

UPPER MERION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2022

7:30 PM

Attendees: Mike Trachtenberg, Mary Ann Ahearn, Neil Sardiñas, Dan Russell, Paul Salamy, Kathy Garro, Mark Vondra

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of the November 2022 Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 6-0.

3. Guests: Vytas Masalaitis, Lydia Dan-Sardiñas

4. Board of Supervisors Report, Tina Garzillo

- 2023 budget passed and is available online. It provides for:
 - Rehire an assistant township manager
 - Hire 4 new police officers plus 2 replacements for retirements
 - Hire more professional firefighters to replace volunteers who've left
 - Hire part time human resources assistant – new position
- Upper Merion Community Center needs new classes (cooking, crafts, etc). Teachers need liability insurance.

5. UM Parks and Recreation Director's Report-Dan Russell

- Parks & Rec increased 2023 budget mostly to be used for salaries
 - Min wage for part timers and laborers increased to \$15/hr
 - Community Center and summer camp should get more employees
 - Addition of one full time position at pool
 - Capital budget is increased allowing improvements in parks
 - Community Center will replace old arena lights with LED lights
 - Improvement to Walker Park lights
 - Court resurfacing probably at Swedeland Park
 - UM Senior Center patio improvements
- Community Center membership rates will increase about 5%. Still time to lock in old rates.
- Heuser family will have a private commemoration of Linda Heuser who died in Nov.
- Bob Holland Park to be renovated. The playground will be updated to meet safety standards and allow handicapped access.
- Sweetbriar Park bridge needs to be inspected regularly, as do all park bridges.
- Tabak Park renovation is nearly complete.
- Summer Camp Guide will go out in mid January
- Customer Service and Finance Manager positions at the Community Center are open
- Dan met with VF Park Alliance about N.Gulph Rd. Connector trail. All relevant organizations attended but none has stepped forward to take ownership although funding is available.
- Dan met with new UMAHS sports director and the meeting went well

6. Adjournment 8:30 PM

Kindly Submitted
Mary Ann Ahearn