

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, MaryAnn Ahearn, Paul Salamy, Deena Newman, Neil Sardiñas, Tina Garzillo, Dan Russell

Guests: Brian Schlorff

1. The Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of the February 11th, 2019 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 5-0.
3. Guests
 - No guests
4. Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report- Tina Garzillo
 - Do we still have a student member?
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Press release through the township was sent out
 - Following CDC guidelines
 - Restaurant week 3/9-3/15
 - Shops for Chop also this week
 - Beef and Beer at Screwballs on 3/22
 - To raise money for the Township Foundation which donates to specific causes
 - Kingswood Fire, kids, elderly and the needy
5. Park and Recreation Director's Report- Dan Russell
 - Mild winter
 - Meeting residents regarding park renovations
 - Swedesburg, Merrell C. Young and Valley Forge Acres
 - Getting great feedback
 - Crow Creek Trail
 - In the permitting phase
 - Met with DEP
 - NPDES Permit with county is slow
 - Should get at the beginning of May
 - Then project will go out to bid
 - DCED – received grant and will need extension
 - Ross Road – housing development may be relocating the local park
 - Heuser Park
 - School district just about completed with renovations on the baseball field
 - Saturday, someone drove across both football fields and across left field on the baseball field

- Went airborne and made a big mess
 - Cameras captured license plate
 - May need additional cameras as there are none near the fields
 - Montco Fence fixing fence damage
 - Will need to double check the sprinklers in a few weeks to make sure they are still okay
- Paul – painted lines on the lacrosse field and working on the shared field maintenance
 - Seeding, aerating and fertilizing

6. Park Maintenance Report- Jerry Recupido

- Monthly maintenance at all parks
- Due to COVID-19, multiple trainings were canceled as well as lights turned off at parks
- Yard waste collection
- Draft a turf maintenance program and implement
 - Bob White
 - Belmont
 - Township Building
 - Bob Case
 - Heuser
- Trimmed trees at Church and Yerkes Road (Mastrocola Trucking)
- Assembled 14 new doggi pot dispensers to be installed
- Performed maintenance on equipment
- Ordered and picked up new equipment
 - Week whackers
 - Edger
 - Backpower blower
 - Handheld blower
- Ordered six new basketball rims for Belmont Park
- Ordered basketball news and center straps to replenish inventory
- Delivered turf maintenance supplies to Heuser Park
- Edged the grass islands we maintain
- Performed monthly park survey
- 2020 Park assignments were sent to the P&R board members

7. Old Business

- Dog Park Update
 - Dana and Dan met about engineering report
 - Dana working on BCA grant application paperwork
 - Dog Park group working on fundraising ideas
- Riverfront Subcommittee
 - Appraisal complete
 - Recommending putting a contract on 22 acres and additional 12 and ½ off of Heuser Park
 - Need both so Heuser Park is extended without a break

8. New Business

- Roof project

- Contract is currently being signed

9. Community Center Complex Advisory Board Report- Deena Newman

- Plan for getting more low-income families to become members was presented to the board
 - Approaching it differently since not many people took advantage last year
- Pickleball Donation Box - always running low on balls
 - Team is testing different balls
- Complaints
 - Basketball instructor through the CC complains about another group of instructors
 - Other instructors conducting lessons during open gym without official permission – collecting money outside, playing inside and claiming they are just playing for fun
 - Tina suggested everyone having to give I.D. for open gym so people can be held accountable
 - Students are just getting dropped off and disrupting things around the center
- Other programs coming up
 - Goat yoga
 - More female teens wanted
 - Paul sees a lot in the weight room
- Neil asked if Main Line School night is still doing classes
 - A lot of instructors don't have insurance so they can't instruct at the CC
 - Also need clearances for anyone who instructs kids
- Pool Advisory Committee public meeting to discuss feasibility study
 - Willing to do two plans for the price of one

10. Other points

- MaryAnn asked about the shooting at LA Fitness
 - Altercation started inside and ended in the parking lot

Adjournment: 8:59PM

Kindly Submitted
Dana Augustine

