

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday August 16, 2021
Minutes
7:00 P.M. on ZOOM/in person**

1. **Call to Order**

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
Cory Lippert	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Rosemary Rhodes	Member
Ruth Damsker	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, May 17, 2021**

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Lippert. A motion to approve the May 17, 2021, meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3 Ms. Leigha Adduci Getty was introduced as the New Park and Recreation Program Coordinator. Everyone welcomed her warmly.

4. **Public Comments**

There were none.

5. **Old Business**

A. Update on 2021 Summer Camps

- a) **Day Camp/Mini Camp** – Ms. Getty talked about the camps. Overall, we had 6 full weeks of camp and 6 full weeks of mini’s camp with kids on all waitlists. The camps went really well with lots of activities. Ms. Prebis spoke of some problems with campers and discipline and will try to get more training for the counselors next year.
- b) **Specialty Camps** – Ms. Getty talked about science, lego, sports and arts camp which we ran throughout the summer. All went well and most were full. We did have to cancel 2, due to lack of registration. Upper Gwynedd ran over 30 different camps this year and only 2 had to be cancelled. Ms. Rhodes asked if we will try these 2 again and Ms. Prebis mentioned we will definitely try them. We may just move the time or week we offered them around.
- c) **Summer Basketball League** – Ms. Prebis mentioned we had almost 400 kids and 38 teams this year. The commissioners did a great job running this.
- d) **Movies/Concert/Arts** – Ms. Getty started with the movies and mentioned we were able to get them all in and the attendance was good. We had to reschedule 1 concert and 1 concert was cut short due to thunderstorms. 2 of the arts in the park had to be held virtually due to the weather, and 1 was rescheduled. Overall, it seemed like everyone enjoyed these events. Ms. Murphy asked about having them earlier in the past. Ms. Prebis mentioned instead of having 9 smaller

concerts, we made the decision 2 years ago to have 5 “better bands” instead of 9 “ok bands.”

- e) **Camp Out** – Ms. Prebis talked about what a great event it was. We had over 200 people sleep over. We had tons of games, a water slide, smores, a movie on the big screen, dinner and ice cream for all who attended (all for free.) Mr. Nagele mentioned we lacked a few volunteers, but we all made it work.
- B. Park and Rec Staffing – we are finally almost back to normal. We are missing a Park and Rec Maintenance staff due to the reserves, but he will be back in 2022 and we should be full staffed then. Ms. Prebis talked about how this summer was rough due to low staffing.

6. New Business

A. Fall Events:

- a) **Carnival** – Ms. Prebis updated the board that everything was ordered for the carnival and the dates are Sept 9 – 12. We do need volunteers for Saturday. The board was going to look to see if they could fill those spots.
- b) **Car Show** – Ms. Prebis mentioned that the car show would be a stand alone event this year (we did it in 2020, due to COVID) and it worked. The new date is Sept 19 and Charcoal sweatshirts and trophies had been ordered.
- c) **Golf Outing** – Ms. Prebis stated that the Golf Outing would be Monday, October 4 at Cedarbrook Country Club. Nothing has been sent out yet, but Save the Date cards will be mailed out in the next couple weeks. Mr. Lippert stated he golfed in this outing last year and despite the weather, had fun.
- d) **Fall Fest** – Ms. Prebis told everyone the date is Sat, October 16 from 11 a – 4p. We have 5 vendors at the moment and can hold approx. 30. We also hired Mr. Bubbles to come entertain. Ms. Getty will be helping book other entertainment and also get the “touch a truck” together for this event.
- e) **Holiday Lights** – Ms. Prebis stated, she has not done any prep for this yet, but we are hoping to do this BOTH indoor and outdoor (similar to 2019.) The date is December 10.

- B. **Memorial Trees** – Ms. Getty and Ms. Prebis have been approached by a resident to see if they could plant a memorial tree in one of the satellite parks for a loved one that has passed. Ms. Prebis wanted to get an opinion from the board about this idea. She stated on one hand, we need trees in our parks, but on the other hand, this may open a can of worms for memorial trees being placed everywhere. There were many opinions on this Ms. Murphy stated it would be nice to have more trees in the park, Mr. Lippert, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Zumpino stated they like the idea, but really want the Park and Rec Department to have a handle on it. Mr. Zumpino stated we need to regulate what type of tree and how big the plaque will be. Ms. Prebis will come up with a form and cost for this and we will review at the next Park and Rec Board Meeting.

C. Trail Update

- a) **Power line trail** – Ms. Prebis stated we are still waiting on PECO. Ms. Damsker said she has trying to get a hold of PECO for some answers.
- b) **Liberty Bell Trail** – Ms. Prebis updated that we are moving ahead with this trail study. We have a meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 7 at the UG township building, where residents can come out and learn more about this trail.

Ms. Prebis stated they will start advertising for this meeting in the next week or so.

- D. **Mural Status** – Ms. Prebis showed the board one of the “swatches” that is completed for the mural. She stated that the student doing the mural has about 7 – 10 swatches done and there are 22 that will form the whole mural. We are hoping to get it up on the Community Center in the fall.

7. **Other Business**

- Mr. Nagele wanted to mention that our Park and Rec Maintenance people have done a great job with the parks this summer. They are all cut and trimmed very nicely. He also wanted to mention that Alex Kaker (the former Park and Rec Director) is having baby #2. Everyone was excited.

- Mr. Zumpino asked about the lending library and how that is going and both Ms. Prebis and Mr. Nagele said well. Mr. Nagele said he was trying to get the door fixed from the boy scout leader that built it. Mr. Lippert stated there is a library in the culta sac in his development that is very heavily used. It’s a great idea.

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:

Saturday, June 5: Upper Gwynedd 25 +1 Parksci Celebration 1 – 4pm

Monday, June 9 – Friday, July 30: UG Basketball League

Wednesday, June 16th: Concert – “Hot Taters”

Thurs, June 24th – Arts – “Matilda”

Friday, June 25th: Movie – “Croods”

Monday, June 28 – Friday August 6: Day Camp

Wednesday, June 30th: Concert – “Norristown Band”

Thurs, July 1st– Arts – “Sound of Music”

Thurs, July 8th – Arts – “Lion King”

Friday, July 9th: Campout and Movie- “Trolls: World Tour”

Wednesday, July 14th: Concert- “The Exceptions”

Friday, July 23rd: Movie – “Onward”

Wednesday, July 28: Concert “Philly Funk Authority”

Thurs, July 29 – Arts – “Little Mermaid”

Friday, August 6: Movie – “Raya the Dragon”

Wednesday, August 11: Concert- “Greaseband”

Thursday, September 9 – 12: UG Carnival

Monday, October 4: UG Golf Outing

Saturday, October 16: Fall Fest

Friday, December 10: Holiday Lights