

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2017

Minutes

7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Danielle Dvorchak	Member
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
Kathleen Johnson	Member
Meredith Ziamba	Member
Emily Croke	Park & Rec Program Coordinator
Clare Edelmayer	Commissioner

2. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2017

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the Minutes of September 18, 2017. Mr. Zumpino recalled the discussion of flower bed maintenance at Garfield Park. Mrs. Dvorchak noted the flower beds had been cleaned up the week after the meeting and as a result, looks beautiful. Mrs. Edelmayer attributed the fast action to the new supervision of the Park Maintenance Staff, overseen by Director, Alex Kaker. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the September 18, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zumpino and it passed motion.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

A. Holiday Lights

Mr. Nagele offered for Troop 152 to decorate the Gazebo in Parkside Place Park with white lights found in the outdoor shed. Mr. Nagele will speak with the Park Maintenance Staff to determine a power source and timer to turn the lights on daily.

B. Fall Fest

Ms. Croke thanked the volunteers: Danielle Dvorchak, Matt Duardo, Kathleen Dooley and Mike Zumpino for assisting. The Car Show was successful with 100 cars, which was less than last year, however, with rain conditions, this was a very good turnout. Car Show registration fees will be changing for 2018 to comply with budget restrictions. Mrs. Johnson mentioned the petting zoo was well liked by all who attended. Mr. Nagele noted the photo booth was also a hit.

C. Galentine's Bag Bingo

Ms. Croke noted the sold-out event was able to profit \$3,226 for children's camp scholarships. Ms. Croke thanked the volunteers: Clare Edelmayer, Danielle Dvorchak, Heather Perez, Kathleen Dooley, Karen Buzby, Jane Murray, Christine DiPippo, Colleen Tronoski, Deanna Logan, Rachel Croke, Amanda Croke and Regina Croke. Additional thanks to the many local businesses who contributed items for the 35 raffle baskets that were raffled off at the event. Ms. Croke also noted the event was BYOB. Many of the women in attendance noted they would not attend if the event did not allow alcohol. The event was held at the Upper Gwynedd Fire Department Banquet Hall because they allow alcohol whereas township parks do not. The event will remain an annual event.

D. Community Center

Mrs. Edelmayer noted the Needs Assessment Committee (NAC) had a meeting earlier the same day on November 13, 2017 regarding the proposed community center. Mrs. Edelmayer concluded the building offers opportunity for growth in the community and meets the needs the community indicated in the Public Survey taken in 2016. Mr. Zumpino noted that although the financials are not aligned yet, the building offers multitudes of opportunity for users of all ages. Ms. Croke noted the community demand for various leagues, which would be met with the proposed building. Mrs. Dvorchak inquired about the possibility of building in phases, to which Mrs. Edelmayer noted the phase approach is not cost effective. Mr. Duardo inquired about membership fees and Ms. Croke indicated nothing has been decided. Mr. Zumpino added the proposed building would meet the needs in a more efficient manner than buildings in other communities. The community center would continue to offer the cohesive atmosphere that Parkside Place Park currently offers. Mr. Zumpino will continue to research grants, sponsorship and corporate contributions.

5. New Business

A. Pickleball Lights

Ms. Edelmayer noted a grant was acquired by Montgomery County for the lights. The grant will cover half of the cost, the township will cover the remaining half. Ms. Croke added this will open the courts for more play time.

B. Bus Trips

Ms. Croke noted the Radio City trip will be on December 5th and a trip on February 17th for Wicked and School of Rock. These trips are typically sold-out.

C. Pocket Park Programming Discussion

Ms. Croke proposed the potential use of Garfield Park and West Point park for recreational programming. The board collectively noted the parking and safety concerns. The dissension to program in open space parks was declined.

6. Other Business

Mrs. Johnson noted the Newbury Two Project indicated a financial contribution to the Park and Recreation Department. Ms. Croke will follow up.

Ms. Edelmayer indicated three issues brought to her by residents. One issue was the safety of pedestrian crossing the Green Ribbon Trail on North Wales Road. The second issue was a paved trail from the sidewalk at Garfield Park to the playground. The third issue was a specified crosswalk for pedestrians at Whittaker Park. Ms. Croke will follow up.

Ms. Edelmayer thanked the board for allowing her to be a member of the township's Park and Recreation development for the past 25 years. The board thanked Ms. Edelmayer for her devotion to the township. Ms. Edelmayer beginning as a Park and Recreation Board Member then was elected as a long-time Commissioner. Ms. Edelmayer has been an instrumental member in creating positive change in our community. The Park and Recreation Board was honored to have Clare Edelmayer as a liaison. She will be greatly missed and always remembered as the community's voice.

7. Call for Adjournment

Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray motioned for adjournment. Mr. Zumpino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.