

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

7:30 PM.

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

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

2. Board Reorganization

Vice chairperson, Mike Trachtenberg announced to board members he would continue as chairperson as result of the former chairperson's (Tina Garzillo) resignation.

Neil Sardifias nominated MaryAnn Ahearn for vice chairperson. Paul Salamy 2nd the motion.

Motion to nominate MaryAnn Ahearn as vice chairperson passed, 6 – 0.

3. Approval of the June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 6 – 0.

4. Parks & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell's report included the following:

A. The Summer Programs and Camps are in full swing, very successful.

B. The U.M.H.S. Girls Basketball Team and booster groups are holding fundraisers at The Concerts.

Under the Stars concerts.

C. Despite the rain, the 4th of July Celebration at Heuser Park was a success.

D. The William Wall Memorial township park playground construction phase has been completed.

5. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Carole Kenney's report included the following:

- A. The opening for a Park & Recreation Advisory Board member.
- B. Carole's meeting with The Simon Group representatives - owners of the King of Prussia Mall and Court, and their ideas to redevelop areas of the Plaza.
- C. The Community Garden Ribbon Cutting with Elmwood Park Zoo animals and Alex Lemonade to be on location.

6. Old Business

1. Crow Creek update. Request for Proposal for a trail designer.
2. The top three parks "wish list" items submitted by board members to be addressed at the Parks & Recreation Department's Goals and Objectives meeting.
3. The proposed Dog Park location and temporary delay in construction.
4. Bob White Park – MaryAnn Ahearn gave an update on the trees recently planted in the park.

7. New Business

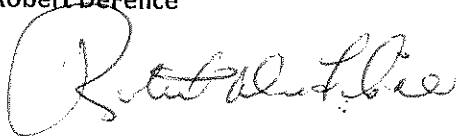
1. Fall Park clean-up to held at Heuser Park on October 27, 2018. A tree planting event is scheduled to repair and buffer the steep slope area's effected by the Emerald Ash Borer tree removal project.
2. Barley VanClief notified board members she is applying for a state grant to fund the next round of invasive plant spraying. She is also working with the Rotary group on getting "memorial" benches for Bob White Park in the designated areas behind the tennis courts.
3. Robert DeFelice inquired if the township was considering outsourcing the management of our township parks and if monies could be "found" to paint and make repairs to the deteriorating Clubhouse at Heuser Park.
4. Mike Trachtenberg asked board members to begin collecting ideas for the future design and new development at Heuser Park.
5. Neil Sardiñas encouraged board members to visit the neighboring multi-use parks.

* Board members conveyed their best wishes to departing Upper Merion High School student liaison member, Jonathan Eyer. Jonathan will be attending Penn State University (Main Campus) in the Fall.

Adjournment: 9:45 PM.

Kindly submitted,

Robert DeFelice

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert DeFelice". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.