

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday, March 18, 2024
Minutes
7:00 P.M. in person and zoom**

1. Call to Order

Amy Juarez	Chairperson
Cory Lippert	Vice Chair
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
Mike Zumpino	Member
Brian Rippert	Member
Rob Morse	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Chris Pietrak	Member
Katie Starrantino	Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Bekir Altunbas	P & R Specialist
Greg Moll	BOC Liaison

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2024

Ms. Juarez asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of January 22, 2024. A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Juarez. A motion to approve the January 22, 2024; meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Introduce New Board Members Katie Starrantino and Chris Pietrak. Introduced Bekir Altunbas, our new Park and Rec Specialist.

Both Ms. Starrantino and Ms. Pietrak introduced themselves and talked about why they wanted to become a member of the Park and Rec Board. Mr. Altunbas introduced himself and talked about his role at Upper Gwynedd.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Spring Special Events – Ms. Prebis updated:

1. Golf Outing – Date, April 15. We have 9, 4-somes right now. We want about 20 total. We are about the same place we were last year for this event. New for 2024 – Drunk Goggle putting contest and shoot the ball from the cannon.
2. Bag Bingo - we have 190 people registered and we are capping that (up about 20 people from last year.) We will be shopping for the bags next week and are almost complete with raffle prizes.
3. UFK Food Truck – We have 11 trucks plus McAllister’s beer truck for 2024. Speaker is booked (north Penn alliance – 2 students.) We are advertising vendors and poetry contest.

4. Senior Games – Mon, May 6 – Fri, May 10, 2024. We are holding Basketball Foul Shooting on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 and are looking for volunteers. Many of the Park Board members stepped up and said they could attend and help.
- B. Movies/Concerts and camp registration.
 1. Movies/Concerts - Ms. Juarez asked about the movie Grease and having people dress up for a prize. Ms. Prebis said that is a great idea, we will get gift cards for the prizes and start advertising this.
 2. Summer Camps - The camps that sold out the day we opened registration were: Teen Camp (all 3 weeks,) Am Mini's camp and most of the Camp Parkside. Mad Science and Lego also sold out since then. Our new camps include: Summer Dance, Art camp and summer mini-moovers camps.
- C. Update on Master Park Plan – We have our 2nd public meeting on Wed, March 27 from 6:30 – 8pm. Our firm has interviewed the staff and has started key person interviews. They will also be interviewing teens and seniors next week. This plan will be complete by December 2024.

6. **New Business**

- A. Awards 2024: Upper Gwynedd Park and Rec received an “Excellence in Programming Award” at their annual PRPS conference in Seven Springs. We won the award for our Unplugged Week. It is a huge honor to be presented an award in front of all our PA colleges.
- B. Sponsors 2024 – We are up to \$9750 in sponsorship for 2024. That is only down \$250 from last year. Ms. Prebis is still working on gaining more sponsors.
- C. Unplugged Week – Schedule is coming along. We need volunteers to help with “Puzzles with the Park Board.” We will have a few jigsaw puzzles but will also have brain teasers and other puzzle games. To incentivize people to attend, we will also be providing popsicles. “PUZZLES and POPSICLES with the PARK BOARD!”
- D. Capital Projects:
 1. Hartley Meadow Project – Ms. Prebis, the township engineers and township assistant manager met with Natural Lands and came up with a plan to start this project. This will begin in the spring.
 2. Pole Barn – we are going to go to bid for this project. The cost of the COSTARS provider is very high.
 3. Rexdale playground – we will be replacing Rexdale Playground this Spring/Summer. We are working with a COSTARS company, Gen Rec, at the moment to come up with a design.
 4. Water Fountains – we have all 3 in!! They will be turned on for the spring season (once the weather gets warmer- to prevent pipes freezing.) We have one by the pavilion, one by the basketball/tennis courts and one attached to the concession stand.
 5. New Camp shed – a 10 X 20 shed is ordered and will be here in 4 weeks. Our Maintenance staff is working on putting down a pad for this.

7. **Other Business**

- Ms. Pietrak asked about making the Pickleball Meet-up both beginner and intermediate sessions. Ms. Prebis has to look into this. The issue becomes - who is judging which players are beginner and which players are intermediate? Meet up is designed to just have pickleball players to get on the courts and have people to play with. We will further discuss how we can make this for.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024. Ms. Juarez asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Lippert and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis