

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

7:30 PM.

ATTENDEES: Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Robert DeFelice, Neil Sardiñas, Deena Newman,
Dana Augustine, Paul Salamy, Dan Russell, Tina Garzillo.

GUESTS : Mike Scioli (UMBA), and Rob Devers (UMHS).

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of the July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6 – 0.

3. Chairperson Mike Trachtenberg welcomed Dana Augustine to the Park & Recreation Board.

4. Parks & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell's report included the following:

- A. The engineering phase of the Mullen Tract DOG PARK Project.
- B. 9 contractors submitted RFQ's (Request For Qualifications) for the Crow Creek Trail Project.
- C. The Emerald Ash Borer Project at Heuser Park should be completed by late October, 2018.
- D. Update on the damage caused by the recent storm. The Community Center and township parks received substantial water damage due to flooding.
- E. The Fall Recreation Guide release.

5. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report

Tina Garzillo's report included the following:

- A. The Habit Burger Grille fundraiser on August 15, 2018 to benefit the Upper Merion Foundation.
- B. The Upper Merion Farmers Market- The market is doing well, car counts have increased and 18 - 25 vendors in attendance.
- C. The Caley Elementary and Gulf Road Elementary School's ribbon cutting open to the public.
- D. The National Night Out Event turnout was amazing!

6. Park Maintenance Report

Park Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Schutter, gave a brief report on the maintenance performed throughout the township parks ,especially areas overcome with flooding during the recent rains. Bob White Park, Executive Estates Park, Swędesburg Park, Township Park,and Walker Field Park were parks Included in his report.

7. UMHS Athletic Director Report

Rob Devers gave an update on the new turf field being installed at the football stadium. The new turf field will be multi – use for many sports activities.

He expressed the Upper Merion Area School District's willingness to work together with the Upper Merion Parks & Recreation Department.

Concession upgrades, new scoreboard with corporate sponsorship, security costs, were briefly discussed.

8. Old Business

- A. Eagle Scout Project at Bob White Park is completed. Neighbors are appreciative!
- B. The Valley Forge Military Cadets have been asked to volunteer with the clean-up at Walker Field Park. Rob Devers will ask the UMHS BASEBALL GROUP to help with the clean-up.
- C. The new Park Projects have been delayed due to the recent rains.
- D. The Fall Park clean-up with tree planting at Heuser Park is scheduled for October 27,2018.
- E. The Heuser Park Clubhouse Paint and Maintenance Project – Robert DeFelice suggested the township “find the money” and complete the project before winter 2018.
- F. Norview Farms / Petrucci’s Ice Cream Parking – Concrete posts will be installed in front of the store as a safety precaution.

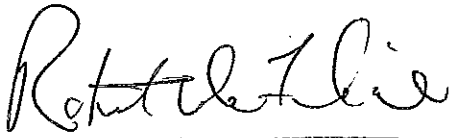
9. New Business

- A. Chairperson Mike Trachtenberg suggested forming a subcommittee for the development of the remaining 39 acres at Heuser Park.
- B. Board members will meet at 7:00PM next meeting, September 4, 2018 ,to begin discussing ideas for the design, prioritization and funding of the future Heuser Park Development Project.

Adjournment: 9:36 PM.

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice

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