

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mary Ann Ahearn, Tina Garzillo, Jerry Recupido, Dan Russell, Neil Sardiñas, Paul Salamy, Mike Trachtenberg

Guests: Kathy Garro, Mark Vondra

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** August 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Approved 4-0.
3. **Guests:** Introduced to Kathy Garro and Mark Vondra who are applicants for the UMPR Citizen Board.
4. **Parks and Recreation Director's Report, Dan Russell:** The 2023 budget is being developed. UMPR's costs have increased. Budget needs to be adopted in December.

Meeting to consider options for a physical barrier between Tabak Park and neighboring properties.

Looking for funding to improve Upper Merion Community Center landscaping and the UM Senior Service Center's patio. UMCC needs additional staffing at front desk. The current lights in the arena are nearing the end of their service life. Budgeting for LED replacement lights. LED light have a greater initial cost and lower cost over time.

Park rentals are finish Oct 30, 2022. Fall Fest canceled because of Hurricane Ian. Holiday Village is being planned for December 3, 2022

5. **Board of Supervisor's Liaison Report, Tina Garzillo:** BOS reviewing citizen board applicants. AQUA is working on KOP Road on weekdays throughout the winter. Oct 24, 2022 is the last day for voter registration. October is Fire Prevention Month. Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Expo is Oct 12, 2022 at the Henderson Square Shopping Center. Increase in mailbox theft. Blue USPS boxes are vulnerable. Taku Hibachi and Steak House is open.

6. **Park Maintenance Report:** Lights at Baxter Field needs to be replaced. Tree work is scheduled. The continuing settlement of the Schuylkill River West Trail's Trout Run bridge approach needs to be repaired.
7. **New Business:** Seeding fields at Heuser. UMCC registration is increasing. Pickleball program at Bob White. UM Senior Service Center membership has declined. A local chef will come to UMCC to instruct a cooking class.

Adjournment 9:00 PM

Neil Sardiñas