

**Upper Gwynedd Township
Park and Recreation Board**

Minutes

August 14, 2017

1. Call to Order

The August 2014, 2017 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Nagele. Those in attendance were:

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Danielle Dvorchak	Member
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Kathy Johnson	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
Don Petrille	Member
Alex Kaker	Parks & Recreation Director
Emily Croke	Recreation Program Coordinator
Clare Edelmayer	Commissioner

2. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2017

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions or corrections relative to the Minutes of May 8, 2017. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zumpino and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

A. Smoking Ordinance

Mr. Kaker gave a final update on the smoking ordinance. It was passed at the May BOC meeting and signs have been placed around the township's park and open spaces. Enforcement will be just as it is for patrons who do not pick up after their dog or leashes them.

B. Pickleball Courts

Mr. Kaker showed pictures of the ribbon cutting ceremony held on June 24th. It was very well attended and been used extensively over the last month. There is a group anyone can register for called "Meetup" that plays on Monday & Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Everyone must RSPV for each date and it ensures that 60 people

don't come to play at the same time and end up having to wait an extended period of time. The cost is \$15 for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year.

C. Community Center

Mr. Kaker gave a brief update on the community center. Parkside Place complex is being surveyed to understand boundary lines and possible storm water concerns. The Needs Assessment Committee meets again with the architect in September where they anticipate seeing the first 3D designs of a potential facility. Mr. Zumpino commented how impressed he has been with the overall professionalism and scope that the architect has been providing.

D. Summer Programming Recap

a. Golf Outing

Mr. Kaker gave a review of the golf outing on June 5th. The weather was wet early on, but all attendees were given rain jackets by coincidence for their door gifts and it was warm enough that everyone seemed to enjoy their time. There were 120 golfers this year, which is average for this event.

b. Concerts

Mr. Kaker gave a summary of the concert series. All 10 concerts were held, no rain-outs. Average attendance was about 150. Ms. Croke explained the background of the food truck that was present for the concerts.

c. Movie Under the Stars

Three movies were shown this year: Secret Life of Pets, Sing and Fantastic Beasts (four if you include Jurassic Park at the Campout). Ms. Croke talked about the different days of the weeks they were shown and how it did not seem to affect attendance rates. This is a program that you will likely see every summer moving forward.

d. Night Sky Campout

Ms. Croke gave an overview of the Night Sky Campout event on Friday July 7th. 985 pounds of donated goods went to Manna on Main. It did rain for a bit, but it stopped in time to show the movie. Before the rain, lots of events were set up by the Keystone Fellowship, which were well received. Free hot dogs and breakfast was provided. Mr. Zumpino commented on how he enjoyed being at the check in table and the energy that the event had. Mr. Kaker commended Emily for a job well done. Mr. Nagele commented that he has seen more people at all of the events this summer and commended Mr. Kaker and Ms. Croke for their efforts.

5. New Business

A. Park-Sci Playground Presentation (Emily Croke)

Ms. Croke gave a presentation on how the township could go about replacing Park-Sci Playground if necessary. This was part of a project she needed to complete for her Master's degree at Temple University. The board discussed.

B. Carnival – September 7 – 10

Ms. Croke made a request for volunteers at the ticket booth and noted she had yard signs for anyone interested.

C. Fall Fest – Saturday, October 14

Ms. Croke has sent out registration forms for the car show and vendors. Lots of the same activities last year will be back this year, including the petting zoo. The escaping goat was mentioned. Ms. Croke explained the process for recruiting cars.

D. Galentine’s Day Bingo – Friday, October 20

Ms. Croke explained what the Bingo program is. There were 135 attendees last year. Mr. Petrille mentioned he heard requests for more food to be available, like hot dogs. Mr. Kaker and Ms. Croke explained the idea is BYO and the majority of attendees understand that.

6. Other Business

Mr. Kaker noted that tennis participation has gone up from last year. The Penn Suburban Community Tennis Association has been providing the instruction. Mr. Nagele commented on how great the grounds have looked throughout the summer, mentioning Eric, John, Lori and the summer help. Mr. Duardo mentioned the new soccer goal out at Whittaker gets used a lot by 8-12 year olds and the field is getting mowed more.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak
Secretary