

UPPER MERION PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday , October 10, 2017

The Old Roberts School House

7:30 PM.

Attendees : Tina Garzillo, Mike Trachtenberg, Robert DeFelice, MaryAnn Ahearn, Deena Newman,
Neil Sardifias, Paul Salamy, Jonathan Eyer, Carole Kenney, Dan Russell.

Guests : Vitas Masalaitis, Bill Kenney.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the September 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED , 7 – 0.

New Business

- **The Mckaig Nature Education Center Update.**

Park Ranger, Vitas Masalaitis, gave a brief presentation to board members that included the historical background of The Mckaig Nature Education Center and The Old Roberts School House.

Vitas asked the board members for their suggestions that would bring more kids and adults into the Nature Center.

Board of Supervisor Liaison Report

- Carole Kenney reported on the following :

The Upper Merion Farmers Market Transition Plan, a proposed Solar Ordinance, the recent recent Community Fair, and the refinancing of township bonds.

Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell updated the board members on the following:

- The completion of The Bob White Park tennis courts project.

Park & Recreation Director's Report continued -

- The township parks capital improvement schedule has been updated to a more aggressive completion schedule from five (5) years to three (3) years.
- The park & recreation department 2018 budget is being reviewed.
- The successful Community Fair , estimated 1500 people in attendance.

Old Business

• **The Green Goats at Bob White Park**

MaryAnn Ahearn reported the goats have been removed.

• **The proposed Community Garden**

Deena Newman commented on the possible locations for the Community Garden.

Norview Farms or the overflow parking area on Henderson Road are being considered.

• **The Community Center Complex**

Rob DeFelice reported on the scheduled lower level construction is to begin soon. Also, the Community Center staff is busy reviewing their 2018 budget.

• **The Heuser Park Sports Alliance Group**

Mike Trachtenberg has a scheduled meeting with the SPORTS GROUP later in October,2017 and will provide an update to board members next meeting.

New Business

• **Township Parks Clean-Up Projects**

Tina Garzillo reported the parks Clean-Up project is scheduled for April and November,2018.

Sports organizations and various neighborhood groups will participate.

• **2018 Goals and Priorities**

Chairperson, Tina Garzillo, reminded board members the 2018 goals and priorities will be discussed at the next two meetings and to bring their thoughts and ideas.

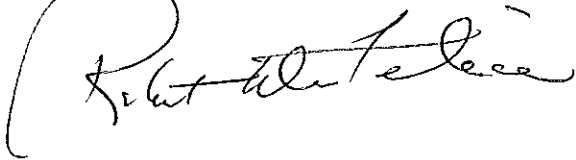
Park Maintenance Supervisor's Report

Dan Russell gave the parks maintenance report provided by Bill Schutter.

Adjournment: 9:11 PM.

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice

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