

## **UPPER MERION PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Upper Merion Community Center Complex

7:30 PM.

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

**Guests :** Jeff Baldwin, Joe Brophy, Bill Kenney, Jim Ruddy.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes / APPROVED, 7 – 0 .**

### **New Business**

#### **oUpper Merion Community Garden**

Chairperson Tina Garzillo opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing Jeff Baldwin and Joe Brophy to board members. Jeff, Joe, and board liaison, Deena Newman, gave a brief presentation on the proposed township community garden. Joe Brophy expressed the consensus within the community thinks it's a great idea. All board members are in favor of this proposal.

### **Board of Supervisor Liaison Report**

Carole Kenney reported on the following:

- o The township board of supervisors are working on next year's budget .
- o Carole recently attended a Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) workshop. The township zoning codes are being updated.
- o U.M. township is experiencing a healthy economy and property values are up. " The township is keeping expenses down and being good stewards of what we have."

### **Park & Recreation Director's Comments**

Dan Russell reported on the following :

- o The Emerald Ash Borer Project at Heuser Park.
- o The township "pond" / retention basin project is SCHEDULED this winter.
- o The 2018 Park & Recreation budget.
- o The new 431 Art Gallery inside the Upper Merion Community Center Complex.
- o The Upper Merion Community Center Complex 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary celebration on September 16,2017.
- o The Upper Merion Senior Service Center 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House .

### **Old Business**

Board members gave updates on the following subcommittees:

- o MaryAnn Ahearn – The Green Goats at Bob White Park. The goats will remain till mid October,2017.
- o Mike Trachtenberg – The SPORTS Alliance Group at Heuser Park. Mike will continue to meet with the sports groups that use the athletic fields at Heuser Park. He is hopeful they will all maintain their equipment and storage facilities at the park.
- o Robert DeFelice – Upper Merion Community Center Complex ( UMCCC) - The 431 Art Gallery, the UMCCC 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary celebration on September 15,2017 , and new maintenance and repairs made inside the UMCCC.
- o Tina Garzillo – Upper Merion Farmers Market (UMFM) . A vendor at the UMFM who does geocaching met with Tina. The vendor proposed a fun idea to have people tour our township parks.

### **Park Maintenance Supervisor's Report**

Bill Schutter reported on the maintenance performed by his staff in our township parks.

Adjournment: 9 : 44 PM.

Kindly submitted,

Robert DeFelice

