

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2015

1. Call to Order

The March 9, 2015 meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice- Chairperson, John Murray. Those in attendance were:

Christopher Carroll	Chairman
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Danielle Dvorchak	Secretary
Rob Nagele	Member
Suzy Furlong	Member
Michael Zumpino	Member
Kathleen Johnson	Member
Alex Kaker	Park & Recreation Director
Clare Edelmayer	Township Commissioner, Liaison

2. Approval of the January 12, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Carroll asked for any questions or concerns relative to the Minutes of January 12, 2015. Mrs. Edelmayer and Ms. Dvorchak noted in the section referring to the Pickleball Courts it should read that the "Commissioners would like to see a tennis court could be used as a Pickleball court with a designated time to see if there was interest. She stated with the Park Monitors would be there to check on usage." Mr. Zumpino noted he was missing from the "Present" section of the meeting. Mrs. Edelmayer suggested a check-off list upon entering to make it easier upon transcription of the Minutes to know who was in attendance and who was not. Mr. Carroll asked for any further questions or concerns. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the January 12, 2015 Minutes. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

Mrs. Edelmayer introduced Alex Kaker, the new Upper Gwynedd Township Park and Recreation Director. Mr. Kaker gave a brief background of his personal and professional background.

4. Old Business

A. Lindsay Blanton - WVWA

Lindsay Blanton of Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association was in attendance to speak about the Green Ribbon Trail. She advised WVWA was seeking more of a partnership with the municipalities. Ms. Blanton reviewed the different programs WVWA has going on in the area. She discussed issues related to WVWA. Ms. Blanton advised WVWA would like to do education outreach, rain garden workshops and things of that nature.

B. Summer Programs

Mr. Kaker advised that the Park and Recreation Board should have received information relative to what type of programming he would be offering. He stated there were programs that have been previously offered and he was offering some new programs as well.

Mrs. Edelmayer questioned where the Dutch Language class would be taking place and Mr. Kaker advised that it took place in a board room in the Township Building.

In response to Mr. Zumpinos' question how the survey went out to the public, Mr. Kaker explained there was a program called Constant Contact, with a thousand plus emails from previous registrations. He advised he developed the survey and sent it out.

Ms. Dvorchak reported that Community Pass was developed where people can sign up on line and was very convenient. She noted that she could move out of the Township and still sign up for programs through the Community Pass. Ms. Dvorchak was very pleased with this program.

In response to a question relative to what t-ball sports was, Mr. Kaker stated it was a program that was run last year. He noted it was cancelled last year but there were enough to run it this year. Mr. Kaker advised there were fifty-two children signed up for soccer and he was very pleased with that number.

Mr. Zumpino noted approximately a quarter of the families in the Township were reached with the survey that Mr. Kaker did and stated that was a great start.

6. New Business

A. Playground Celebration

Mr. Kaker advised that this celebration was scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 1 pm to 3 pm. He stated a clown which was a balloonist was scheduled to be there with a quartet, and along with some other entertainment. Mr. Kaker questioned if the Park and Recreation Board wanted a rain date. He explained the entertainment would need to be paid for both dates and it could get expensive. Mr. Nagel suggested rain or shine and Mr. Kaker agreed. Mr. Murray asked where the music would be and Mr. Kaker answered wherever the Township wanted to place them. Mr. Kaker stated if it were storming the celebration would not be able to take place. Mrs. Edelmayer suggested a tent to place the cupcakes and Mr. Kaker advised there was the snack stand that may be able to be used. Mr. Murray reminded there was the Commissioners soda cart that could be used. Mrs. Edelmayer stated that could work and was in need of refurbishing as well.

Mr. Kaker questioned how many cupcakes should be on hand as they cost \$2 per cupcake. He did note that was only quote he received from a woman who was teaching a class for the Township. Mrs. Edelmayer suggested checking with Distelfink on Valley Forge Road. Mr. Kaker suggested 250 cupcakes and everyone agreed. Mr. Murray suggested checking with vo-technical schools too.

Mr. Kaker asked Mrs. Edelmayer who should present speeches. Mrs. Edelmayer stated Wendy Weirman, Ken Kroberger or herself, Karen Katrina. There was a suggestion to take a look at the plaques. Mr. Kaker suggested handouts be available such as a magnetic calendars. There was discussion relative to the pickets being sold.

B. Spring Programming

Mr. Kaker advised that the Art Classes did run and the soccer program had 52 registrations. He stated there were re-occurring programs. Mr. Kaker explained the next trip was to Gettysburg in conjunction with Lower Gwynedd.

C. Community Center Plan

Mr. Kaker stated there was a meeting scheduled with Russ Benner to give a report since this was his first time meeting with him. Mr. Zumpino advised this meeting should tell how additional space could be configured to add to the existing Community Center.

7. Other Business

There was no other business

8. Call for Adjournment

Mr. Carroll asked for any further questions or concerns. Upon hearing none, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Dvorchak
Secretary