

**Upper Gwynedd Township**

**Park and Recreation Board**

**Minutes**

**May 9, 2016**

**1. Call to Order**

The May 9, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Rob Nagele. Those in attendance were:

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Don Petrille	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Danielle Dvorchak	Member
Kathryn Carlson	Member
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Alex Kaker	Park & Recreation Director
Emily Croke	Park & Recreation Program Director
Ken Kroberger	Commissioner
Jeanette Popone	Resident

Mr. Nagele took a moment to welcome new member Kathleen Dooley.

**2. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2016**

Mr. Nagle asked for any questions or corrections relative to the Minutes of March 14, 2016. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to approve the March 14, 2016 Minutes. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comments**

Resident Jeanette Popone of Stoney Creek, questioned if the proposed activity center would cause a tax increase and how would it be sustained without a tax increase. She advised that she belonged to some activity centers and there were fees that could make it costly to the person using it. Ms. Popone was concerned if services would be duplicated from other municipalities that offered a service free but Upper Gwynedd Township charges for the same service. Mr. Kaker advised that there were no budgetary numbers available at this time making it difficult to answer the questions. He explained that this was still in the beginning stages relative to whether or not there is a need.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Community Center Needs Assessment Update**

Mr. Kaker gave an update on the Community Center Needs Assessment project. T&M Associates is continuing to develop a narrative to go along with the survey results. Discussion is still being had on the next step once the narrative is complete.

**B. Pickleball Construction Update**

Mr. Kaker gave an update on the Pickleball Court project. The courts will have a big enough footprint to accommodate a tennis court if necessary in the future. Due to the layout, there will be enough room to fit in 4 pickleball courts. The hitting wall will be moved over to a tennis court. The plans are to be presented to the Board of Commissioners next month for authorization to bid. No lighting will be added at this time.

**C. Programming Update**

Mr. Kaker explained the current budget is doing well. Basketball registrations are now done online. A discussion was had on the economics of different programs. The spring recreation soccer league increased from 89 to 103 participants.

**D. Earth Day Event**

Ms. Croke held a successful Earth Day event with volunteers from Merck & Co., ReSAWN TIMBER, PA Horticultural Society and other local resident volunteers. Over 20 trees and a butterfly garden were planted at Parkside Place. Mr. Zumpino mentioned it was in The Reporter. Ms. Croke explained a bench will also be installed later at the butterfly garden.

**5. New Business****A. Sponsorship Review**

Mr. Kaker gave an overview of the sponsorship process for the Parks and Recreation Department. In the past, businesses could donate money for each individual event, but now sponsorship are offered in levels with multiple events/programs within each level. Mr. Kroberger asked the materials be added to the next Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting.

**B. Cinema Under the Stars**

Ms. Croke gave an overview of the upcoming Cinema Under the Stars on Friday, June 17. Kids are out of school and the movie will be The Sandlot shown at sundown. North Wales Library will try to sponsor a food truck. People are welcome to bring blankets and chairs and held at the Amphitheater. Mr. Nagele asked if there would be entertainment before the movie. Ms. Croke explained the WVWA will be showing a movie beforehand.

**C. Carnival – September 8 -11**

Mr. Kaker discussed the carnival dates and that they are looking for volunteer ticket takers. He explained they lost some vendors last year due to the change in dates that now compete with other local township big events. He will look to add new vendors this year. Mr. Murray will take care of all the condiments and supplies for the sausage stand.

**6. Other Business**

Mr. Kaker noted the concert series will start next week and run for 10 straight Wednesdays. The Mango Men will be performing at the Carnival on that Sunday.

Montgomery County Senior Games will be held next week. UGT will be running the Hot Shots and Free Throw competition at Parkside Place. Mr. Kaker and Ms. Croke will run the football and softball throw competition at Montgomery County Community College.

The Golf Outing on June 6 has over 120 participants registered.

Mr. Kaker made the board aware of a new park off of Dickerson Road. It is land donated by Merck to the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association who will maintain the park. Dodsworth Run Preserve.

Mrs. Dvorchak discussed Gaga Ball and brought materials to share with the board. Ms. Croke explained the rules.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Petrille seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak  
Secretary