

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2023
Minutes
7:00 P.M. in person and zoom

1. Call to Order

Amy Juarez	Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
Mike Zumpino	Member
Brian Rippert	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Rob Morse	Member
Liz McNaney	Board of Commissioners
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Leigha Getty	P & R Program Coordinator
Lexi McKinney	P & R Intern

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2023

Ms. Juarez asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of January 23, 2023. A motion was made by Ms. Murphy to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Rippert A motion to approve the January 23, 2023; meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

There were none

4. Old Business

A. Master Comp Plan 2023 - Ms. Prebis reported there were 11 applications submitted to be on the Master Comp Planning Committee. She and Ms. McNaney will be going through these applications and appointing the ones chosen to this committee. Ms. Prebis told the Park Board they could also be as involved or not as involved as they wanted. She will make sure they are notified when we hold the meetings.

B. Update on Camps 2023- Ms. Getty reported the Teen Trip Camp filled all 3 weeks (40 spots per week,) in 10 minutes after opening registration. We also had 30+ on each weeks waiting list. With extra park and rec staff this year, we were able to add a bus to each week, 4 staff members and 40 extra tickets to each trip. Along with the Teen Trip Camp, the Mini's Day Camp also filled in record time. Ms. Getty reported we came up with an idea to add an afternoon session to each week to try to accommodate the wait list.

- In addition to those camps, we are also offering 2 engineering camps, a CSI Camp, a pre-K Art camp, a pre-K sports camp, mad science camps, a basketball camp, cheerleading camp, a chess camp, a pottery camp, a drawing camp, drama camp and sports camps.

C. Update on Special Events – Ms. McKinney handed out movie fliers, so the board could see what movies we are showing, and we also talked about the concerts. New ideas for movies and concerts this year: Ms. Getty mentioned that for each concert, we

will have a different food truck there. For the movie Grease, Ms. Juarez had an idea of advertising “Dress up” for the movie. The Park and Rec Department is also collecting food donations the night of the concert, “Snacktime” in conjunction with Garden of Health in North Wales.

- Ms. Prebis talked about Bag Bingo and new this year: P & R is trying to get a DJ, along with the police officers to “model” the bags. She mentioned Ms. Getty and Ms. McKinney are working hard to get donations and we have more donations than we’ve ever had. Ms. McKinney went down a list of donations, that they already have acquired. These donations will be split between Bingo and the Golf Outing for raffles.
- Ms. McKinney talked about the new event for Earth Day. We are planting a flower garden this year. She is also planning a floral demo, compost demo, we are hatching duck eggs and butterflies, doing crafts, and planting a couple spaces of wildflowers.

5. **New Business**

- A. Award – Ms. Getty announced that our Upper Gwynedd Parks and Recreation department has received another award for 2023 from the state of Pennsylvania for our Blind Sports Event we ran in the fall. This was an Excellence in Programming Award, and we will be receiving it at our conference on March 22nd. This event brought over 30 blind families to our community. They came as far as New Jersey!
- B. Unplugged Week – Ms. Prebis stated that we are asking the Park Board to help us this year. We thought they could do, “Board Games with the Park Board.” They will meet at the pavilion and run a few board games with the resident families. The board chatted up some games they could bring and will email Ms. Getty to volunteer to run this!
- C. Sponsorship 2023 – Ms. Prebis reported this has been the biggest year for sponsorship in 4 years. We received a total of \$12,000 to help with our free events or anything else we might want to use it for.
- D. Dedication of our Community Center – Ms. Prebis stated she has been in touch with Ms. Nagele, and she and her sons want to name the Community Center the “Robert Nagele Jr. Community Center.” Ms. Prebis has been in touch with a sign company and is awaiting some ideas for a new sign. She will then meet with Ms. Nagele to pick a date for the dedication and get a list of attendees.
- E. Update of Park and Recreation Capitol Projects that were started-
 - Pole Barn meeting has been set for March 15 with the engineers on how to start this process.
 - The bathrooms at the Playground are being completed this week. They have been painted and the floors have been re-done.
 - We have evaluated 2 marquis board companies (both COSTARS) and are just waiting prices to make a decision.
 - Ms. Juarez asked about Bingo and having to pay a staff member to be at St Rose. She would volunteer to be that staff member, so we do not have to pay one. Ms. Prebis will check on this with

6. **Other Business**

Mr. Rippert mentioned that if we have a boy scout willing to do an Eagle Scout project, we could use a Gaga Pit at Whitaker Park.

Ms. Prebis mentioned that we put in 3 new memorial benches in the past 2 months. We also have all the information out about the memorial tree program that we will start this spring.

Mr. Rippert and Ms. McNaney talked about a beer/wine festival that they have been to and would be amazing for Upper Gwynedd. The board chatted about having this limited (meaning only a few hours,) having other activities, and having it during the day so it's more of a social thing and not focusing on mainly drinking.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023. Ms. Juarez asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis