

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Neil Sardiñas, Deena Newman, Dana Augustine, Robert DeFelice, Paul Salamy, Jerry Recupido, Dan Russell & Tina Garzillo

Guests: Brian Schlorff, Charles Brown, Franck Kiser, Jeff Grogan

1. The Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of the April 9th, 2019 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 7-0.

3. Guests – Brian Schlorff

- Concerned about high school construction affecting Baxter Fields
- Would like to find some alternative places to play
 - Possibly Bob Case
 - Could experiment this year in preparation
 - Need to look at Bridgeport
 - Trying not to overload Baxter so it becomes damaged
- Paul suggested renting lights
 - Not high enough and very expensive
- Should invite Rob Devers to the next meeting to see what his plan is for the next two years
 - School owns Baxter

4. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report – Tina's report included the following:

- Farmer's Market opens May 18th
 - Not having the chicken BBQ this year
 - Having a cake for opening day
- Yard waste collection program station
 - Can schedule pickup on the website through October
- Moore Road closed until August 7th for bridge repair
- The Rambler adjusted route
 - Down regular stops and up requested stops
 - Trying to get ridership up
- The first Fire Alarm Blitz was a success!
 - 250 alarms were installed
 - Second blitz is June 8th
- Rob asked for an update on the water sewer plant situation
 - Meeting last night where mapping was shown
 - Still working on details
 - Number has to make sense and rates will go up whether they sell or not
 - Employees will stay no matter what – part of the contract
- The township manager search is over and a decision will be made soon

Dana Augustine

5. Park and Recreation Director's Report

- Summer recreation guide has been distributed
- Concert under the stars starts June 2nd
- Planning for the 4th of July celebration
 - Since the holiday is a Thursday, the carnival will stay through the weekend
- Pool membership is up and open house is May 18th – will yield many more members
- Mullin property demo has begun as of May 14th
 - Should be done by the end of the month
- IT department has moved ahead with Wifi company for Heuser Park
 - Wifi and surveillance will be available in the beginning of June
 - Seven cameras, all on the football field side
- Neil asked if Main Line School Night will be having classes at the community center
 - Wants facilities to be used, especially the kitchen
 - Instructors don't carry insurance so they aren't covered if they teach at the CC
 - Working on a possible umbrella policy so they will be covered
- No new information on Crow Creek trail or Volpi Commons
 - Supervisors still working on getting Volpi deeded back to the township

6. Park Maintenance Report

- Jerry gave us a sheet with all maintenance done over the past month – very comprehensive
- May 16th is the cleanup at the boathouse
 - Broken bench is being fixed
- Pond at the township looks great!

7. New Business

- Upper Merion Boat Club
 - Club would like to request permission to place two storage containers next to the boathouse
 - Containers needed because the boathouse is old and they are running out of space
 - Containers would be 40' and 20'
 - Space behind the boathouse is large enough for both
 - Had site plan done by engineers
 - Chain link fence would need to be removed and ground regraded
 - Must also create a stone base and appropriate drainage
 - Paul suggested solar lights near the units as well as cameras to deter burglars
 - School district purchasing one unit and the boosters will purchase the other
 - Motion to approve by Neil and Paul seconds motion – approved 7-0
- Joint BOS meeting on Thursday night
 - Update to the public since it is televised
 - We will all give updates on our projects
- BCA Grant Dinner
 - Paul and Parks & Rec Board invited because of bat house grant

8. Old Business

- Heuser Park Shared Maintenance Program
 - Fields are looking great
 - Have to talk about the future of the program
 - Sports groups and townships will ideally share responsibility
 - Township does not have this in the budget so it needs to be addressed

- Lacrosse and Football involved – football will pick it up in the fall
- Don't want the fields to look great and the rest of the park to look bad
- Possibly interested in contracting turf management for the entire park including the fields
- Paul has spreadsheet with costs and materials
- Would like to set up a mowing schedule for next year
- Community Center Board – Deena gave us a report
 - CC at an all-time high with memberships
 - Two committees have been formed
 - Committee to help low income families join
 - Committee to look for new ways to add activities for preteens and teens to use the gym
 - Pool feasibility study – request for proposal went out April 2nd
 - Pool has over 1400 members
 - Deena is trying to put together a committee of pickleball players that would be responsible for nets at an outdoor location
- Rob asked about the signing of the roof tiles at the Community Center
 - Tina had questions for the BOS so no decisions have been made
- Community Center parking lot lines are being redone as well as Heuser Park
- Cricket Organization reached out to Dan to use Bob White park for tournament
 - They are based in NJ
 - Requesting 4 consecutive weekends, 16 hours per weekend
 - Group said they would clean up the area and set everything up
 - Dan is leaning towards no
 - These events usually turn into a large festival
 - Not enough parking
 - Will upset neighbors

Adjournment: 9:44pm

Kindly Submitted,

Dana Augustine

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