

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14th, 2020

7:30 PM

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

Guests: None

1. **The Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of the June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 4-0.**
3. **Guests**
 - No guests
4. **Board of Supervisor’s Liaison Report- Tina Garzillo**
 - 2 town halls at the township building on Tues June 16th and July 8th. Productive meetings in which the demonstrators expressed their requests.
 - Youth engagement event this past Sunday to get youths to register to vote. Several officials there.
 - Butterfly garden has become a social justice garden. There will be some yoga and meditation and some guest speakers. July 23rd from 6pm-8pm. This is being spirited by the MLK committee.
 - Will start to have thermal scanners for public who want to attend BOS meetings.
 - More cases are on the rise of COVID-19 in the township and county.
5. **Park and Recreation Director’s Report- Dan Russell**
 - Staff is busy working on a community center health and wellness reopening plan. It has been sent off to be reviewed by the township manager.
 - Many guidelines for staff and public to follow.
 - Making adjustments to meet CDC guidelines.
 - Opening date will be posted once approval is met and a comprehensive plan is completed to reduce any confusion.
 - Roof is in place. Currently working on storm water management to divert water away from the building and still need gutters (August).
 - ADC in the Park is going well, despite lower attendance. Residents seem pleased.
 - In the fall and winter, we are looking at potential uses of the schools for programing. Dan is setting up a meeting with the school district to review health and safety plans for this to express how we will be meeting guidelines.
 - Looking at a series of budget adjustment and redid revenue projections to 1 million dollars less.
 - Difficult to plan for next year because we don’t know what next year will hold.