

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday, January 23, 2023
Minutes**

7:00 P.M. in person and zoom

1. Call to Order

Cory Lippert	Vice Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
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, November 7, 2022

Mr. Lippert asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of November 7, 2022. A motion was made by Ms. Murphy to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Johnson. A motion to approve the November 7, 2022; meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Introduce New Park Board Member, Rob Morse and New Intern, Lexi McKinney.

4. Public Comments

There were none

5. Old Business

A. Holiday Lights Recap

Here were some suggestions to help improve next year's event: more cookies, brownies, smaller cups (no lids,) bigger water container and 2 more big water thermos', measure the hot choc mix better, also revisit layout – we were bottlenecking this year with the hot choc line/ the grinch that showed up and the entertainment. Ms. Prebis mentioned, we have a bigger budget for 2023, so we should be able to take care of all the suggestions mentioned. These suggestions will be filed and revisited as we get closer to that event.

B. Recap 2022

Ms. Prebis talked about the events we had in 2022 and how the Board of Commissioners approved bigger budgets for these events. We had another year of amazing attendance and hope to continue providing amazing UG events without running out of items.

Ms. Prebis brought up the Car Show and she spoke of not bringing this back. It was costing the township a lot of money, it was the least attended event, and we were competing with many of car shows in the area. We have brought 2 new events that were better attended in 2022: UFK Food Truck Festival and Unplugged week.

6. New Business

A. Spring Events

Ms. Prebis passed out a list of 2023 events. We are looking to add to each of these just a little bit! **Highlighted** on this list are the events, we can use volunteers for (it's attached.) The spring ones that were mentioned were:

1. Earth Day – Saturday, April 22. Ms. McKinney has to complete a special project for her internship at Penn State. Revamping our Community Garden will be one of them. We are not getting too much use out of the veggie garden we plant, so P & R is coming up with 2 possible new options. Stay tuned...
2. Bag Bingo – Friday, April 14 at St Rose of Lima. Looking for hiring a possibly DJ to help run this? Bring back the police officers to “model” the bags and get more raffles for 2023.
3. UFG Food Truck Festival – Saturday, April 29. This committee met early today, and we spoke of getting a keynote speaker and band for this event. P & R already has 12 food trucks booked and we are also looking to change the lay out a bit.
4. Senior Games – May 1 – 5 (UG hosts Basketball Foul Shooting and Hot Shot on Tuesday, May 2 from 6 -8pm.) We need about 6 volunteers for this event.

B. Concert/Camps 2023

Ms. Getty has booked all 5 bands for 2023. We have upped our game as far as quality of the bands. They all have ‘a following’ and should be fantastic:

6/14 - Snack Time - <https://www.fox29.com/video/1137523>

6/28 - The Won Ton Soups – <https://thewontonsoups.com/>

7/12 - Philly Funk Authority - <https://www.phillyfunk.com/>

7/26 – River of Dreams Band - <https://www.riverofdreamsband.com/>

8/9 – Grease band - <https://www.greaseband.com/>

Along with summer bands, camps are being booked now too. Day Camp, Mini’s Camp, 3 weeks of Teen Camp, Engineering, Pottery, Sports and many more.

C. Master Comp Plan Help

Ms. Prebis talked about a DCNR Grant we obtained to do a Master Comp Park Plan. This plan will look at our 5 parks. It will assess what Upper Gwynedd needs to do to improve these spaces for our residents.

This will take about a year to complete, and we are in need of a steering committee which consist of 7 – 9 volunteers to sit on. These need to be residents of all ages and all different backgrounds. We will advertise for this, but Ms. Prebis also asked for the Park Board to nominate anyone that might be good for this. We are hoping to hire a consultant and have this board in place by Spring 2023.

7. **Other Business**

Mr. Lippert asked about the Community Center Dedication for Mr. Rob Nagele. Ms. Prebis stated they are working on a sign for the center and will hold a small ceremony in the Spring. She will be coordinating with the family.

Ms. Murphy asked about the trails and how they were coming along. Ms. Prebis explained we submitted a grant for 2023 to construct part of the Powerline and Liberty Bell Trail. If we get this approved, this trail will be the start of both “trail plans.” It’s a part of the plan that is not too expensive and will not affect many residences. It is also a great start to connect the Nor Gwynn Baseball fields to Pennbrook MS and some of the streets off North Wales Road. Our trail construction for both the Liberty Bell and Powerline Trails will take millions of dollars (hopefully most through grants) and quite a few years to complete.

Mr. Rippert asked about a possible Beer/Wine festival that he and Ms. Prebis talked about in 2022. Ms. Prebis mentioned it’s not out of the question, but there needs to be some work put in to make this happen. We need to have it approved by the board, make a special request to allow alcohol in our parks and obtain a special 1 day PA Alcohol License. After all this is approved, we can work on the festival. Ms. Prebis and Ms. McNaney will start working on this.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023. Mr. Lippert asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Morse and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis