

UPPER MERION PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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 : Bill Kenney, Jim Ruddy.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the October 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED , 7 – 0.

New Business

Chairperson Tina Garzillo introduced Assistant Township Manager, Sally Slook, to board members. Sally will be overseeing the township's Park & Recreation, Library, and I.T. Departments to help streamline efficiencies and policies.

Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Carole Kenney's report included the following :

- The township's 2018 budget. No tax increase for eight consecutive years.
- Additional Business openings and parking conditions at the Village of Valley Forge.
- Additional township Police, Fire, and Rescue services to be located at the Village of Valley Forge.

Park & Recreation Board Director's Report

Dan Russell's reported by included the following:

- The Park & Recreation Department's 2018 budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisor's for adoption.
- The Valley Forge Towers' expressed interest in the "Adopt a Trail Program".

Park & Recreation Department Director's report continued,

- The newly renovated Bob White Park tennis courts are open.
- The Board of Supervisor's are open to the Community Garden being located at Henderson And Ross Rd.
- The New Holiday Village Celebration to be held both in and outside of the township building on Saturday, December 2, 2017.
- Dan Russell proudly announced to board members he was selected to Co-chair the 2018 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Annual conference.

Old Business

The Community Garden

Deena Newman's update included the following:

- The Community Garden project has been approved by the Board of Supervisor's.
- A public meeting to address questions and comments from the residents will be scheduled.
- A proposed Community Garden Facebook page.

The Upper Merion Community Center Complex

Rob DeFelice's update included the following:

- The Community Center Complex 2018 budget has been submitted for approval.
- The Community Center's "new" lower level construction.

The Heuser Park Sports Group

Mike Trachtenberg's update included the following:

- Members of the township's Lacrosse, Soccer and Football organizations were in attendance at the October, 2017 meeting.
- Various sports clinics.
- U.M.B.A. new executive board members.

New Business

Heuser Park / Valley Forge Trail Construction Issues.

◦ Tina Garzillo and Neil Sardiñas led the discussion regarding the trail's construction -

Was the trail adequately constructed or are improvements needed?

Adjournment : 9 : 54 PM.

Kindly submitted,

Robert DeFelice

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