

## UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018

Tuesday, 7:30 PM.

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

**Guests:** Bill Kenney.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**The Approval of the December 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 7 – 0.**

**The Reorganization of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board.**

- Election of temporary Chairperson. ( Mike Trachtenberg )
- Nomination / Election of Chairperson.

TINA GARZILLO was nominated by Neil Sardifias. Deena Newman second the motion.

Motion approved, 7 – 0.

- Nomination / Election of Vice Chairperson.

MIKE TRACHTENBERG was nominated by Tina Garzillo. MaryAnn Ahearn second the motion.

Motion approved, 7 – 0.

- Nomination / Election of Secretary.

ROBERT DEFELICE was nominated by Neil Sardifias. Paul Salamy second the motion.

Motion approved, 7 – 0.

**Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report**

Carole Kenney's report included the following :

- 1) The new township website is up and running.
- 2) U.M.P.D. – Township negotiations with the Police Union.

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- 3) Township Board of Supervisor's and employees ( and possibly all Citizen Advisory Board Members) will undergo a mandatory RESPECT AND HARASSMENT training program.
- 4) The Tax Collector is closing her office for self proclaimed hardship reasons.

**PARKS & Recreation Department Director's Report**

Dan Russell's report included the following :

- 1) The dredging of the township "pond"/ retention basin. Bids are still out for the engineering and design services.
- 2) The Upper Merion Farmers Market Manager- Approximately 30 applicants have applied thus far.
- 3) The formation of the Upper Merion Farmers Market Advisory Board.
- 4) The Adopt A Park Program – T D BANK has agreed to adopt the township park. They have agreed to perform four (4) clean-ups and the donation of monies, \$2500.00.

**Old Business**

- 1) The Community Garden – A Public Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2018 inside Freedom Hall to discuss the design and other related issues.
- 2) The Upper Merion Farmers' Market Manager position.
- 3) The Upper Merion Parks Clean-Up – The first scheduled clean-up of the year SPRING/April 14, 2018. Paul Salamy will help lead the clean-up efforts. Paul has received positive feedback from the soccer, lacrosse and other sports groups. The Public is invited to join in with the clean-up.
- 4) Dog Park – Tina Garzillo suggested a smaller group of Dog Club members meet with Dan Russell to discuss their conception and design of the new Dog Park.
- 5) Mike Trachtenberg reminded board members of his next Sports Groups meeting on January 22, 2018.

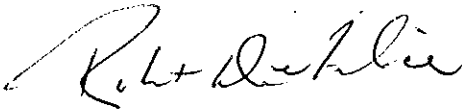
**New Business**

- 1) Master Plan Recommendations include Dog Park, UMFM Manager, Community Garden, Adopt A Park, Giant Playground at Heuser Park, Trails -west side of Heuser Park, Crow Creek trail design.
- 2) Park & Recreation Grant Process and Guidelines – The amount of monies awarded to sports organizations, the option to divert monies for other park improvements, and require all grant monies recipients to provide community service.

**Adjournment : 9: 46 PM.**

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert DeFelice".