

UPPER MERION PARKS & ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

7:30 PM.

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

GUESTS: Darren Hardel (Upper Merion Aquatics Club), Linda Moser (U.M. SPRING /S.N.A.P),
Richard Lachenmayer (Valley Forge Generals Senior Legion Baseball), Mike Scioli (UMBA),
Steve Byer (UMBA), Frank Kiser (Upper Merion Rowing Team), Jennifer Levy (U.M. Crew
Boosters/ Rowing), Charles Brown (U.M. Crew Boosters/Rowing), Jason Jones (Upper Merion
Lacrosse Club), Bob Wochele (U.M. Youth Wrestling).

1.The Pledge of Allegiance

2.Approval of the September 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6 - 0.

3.Sports Organization Grant Presentations

1. Chairperson Mike Trachtenberg welcomed the sports organizations and group representatives to the meeting and announced the board's pleasure to have the Park and Recreation Department continue to offer (to them) stipends thru available grant monies and allow them use of our township facilities.
2. Attending representatives from the various township sports organizations and groups gave a brief presentation to board members about their respective programs and plans for grant monies to be awarded in 2019

3. Robert DeFelice made a motion (2nd D. Augustine) recommending to deny grant monies to the organizations who submitted grant applications but did not attend the board meeting as requested or give notice of not able to attend. Motion was rejected, 5 -2.

Deena Newman made a motion (2nd M.Ahearn) to deny grant monies to organizations who neither submitted a grant application and did not attend the meeting.

Motion passed, 6-1.

4. Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dan Russell's report included the following:

1. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) tree cutting at Heuser Park is completed.
2. Bike trail erosion and water management.
3. The Parks & Recreation budget reviews to be submitted to the BOS in NOVEMBER, 2018.
4. The Township Parks Renovation Project.

The Upper Merion Township Building Park and Swedeland Park (colors and playground equipment.)

5. Fall recreational and Outer Limits programs are underway.

5. Park Maintenance Supervisor's Report

Bill Schutter's report included maintenance performed at the following parks:

Baxter Park, Heuser Park, and the Upper Merion Community Fair.

6. Old Business

1. Crow Creek Trail RFQ Interviews

Board members gave their thoughts on the individual engineer firms interviewed and recommended their top three (3) firms to the Board of Supervisors.

2. Walker Field Park Flood Damage

The TAC building, baseball fields, snack stand and fencing sustained damaged.

Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up.

3. Bob White Park

It was reported the wooded area at Bob White Park is once again "a jungle" with waist high vegetation including "mile - a - minute vines".

7. New Business

1. Upper Merion Township Fall Tree Planting Event At Heuser Park


To be held October 27, 2018. 8:45 AM – 1:00 PM.

Additional publicizing of this event was suggested by board member Neil Sardiñas.

Adjournment: 10:31 PM.

Kindly submitted,

Robert DeFelice

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