

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10th, 2019

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Paul Salamy, Deena Newman, Neil Sardifias, Dana Augustine, Dan Russell, & Tina Garzillo

Guests: Page Durflinger, Marianne Infante

1. The Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of the November 12th, 2019 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6-0.
3. Guests – Volunteer Groups
 - Page Durflinger
 - Applied for a position at Parks and Rec and wanted to attend a meeting to learn more
 - Marianne Infante
 - Expressed concern over the unhealthy food options in the vending machines
4. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report- Tina Garzillo
 - Approved the budget for 2020
 - Tax increase for 2020
 - \$50 annually (\$4 a month)
5. Park and Recreation Director's Report- Dan Russell
 - Not a lot going on because of end of year
 - Approved 2020 budget
 - Increased slightly due to personnel costs
 - Scaling back on projects
 - 2020 initiatives
 - Work being done at the Community Center
 - Increase size of the child watch area
 - Cameras
 - Budgeted trail to Valley Forge Park
 - Pool feasibility study and upgrades
 - Additional park renovations
 - Holiday Hooplah was Saturday and a huge hit
 - Staffing vacancies – working on filling positions
6. Park Maintenance Report- Jerry Recupido
 - No report

7. New Business

- Document spreadsheet – no update
- Riverfront Park Subcommittee Update
 - Had meeting November 25th
 - Township manager reaching out to real estate brokers for parcel of land available
 - 5-10 million bond – looking at this for acquisition
 - Contract came in for 22 acres for a truck company
 - Township has first right of refusal so they can counter
 - Tony in process of getting parcel appraised
- Paul asked if anyone has met with Rob Devers regarding fields
 - Dan is working on setting something up with him
 - School district is resetting 90-foot field at their cost and it will be ready by baseball season

8. Old Business

- None

9. Community Center Complex Advisory Board Report- Deena Newman

- Formed committee for pool feasibility study
- Winter preview was December 5th
- Fitness center wall decals
- Child watch is expanding and creating a teen space
- Paul requests adding another mirror in the weight room – too small for multiple people

10. Additional comments

- Ten bat houses were ordered – will be put up in the spring
 - Will need to find spots for them
- January is reorganization month for all committees

Adjournment: 8:47PM

Kindly Submitted
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