

## Upper Merion Park & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

7:30 PM

**Attendees :** Tina Garzillo , Mike Trachtenberg , Robert DeFelice , Mary Ann Ahearn , Neil Sardifias , Deena Newman , Paul Salamy.

- **Guests :** Rose Emrick , Jim Roberts , Tony Metricarti , Jose' Almonte , Corey Besz.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of May 9 , 2017 Meeting Minutes : Approved 7 – 0.**

**New Business :** Board Chairperson Tina Garzillo was pleased to introduce a newly formed Sports Group organization which would include members of the various sports team organizations that use Heuser Park and the Park and Recreation Board.

The objective of this group is to improve communication between the Park and Recreation board members with sports organizations , regarding the needs and expectations of both groups

Mike Trachtenberg was appointed the Park and Recreation board liaison member to this group.

Mike Trachtenberg led a brief discussion between board members and attending sports group officials discussing ways to strengthen relationships with sports team groups while maximizing usage of the athletic fields and facilities during the year while sharing athletic fields with our residents.

UMBA President Tony Metracarti asked board members to hold all outside organizations accountable for the same care of the athletic fields that organizations with field permits must follow.

Mike Trachtenberg followed -up with a report on the recent seminar on Athlete's and Concussions held at the township building. Identifying head injuries to young athlete's (Concussions) and certification testing for Coaching staff were among topics discussed at the seminar.

### Park & Recreation Director's Report (Dan Russell)

- The swimming pool construction is wrapping up and

anticipates completion by Memorial Day.

- Twenty -plus volunteers helped with the swimming pool clean-up.
- Rebel Hill upgrades to playground.
- Repairs made to Swedeland Park.
- Academy Hoops Basketball program to be held at Swedeland Basketball court. Improvements to basketball court to be made courtesy of former NBA Player , Alvin Williams. ( 8 rims and backboards , resurface court.)

#### **Board of Supervisor Liaison Report (Carole Kenney)**

- The township board of supervisor's are to increase minimum wage (\$10.00 hr.) for township part-time employees to help

attract and keep good employees.

Swimming pool , Community Center and Summer Camp staff are to be included.

- The 2018 Weekend Fun Festival fundraiser to benefit township residents in need.

#### **Old Business**

- Mary Ann Ahearn gave an update on the Green Goats at Bob White Park.
- Cadets from Valley Forge Military Academy volunteered With the clean-up , cutting and removing of vines and wild vegetation.
- Emerald Ash Borer Project Update was discussed.
- The 2017 Upper Merion Farmers' Market.

**Park Maintenance Supervisor Report ( Bill Schutter)**

Bill gave a report on the maintenance performed at the many township Parks by his staff during the month of April, 2017.

**Meeting Adjournment : 9 :45 PM.**

Kindly submitted ,

Robert DeFelice