

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday September 20, 2021
Minutes
7:00 P.M. on ZOOM/in person**

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Amy Juarez	Vice Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
Cory Lippert	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Ruth Damsker	Board Member
Denise Hull	Board Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Leigha Adduci Getty	Parks and Rec Program Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Zumpino to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Johnson. A motion to approve the August 16, 2021, meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Old Business

- A. Carnival Recap – Ms. Prebis stated it was the biggest carnival year we have ever had. We almost doubled ticket sales from 2019. She also thanked all the park board for their help volunteering. With all these people at the carnival, we came away unscathed. Ms. Prebis asked everyone to let her know of things that went well for carnival 2021 and things we may want to tweak for next year. Mr. Lippert stated the “family bands” needed a new name. Families were coming to the window and thought the \$25 was for the whole family, not just one person. Ms. Prebis noted this and will put it in the notes for 2022. The board talked about hearing complaints of long lines and families not being about to go on a lot of rides, as they did in the past. Overall, the board agreed it went very well.
- B. Car Show Recap – Ms. Prebis stated we had over 100 cars this year but did not have the final count yet. We had 50 pre-registered and at least 50 day of registrations. Mr. Zumpino stated at one point, they had cars lined all the way up Parkside Place waiting to register. Ms. Prebis stated her staff liked the fact we split it from Fall Fest. There was a mixed feeling from the participants. They liked that there were no kids “touching” the cars, but also liked when it was with Fall Fest, because there were more attendees. The board agreed that the split from Fall Fest was the way to do it for 2022. Ms. Getty stated she was waiting to hear from the food truck (they left early, we assume, they ran out of food.) Ms. Prebis talked with Boston Style and they made out very well in the snack stand.

6. New Business

A. Update on Budget Requests for 2022

- a) **Pickleball gate**– Ms. Prebis stated that when the courts were built, there was no way to get a truck in there to change the light bulbs. The bulbs are slowly going out and we need to get them changed.
- b) **Basketball Shed**– Ms. Prebis mentioned the basketball shed is slowly deteriorating and needs to be replaced.
- c) **Newport basin naturalization** – Ms. Prebis stated moving forward, each budget, she would like to allocate an amount of money for open space clean up. We stopped maintaining open space woods about 10 – 15 years ago and we'd like to clean it up. With, hopefully, some grants, we can get all our open space cleaned out in the next few years. Ms. Prebis is going to take a little left over 2021 land budget money to start Newport Basin in 2021 and hopefully continue to clean it out in 2022.
- d) **Pole Barn for P & R equipment** – Ms. Prebis talked about our bobcat, gator, tractors and trucks that are taking over PW space behind the township building. We wanted to update our existing shed with a bigger space. Ms. Damsker asked if we can do this “in house” and Ms. Prebis stated, we may be able to do the concrete slab in house, but the pole barn will need to come from somewhere else.
- e) **Snow Removal Machine For Sidewalks/trails**– Ms. Prebis stated, and was backed by Mr. Nagele that we are one of the only township's that maintains their trails during the winter, which is a huge asset to our residents. This machine will help us clear the sidewalks in a timely manner.
- f) **Utility Vehicle** – Ms. Prebis talked about purchasing a utility vehicle to replace our 1999 Gator.
- g) **Clock Refurbish** – There is a clock in front of the township building that is starting to ‘nickel and dime’ the township, Ms. Prebis stated. We are looking to get that refurbished for 2022.
- h) **Meadowizing 2 – 3 sites** – Ms. Prebis stated we have a grant application in to turn 2 – 3 properties into meadows. Rexdale Park and the Waste Water Treatment Plant are the definite 2. We have been working with Lands Trust to get information on this project. If it gets approved, it will save much time on mowers for our staff (not to mention the gas.) We will have to work with the residents that live close to these sights to let them know and make sure we put signage up.

B. Fall Programs – Ms. Getty spoke about all the fall programs we are offering, science, messy class, fitness, pickleball, soccer, T-ball and more. Registrations are going well.

C. Golf Outing – Ms. Prebis gave the stats of the golf outing. So far, we are about ½ way full with 4 somes and hole sponsors. We are looking to get a few more but are right on tract with last year. Raffle prizes are ready, and we've advertised on social media and sent emails to the community. Mr. Lippert suggested clarifying the mulligans and yard stick a bit more for 2021, which was a great suggestion.

D. Fall Fest – Ms. Prebis went over what we had slated for fall fest for 2021 – Tethered hot air balloon ride (left over from the 25+1 anniversary,) a great DJ, games, food, crafts, hayrides, OMG Bubble man, a balloon artist, vendors and more. We will be sending out volunteer emails in the next couple days.

- E. Holiday Lights** – Ms. Prebis mentioned that the only thing booked for this was the Horse Drawn Wagon ride. She will be meeting with them tomorrow to go over the route. We will talk as a committee after Fall Fest to get this event rolling.

7. Other Business

- Mr. Zumpino asked on a status of the Memorial Trees from the last meeting. Ms. Prebis said she didn't have time to get anything together but promised it for next meeting in November.
- Ms. Prebis told the Park Board that Upper Gwynedd is in the process of obtaining 32 acres for the township. Ms. Hull stated it was the Martin Track 2. This is set to be used for Park and Rec Passive / open space. The board was very excited. Ms. Prebis said she would keep everyone updated.
- Mr. Lippert mentioned a band that one of his neighbor's children played in and how they made a video for 7-11. Ms. Getty will keep them in mind for a teen night.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021. Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis**

Park and Recreation Event Dates for 2021:

Monday, October 4: UG Golf Outing

Saturday, October 16: Fall Fest

Friday, December 10: Holiday Lights