

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2016

1. Call to Order

The March 14, 2016 meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice- Chairperson, John Murray. Those in attendance were:

Rob Nagele	Member
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Danielle Dvorchak	Secretary
Donald Petrilie	Member
Kathleen Johnson	Member
Clare Edelmayer	Township Commissioner, Liaison

2. Approval of the January 11, 2016 Minutes

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions or concerns relative to the Minutes of January 11, 2016. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the January 11, 2016 Minutes. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

No Public Comments

4. Old Business

A. Playground Audit

Mrs. Edelmayer advised that on January 22, 2016 Leathers had performed an inspection of the playground. She explained the repairs that were made by the Township were inspected. Mrs. Edelmayer reported there were some minor repairs that need to be made and noted that it was a good report overall. Mrs. Edelmayer felt that the annual preventive maintenance that was performed on the playground assisted in keeping it in good condition.

Ms. Johnson questioned what the life span was of these types of playground. Mrs. Edelmayer was unsure but noted that there were playgrounds such as these in Ocean City, New Jersey and in Doylestown, PA. Mrs. Edelmayer stated that the playground in Doylestown was not maintained by the township and ended up being demolished.

B. Pickleball Courts

Mrs. Edelmayer advised that Mr. Kaker met with T & M Engineers and the design was in the process. She explained two courts would be installed. Mrs. Edelmayer stated that once the specifications were received it could then go through the bidding process.

C. Community Center Needs Assessment

Mrs. Edelmayer stated that there was a group of people working on it, including Mr. Zumpino who has valuable input. She noted a Planning Commission member, Gil Silverman was also in the group.

Mrs. Edelmayer explained that a survey link was available through the Park and Recreation Facebook. There was brief discussion relative to the survey; how it was being presented to the Township residents and survey feedback.

6. New Business

- A. Earth Day, August 22**
- B. Concert Series – May 18 to July 13**
- C. Golf Outing – Monday, June 6**
- D. Cinema Under the Stars – Friday, June 17**
- E. NRPA Night Sky Campout – Friday, July 8**
- F. Carnival – September 8 to 11**
- G. Fall Fest – October 15**
- H. Coach Bag Bingo - November**

Mrs. Edelmayer advised that the above programs were going to be available along with the annual events the Township has had. Mr. Nagele noted the campout sounded like a great program. Mrs. Edelmayer reported that people have already signed up for the campout.

Mrs. Edelmayer noted that there was a new Summer Camp and Tennis Instructor.

7. Other Business

A. Trails

Mrs. Edelmayer stated that the Wissahickon Valley Watershed would like to extend its trail into Lansdale. She reminded that Merck was building a passive park on Dickerson Road in conjunction with Wissahickon Valley Watershed. Mrs. Edelmayer explained that the Watershed was seeking right-of-ways and she wanted the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to be aware.

Mrs. Edelmayer advised that previously there had been a concept for a five-mile trail that never got approved. She noted that she had attended a meeting with Mr. Kaker and Ms. Croke in Ambler where the Montgomery County Planning Commission was in attendance. Mrs. Edelmayer reported that Lower Gwynedd has been adding one trail per year.

Mrs. Edelmayer suggesting pursuing the previous trail in a different way, including mapping out where it would go first. She then suggested getting support for the trail from the community.

There was brief discussion relative to trails in other municipalities.

Mr. Murray questioned if there would be County funding available and Mrs. Edelmayer stated she was unsure but it could be looked into.

B. "Fix It" Station

Ms. Dvorchek stated she had been in contact with Mr. Kaker relative to a "Fix It" station where if a bicyclist gets a flat they can repair it at this station. She noted that it had to be installed where bike traffic was high. Ms. Dvorchek showed a picture of one in another municipality and advised the cost was approximately \$1200.00.

8. Call for Adjournment

Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or concerns. Upon hearing none, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak
Secretary