

7:30 PM Tuesday
February 14, 2017

Upper Merion Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, Tina Garzillo, Carole Kenney, Dan Russell, Neil Sardiñas, Mike Trachtenberg

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2017

Guests: Bill Kenney

Board of Supervisors Liaison Report: Carole Kenney

- a. Muse Place will be a new restaurant in King of Prussia will have events and food. There have been a few requests for liquor licenses in Upper Merion including the Regal Movie Theater.
- b. JBM, the owner of the Village at Valley Forge is selling the retail space.

Director's Report: Dan Russell

- a. UMCC membership is currently: 1708 Passholders / 216 Silver Sneakers / 22 Silver and Fit.
- b. Sally Slook and Dan Russel are is in the process of filing grants for:
RCAP Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program for the UMCC.
DCNR Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Heuser Trail.
- c. This week UMPR will meet with Dave Kraynik regarding the after school program.
- d. UMPR staff is working on new programs to be announced later.

Old Business:

- a. Larry Cihanek the owner of Green Goats Project is asking for the number of goats needed to clear the vines remaining from last year's project in Bob White Park. UMPR is requesting a grant to cover the cost. Members of the Upper Merion Shade Tree Commission will assist in evaluating the current status of the invasive plants in the area being cleared by the goats.

- b. A few weeks ago Jacob Schultz an independent forester spoke with a few members of the UMPR Board and Shade Tree Commission about the emerald ash borer. He presented the results of a study measuring the density of ash trees in Heuser Park and its vicinity. The impending emerald ash borer infestation is projected to kill the ash trees in the next three years. The current idea is to remove the trees before they are dead and to recover a percent of the cost from the lumber's commercial value. After removing the ash trees the area will need to be reforested to prevent invasive species from becoming established.
- c. UMPR needs to prioritize park needs and determine funding to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

New Business:

- a. Establish issues that need to be addressed
- b. Have a list of projects ready for community service projects. We need to have set documentation to measure project execution and assess completion.
- c. Concussion Wise is a program to educate sports staffs about concussions. People will be able to take a class and receive a certificate. It is suggested that we have a class here.
- d. Three fields are will be eliminated by the pending construction at Caley. UMASD is requesting the use of Bob Holland Park for two years to compensate for the field loss.
- e. Discussion regarding the March 14, 2017 UMPR Board meeting with Upper Merion sports organizations.
- f. There is a request by the vending company to add a second machine to Heuser Park

Adjournment:

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