Garzillo asked for motions to nominate a board Secretary.

Neil Sardifias nominated Rob DeFelice. Mike Trachtenberg second the motion. Motion passed, 5 - 0.

Chairman's Comments

Tina Garzillo welcomed newly appointed Board of Supervisor liaison, Carole Kenney, along with her invaluable input, guidance and experience.

"This is an exciting time for the Park & Recreation Board", commented Tina Garzillo.

Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Board of Supervisor ,Carole Kenney, gave the following report and comments:

- A hazardous household waste collection will take place in the township at Lockheed Martin on May 13, 2017 , 9:00am - 3:00pm. ,Rain or Shine.
- Carole recently attended a Septa Rail meeting. An Environmental study for the High Speed Line is scheduled for 2018.
- The township Library Citizen Board is seeking input from residents to improve services the library provides to the Community.

Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell gave the following report and comments:

- The Community Center is a very busy place.
- There are currently 1508 Community Center Passholder members.
- The Corporate membership drive is about to begin.
- New Pool registration rates for 2017 are available.

Plans to renovate the Pool bathrooms and walkway are underway to make them A.D.A. compliant. These improvements are scheduled to be completed by May, 2017.

- Residents of Swedeland have expressed interest to "adopt" Swedeland Park and schedule clean-ups.

Old Business

- Tina Garzillo met with Neil Sardifias , Dan Russell , Dave Kraynik ,and township engineer, Tom Beech at Heuser Park Trail (Schuylkill River Trail West) to review

construction issues. A report by the township engineer to address trail corrections will be written and forwarded to our township officials.

-A discussion with township officials to move the compost piles away from Heuser Park to another location within the township.

-A discussion by board members to prioritize needed A.D.A. improvements throughout the township parks was discussed.

-Board members will begin putting together a "concept of ideas" for the future development of Heuser Park. The filing of grant monies by the township can begin once a plan is finalized.

-Going forward, Tina Garzillo will schedule meetings with the following township groups in the near future : Sports organizations and users of township park facilities, the Upper Merion Farmers Market, and with Linda Franchi, to give a presentation on plans for a dog park in our township.

-Township sports organizations using Heuser Park athletic fields and facilities are to be invited to a mandatory meeting with Park & Recreation board members at their February 14, 2017 meeting to discuss the formation of a subcommittee consisting of these team representatives. The compliance of Heuser Park guidelines, the organization's various interests, and their active partnership in the upkeep and maintenance of Heuser Park are some of the issues to be addressed.

New Business

-Credit card fees vs. merchant fee charges for park and recreation program fees.

-The required Liability insurance for park & recreation program instructors was discussed by board members .

-Neil Sardifias asked board members to consider having more "Arts" programs at the

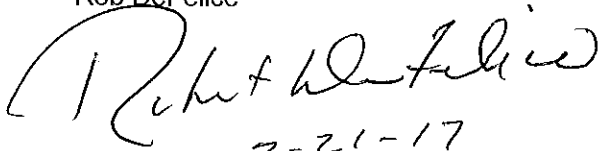
Community Center, especially those that included the participation of couples, family members, children, as shown in a brochure of the Wayne Art Center he provided to board members.

Neil commented on the programs offered by outside providers , like the Wayne Art Center, and Main Line School Night, would make excellent satellite locations at our Community Center.

Adjournment : 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted ,

Rob DeFelice


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