

UPPER MERION PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY , APRIL 11, 2017

7:30 PM.

Attendees : Tina Garzillo , Robert DeFelice , Neil Sardifias , Paul Salamy , Mary Ann Ahearn
Jonathan Eyer , Dan Russell , Carole Kenney .

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes : 5 – 0

Guests : Jim Ruddy , William M. Kenney , Lydia Dan Sardifias , Lauren Dare , Eric Huhn, Dawn Francis ,
David Balick , Lauren Duncan , Karen Duncan , Lesley Shade , Linda Franchi , Paola Roder ,
Gail Forster , Millie Reid , Debbie Felix .

Chairperson' s Opening Comments.

Tina Garzillo welcomed new board members Paul Salamy and Deena Newman and Upper Merion High School student ex-officio , Jonathan Eyer . Tina commented , "this is a great board to work with".

New Business :

1) Upper Merion Farmers Market (UMFM).

UMFM member , Dawn Francis , led the group's presentation proudly announcing the Market's upcoming 8th season. Dawn gave a brief explanation as to who they are , what they do and discussed the UMFM's ideas and plans to remain vital and vibrant .
The UMFM is recommending the hiring of one full-time paid market manager and one paid market event manager.

2) Community Dog Park Presentation.

Linda Franchi , spokesperson for the Upper Merion Community Dog Club , led the group's presentation to board members for a proposed dog park in our township.

Topics of the presentation included the funding and location of the park.
The Upper Merion Dog Club members (400) envision their club as being a partner with the township , sharing the building and maintenance expense of the park.

Park & Recreation Board Chairperson , Tina Garzillo , commented the Upper Merion Community Dog Club's presentation for a Dog Park is now official...it's in the minutes, and now can move forward.

Park & Recreation Department Director , Dan Russell , commented it can now be part of the park planning process , which would include costs , design , and budget planning.

3) New Township Park Signage.

Board members discussed new Park Signage for all township parks.
The cost and design of the signs were also discussed.

4) The Re-location of the Township Compost Pile.

Board members discussed possible locations within the township to re-locate the compost pile prior to any future development at Heuser Park.

5) Park evaluation assignments.

Board members received their monthly park assignments.
Any needed maintenance and other park needs will be assessed by Park maintenance supervisor , Bill Schutter and his staff.

Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Board of Supervisor , Carole Kenney , commented she attended two workshop meetings last week.

The topics included ZONING in the township and a report from K.of.P BID member , Eric Goldstein.

Also , Carole announced the Library board was having a huge book sale throughout the

Earth Day weekend , April 22 , 2017.

Park & Recreation Department Director's Report

-Dan Russell gave the following report :

The renovations of the swimming pool locker room areas and ongoing pool maintenance are progressing smoothly.

-The Pool Open House is May 20 , 2017.

-The Community Center Passholders total 1946 members.

-The Parks and Recreation Program Party held at the Community Center was very successful.

-The Earth Day Celebration Event is April 22 ,2017 at the township building.

-Our township has received the Tree City USA AWARD.

-Our township solicitor has recommended all volunteers walking through our parks sign waivers .
-Non township softball organization , the Patriots , are requesting permission to place (two) batting cages at the Heuser Park softball fields. Details of the batting cages are to follow.
Size , maintenance , storage , their placement , and allowed UMBA use will be discussed prior to approval.

Old Business

Board member Mary Ann Ahearn gave board members an update on the recent volunteer group's progress of cutting the tree vines and trunks at Bob White Park. "The Green Goats " will be returning to Bob White Park in the spring.

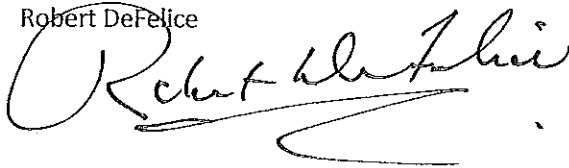
Emerald Ash Borer Project

-Tina Garzillo , on behalf of the Park & Recreation board , has applied for a BCA grant for the necessary signage at Heuser Park along the Schuylkill West Trail where the infected Ash trees will be cut down. The signs will provide awareness and educate the public for the tree excavation.

Adjournment : 11: 20 PM.

Kindly submitted ,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert DeFelice", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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April 11, 2017

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