

## UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

7:30 PM.

**Attendees:** Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Robert DeFelice, Neil Sardiñas, Deena Newman,  
Paul Salamy, Moira Ryan, Jerry Recupido, Dan Russell, Tina Garzillo.

**Guests:** Mike Scioli

### 1. The Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Approval of October 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6-0

### 3. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report – Tina Garzillo

Tina Garzillo's report included the following:

- New restaurant opening at the K.of.P Mall.
- The UFMF Chili Cook-off, November 23, 2019.
- Update on the Catalyst Group billboard construction.
- No construction of pedestrian bridge at DeKalb Pk./ Saulin Blvd.
- Holiday Village Event- December 7, 2019, at the township bldg, with lighting of the Christmas tree.

### 4. Park & Recreation Director's Report – Dan Russell

Dan Russell's report included the following:

- DCNR Grant reimbursement for Bob White and Swedeland Parks- \$300,000.
- Agreement involving the Township, PennDot, and JD.Eckman to complete the Schuylkill Valley Trail West located near the Lafayette Apartments connecting to Valley Forge National Park.

### 5. Parks Maintenance Report – Jerry Recupido

Jerry provided a list to board members of all work performed by his staff in October.

- The extensive Halloween storm cleanup.
- Leaf collection taking place.

## 6. New Business

- Neil Sardiñas suggested creating an online document sheet to list and receive updates on needed parks maintenance and parks capital improvement projects.

Robert DeFelice agreed with Neil's suggestion and commented our township manager should oversee these and all capital improvement projects and assign a full time Department Head to report back to him.

Student board member, Moira Ryan, will design a spreadsheet .

- Deena Newman – gave brief proposal on outdoor Pickleball Courts.

## 7. Old Business

1. Dan Russell gave an update on The Crow Creek Trail re-alignment.

2. Township Park Usage/ UMASD.

Dan Russell gave an update on his meeting with UMASD Staff members regarding their Athletic Plan involving their Athletic fields use at Heuser Park during construction of the new UMAHS building.

A discussion followed.

3. The Riverfront Park Subcommittee Update

- There was no update.

## 8. Community Center Complex Advisory Board Report- Deena Newman

Deena's report included the following:

- 664 new members.
- \$40,000. Increase in revenue.

Adjournment: 9:54 PM

Kindly Submitted,

Robert DeFelice