

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB)
MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 13, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Tom Duffy	Commissioner/Liaison
Kathleen Johnson	Secretary
Mike Zumpino	Member
Kathryn Dooley	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Emily Croke	Superintendent of Recreation
Alex Kaker	Director of Parks & Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on May 14, 2018

Mr. Nagele announce that Mrs. Dvorchak had withdrawn from the Park and Recreation Board (PRB). Mrs. Johnson was appointed as the new Secretary. Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of May 14, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Johnson. The motion to approve the May 14, 2018 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

There were none.

4. Old Business

A. Dog Park Discussion

Mr. Kaker asked for comments and questions pertaining to the Dog Park Report drafted by the Dog Park Feasibility Committee. The PRB discussed the survey results, potential locations, estimated costs, and concerns of adding a dog park, including the time constraints a dog park could place on existing staff. The PRB will send any additional questions they may have to Mr. Kaker for discussion at the September PRB meeting. Mr. Kaker will also be sending the PRB the completed questionnaires that members from the Feasibility Committee gathered from surrounding municipalities with dog parks. Mr. Kaker will be asking the PRB at the September meeting if they recommend allocating funding for a dog park design in 2019 to the Board of Commissioners.

B. Holiday Lighting Event

Ms. Croke announced that roles for the holiday lighting event have been distributed. This will be an opportunity for the PRB to organize and administer a new event for the community. Mrs. Dooley suggested that the PRB should meet to get the ball rolling. The event has been advertised for Friday, December 7 and will take place from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

C. Pickleball Courts (Lighting)

Mr. Kaker announced that the pickleball lighting project was completed at the end of June and he has received lots of positive feedback. The Township is still awaiting an invoice from the contractor. Once the bill is paid Mr. Kaker will apply for reimbursement via the MontCo 2040 grant obtained last year with assistance from Mr. Zumpino.

D. Summer Recap

Mr. Kaker reported that registration numbers for programs was down about 10%. He mentioned that other municipalities are seeing similar trends. The Summer Concert Series went well, but did have two rain-outs. Mr. Nagele noted that the Greaseband and Philadelphia Funk Authority brought out more people than in all the years he has attended the series. Cinema Under the Stars also had a rainout, but the other two movies were well attended. The Night Sky Campout also had a great turnout and raised hundreds of pounds of goods for Manna on Main.

5. New Business

A. Carnival – September 6-9

Mr. Kaker thanked those who had already volunteered to work the ticket booths. Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers will be playing on Friday night at 6:00pm.

B. Fall Fest – Sunday, October 20th

Ms. Croke is requesting volunteers for the car show and ticket takers. More information will be sent after the Carnival.

C. Galentine's Coach Bag Bingo – Friday, November 2nd

Ms. Croke will be requesting volunteer assistance after the carnival. She will be working on obtaining donations for the event. Mr. Nagele noted how full the parking lot is for the event and Ms. Croke added that the event always sells out and is a reliable fundraising occasion.

6. Other Business

Mr. Zumpino complimented the breadth of programs and events organized by the department and Mr. Nagele complimented how good Parkside Place Park has looked over the summer.

7. Call for Adjournment (next meeting – Monday, September 17)

Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Zumpino and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Johnson
Secretary