

UPPER MERION PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:30 PM.

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice, MaryAnn Ahearn, Deena Newman,
Neil Sardiñas, Dan Russell, Bill Schutter, Jr., Carole Kenney, Jonathan Eyer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes / APPROVED . 6 – 0.

Park & Recreation Director's Comments

Dan Russell reported on the "good amount" of recreation programs scheduled thru August, 2017.

*It was the first time The Adventure Day Camp 2 was held at the Upper Merion Community Center Complex . It was very successful..."Things are going very good!"

*The Concert Under The Stars wrapped up its 33rd season. It was a tremendous success, there was an increase in attendance -Nothing but positive feedback.

*The Fall Recreation program has been edited and on its way to the printer. It will be ready before school opens .

*its budget season . Staff will be putting together a budget for review.

*The township pond project is scheduled for the winter months.

Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Carole Kenney reported on the following:

* The naming of The 431 Art Gallery inside the Community Center Complex.

*The Farmers Market , a great township resource.

*The upcoming BOS workshop – A bond specialist will be on the agenda. Bond rates have gone down further. Possibly refinance old bonds – save money on monies owed.

Old Business

Board liaison members gave brief updates on their respective board and community projects:

- *Master Plan subcommittee – Priority on township parks (UMASD PARKS included.), ADA grant monies, Bob White Park signage,
- *Sports Organizations subcommittee - Lacrosse and Soccer Club representatives were in attendance. Purpose of committee is to gather new ideas , encourage communication between all sports organizations and the park and recreation department, maintenance at Heuser Park, and seek available grant monies.
- *Community Center Complex – The announcement of The Four -Three – One Art Gallery. The Community Center Complex 1st Year Anniversary Celebration on September 16,2017 featuring a Passholder member group photo via DRONE.
- *The Community Garden – The committee is looking for a location for this garden.
- *Upper Merion Farmers Market – The summer produce is at its finest.
- *Green Goats at Bob White Park. – The local neighborhood enjoy the goats.

Park Maintenance Supervisor's Report

Bill Schutter,Jr.,recently attended a Shade Tree workshop.

Bill provided a brief summary of the park maintenance performed by his staff.

(Copy of report to be forwarded to Park and Recreation Department .)

Adjournment: 9:30 PM.

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice

