

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

7:30 PM

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

Guests: None

1. **The Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of the November 10th, 2020 Meeting Minutes – 5-0**
3. **Guests - none**
4. **Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report- Tina Garzillo**
 - Lots of signs around town against park rezoning
 - Want to make a decision on the billboards soon so they can let residents know ASAP
 - Paul suggested giving more information upfront so people don't get so upset because they don't have all the facts
 - Lots of misconceptions
 - Approved a liquor license transfer for the King of Prussia Diner
 - Opening sometime in April
 - Will have a bar
 - Upscale, American food
 - Open 24/7
 - ECDC working on promoting small businesses and started a program of Small Business Heros – have had two so far
 - Upper Merion Gymnastics and Dance
 - Erica Webster – Dub Fitness
 - New heros will be featured each Friday
 - Approved plans for the parcels behind Heuser Park
 - Was originally going to be three parcels but now two parcels
 - Company that purchased the area is planning on doing mostly staging there
 - The township would still like to purchase more land near the park
 - Mancill Mill property parcel approved
 - Special exemption to allow residences – 119 townhouse units
 - Was zoned industrial so housing is better than warehouses
 - Fee adjustment to drop off at the compost pile – flat \$10 fee
 - Eliminating commercial companies access that are out of the township
 - Contractors have always had to pay
 - Ruth's Chris – parking lot becoming a mobile antigen testing facility
 - Opening soon
 - Neil asked about Moore Park project

- There have been 676 cancellations of memberships and 581 freezes
- Created a video to promote safety of the center
- Daily average visits: weekday – 119, weekend – 46.5
- Halloween contest went well overall but some feedback regarding wanting increased communication going forward

10. Additional Comments

- School installing some nets at Heuser park to protect some of the pathways

Adjournment: 8:51PM

Kindly Submitted
Dana Augustine