

**Upper Gwynedd Township  
Park and Recreation Board**

**Minutes**

**August 8, 2016**

**1. Call to Order**

The August 8, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chairperson John Murray. Those in attendance were:

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| 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 Coordinator |
| Steve Sands       | Commissioner                          |

**2. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2016**

Mr. Murray asked for any questions or corrections relative to the Minutes of March 14, 2016. Upon hearing none, Mrs. Carlson made a motion to approve the May 9, 2016 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zumpino and it passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Old Business**

**A. Carnival – September 8-11**

Mr. Kaker noted the majority of the planning was finished. All orders for the Sausage Stand have been completed. Ticket-takers are needed for the event, Ms. Croke is organizing the volunteer schedule. There will not be pre-sales of the wristbands. Every food vendor from 2015 is coming back along with two new vendors.

**B. Golf Outing**

Mr. Kaker gave an overview of the golf outing on June 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 136 golfers and 52 hole sponsors. The event brought in about \$1,200 for the Parks and Recreation department.

**C. Movie Under the Stars**

Mr. Kaker gave an overview of the Movie Under the Stars event held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A good crowd attended "The Sandlot." There were outdoor games and free popcorn at the event.

**D. Night Sky Campout**

Mr. Kaker thanked Park and Recreation Board members Mr. Nagele, Mrs. Dvorchak and Mrs. Furlong for their assistance at the event. Along with the assistance of the Keystone Fellowship of Montgomeryville, it was a successful event. Over 40 tents and 100+ participants played outdoor games, made s'mores and watched a showing of movie "Minions," before sleeping overnight at Parkside Place.

**E. Community Center**

A discussion was had on the progress of the Needs Assessment Committee. Mr. Zumpino expanded on possible grant opportunities for the project. It was noted that residents and non-residents would be able to use the facility at perhaps different rates for programs.

**F. Summer Programs**

Mr. Kaker went over the summer programs and events. A discussion was had on the concert line-up. Mr. Petrille mentioned the 50's band was really good. Mrs. Carlson brought up signage issues and a discussion was had on how to make it better. Ms. Croke explained she will look into adding banners with eye hooks next year.

**G. Pickleball Courts**

Mr. Kaker explained the bids from June were too high and the township will go out to re-bid in November of this year, with hope of construction in early 2017. It will create 4 individual pickleball courts.

**5. New Business**

**A. Fall Programs**

There was a discussion on the newest Township Editor and the upcoming programs.

**B. Fall Fest October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**C. Galentine's Bag Bingo November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Sands mentioned the coach bag bingo was popular with his daughter's soccer team as a fundraiser. Babysitting training will again be offered this fall.

**6. Other Business**

Mr. Sands asked if there have ever been any inquiries on cricket pitches. Mr. Kaker responded that he had been contacted a couple times in the last few years. Groups are welcome to use the fields temporarily, but cannot leave equipment at any park.

A discussion was had on Garfield Park and the Open Space Plan done in 2005. Mr. Zumpino explained that the neighborhood did not want a basketball court.

Mr. Kaker showed the board the new lending library built by Zachary Blanchard of Troop 84. He did a fantastic job with it.

**7. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak  
Secretary