

Upper Gwynedd Township
Park and Recreation Board

Minutes

March 13, 2017

1. Call to Order

The March 13, 2017 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Nagele. Those in attendance were:

Clare Edelmayer	Commissioner Liaison
Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Mike Zumpino	Member
Danielle Dvorchak	Member
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Kathy Johnson	Member
Don Petrille	Member
Alex Kaker	Park & Recreation Director
Kris Neild	Resident
Ryan Neild	Resident

2. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2017

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions or corrections relative to the Minutes of January 9, 2017. Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 Minutes contingent upon adding the discussion about the possibility of lighting the complex for the winter holidays in the "other business" section. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dooley and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

Ryan Neild from Troop 152 was present to obtain a merit badge.

4. Old Business

A. Smoking Ordinance

Mr. Kaker briefed the P&R Board about his presentation to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) regarding the motion by the P&R Board to prohibit smoking in the parks and open space. The BOC will bring it up at their next meeting to advertise an ordinance before officially voting on it in May.

B. Pickleball Courts

Construction will begin as soon as the snow melts. Mr. Zumpino was acknowledged for his work putting together a grant application for the pickleball court lights. Mr. Zumpino and Mrs. Edelmayer spoke to Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale personally about the application at the Volunteer Luncheon.

C. Community Center

Mr. Kaker gave an update on the architectural design process. The Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) has interviewed three firms out of the 13 firms that submitted proposals. The NAC is putting together a formal recommendation for the BOC as to who to select for this project. Experience in design through construction, particularly of recreation centers were key in selecting the firms to interview.

5. New Business

A. Garfield Park (Placeholder)

There was a discussion about possibly putting a Gaga Pit at Garfield Park. Mrs. Dvorchak has a neighbor (Penndale student) who may be interested in providing the labor as long as the Township covered the costs. He may be reaching out in the future about this.

B. Earth Day

Mr. Kaker went over the plan for Earth Day. Trees will be planted at Whittaker Park as well as placing a soccer goal there. Additional trees will be planted in open space along Supplee and Powderhorn Drive.

C. Save the Date – Volunteers needed

- a. Night Sky Campout – July 7
- b. Carnival – Thursday through Sunday, September 7,8,9,10
- c. Fall Fest – Saturday, October 14
- d. Galentine’s Day Designer Bag Bingo – October 20

6. Other Business

The P&R Board needs two members. Please reach out to anyone who may be interested in joining the board.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak
Secretary