

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday September 16, 2019
Minutes
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
J.R. Roach	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Angelina Capozzi	Program Coordinator
Tom Duffy	Commissioner Parks & Recreation

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of September 16, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Johnson. The motion to approve the September 16, 2019 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

There were none.

4. Old Business

A. Bitty Ballet

There will be a trial class on September 19, 2019 which is full and there are 6 participants on the wait list. The class starts on October 3 and we currently have 6 enrolled with hopes to get more with the FREE trial.

B. Carnival

The Carnival was a success this year with Friday being a slight “wash out.” Saturday was the biggest grossing ticket sales that we’ve ever had here at Upper Gwynedd. Everyone agreed the other 3 days, the weather was perfect. The concert was not as well as attended as we have hoped, but it was a left over from the concert series because it rained. Next year, Ms. Prebis suggested we somehow show the Eagles game on Sunday (if they are playing.) Mr. Duffy wanted to remind everyone that the carnival was not there to make money (although it is nice when we do,) but to provide a community day for our residents. Mr. Nagele wanted to thank everyone for a great successful 2019.

C. Pickleball Courts

Ms. Prebis met with the Meet Up group directly before this meeting. They are inquiring about wind screens which she will price out for them. They are also concerned with the non meet- up people

coming into their meet up time and they do not want to police this. The last concern was with the cracks on the court. All this will be addressed by Ms. Prebis.

D. Update on Trail Study

Ms. Prebis reported that Mr. Zumpino has not heard anything about the Feasibility Study Grant at this time, but will inform us when he does. She also talked about Mr. Zumpino and her working on a PECO grant that may supplement some of the matching feasibility money. No one had any objections on pursuing that grant. Ms. Johnson had mentioned Developer money, but Mr. Duffy said that money would be going to the township.

5. New Business

Mr. Nagele wanted to take the time to mention John Chabala, Lori Hamill and Eric Raser. He mentioned they have been doing great thing with keeping the park clean and maintenance free throughout the carnival and any time he is in the park. He wanted to thank them.

A. Fall Events

a. Fall Festival

Ms. Prebis reported that everything is ordered for the Fall Festival. There will be a slight change in the bouncy house and trackless train. There will be 5 Polaris motorized vehicles for the kids to drive instead. We have all the volunteers we need from the Park Board.

Remembering thing from last year, a lot of people were asking where to vote for the car show car? Ms. Prebis will look into getting more signage for this. Also, it was brought up that there might not be enough variety of food at this event. It was suggested an ice cream truck or water ice truck. She will follow up with Boy scouts.

b. Holiday Lights

Ms. Prebis reported concern about all the work that goes into this event for 3 hours. She also suggested we keep the lights out longer. The board agreed and we will talk more about when to take them down next meeting. The other concerns about 2018 is, does the building need to be opened? For 2019, we are going to keep everything at the pavilion, parking lot and field. Ms. Juarez volunteered to reach out to the entertainment from last year to see if they'd be interested in coming back. Ms. Prebis will be looking into bringing in a horse drawn carriage ride to this event.

Other concerns were Hot Chocolate was very hard to do, maybe reach out to Dizzy Dogs to see if he can do that. Also, maybe purchase a PA System for this event.

c. Radio City Trip

We are going to Radio City on December 5 in conjunction with Hatfield Township. We have Orchestra Seating and currently are almost booked.

B. Bocce Courts

This was brought up by a resident who never followed through. Ms. Capozzi will send out a survey if this is something that UG residents want? Ms. Prebis will ask about other townships with Bocce Courts and see if they run leagues and how often they get used. As of now, Mr. Nagele suggested we "table" this, but follow up with the results of the survey and other

townships.

C. Veterans Memorial

Ms. Prebis reported she has received 2 quotes on the plans to build a Veterans Memorial. The cost came to about \$7,500. Mr. Duffy suggested putting this into the Park and Rec Budget for next year.

6. Other Business

A. Hometown Heroes

Ms. Prebis reported that the Hometown Hero banners are almost expiring. The heroes or families purchased them for 2year increments and a lot of them are almost over. Mr. Duffy suggested reaching out to the women who runs this for UG and Lansdale and have her contact these people. The township did not have much to do with this other than placing them on our light poles.

B. New Concert Series for 2020

For 2020, instead of doing 8 concerts (some of them getting minimal attendance,) we are going to do 5 bigger concerts. This will hopefully improve the attendance at each concert and give us more money to get bigger bands in. The last concert in the series, Ms. Capozzi is working on bringing in Food Trucks to make it bigger.

C. Parksci 25th anniversary

It was agreed upon that we do some sort of recognition for this in June 2020. Ms. Prebis and Ms. Capozzi had suggested starting a fundraising campaign at this event. Buy a Brick, Buy a Fence Slat, etc. The board liked the idea of getting the community involved in this. Mr. Duffy also reminded us that, we don't have to fun raise for this, but it would be really nice to let the community chip in.

D. Mural on Community Center

Ms. Capozzi reported that the supply list was close to \$1,000 and a sketch was received by the students. The sketch was ruled out by she and Ms. Prebis. Ms. Capozzi then came up with a rough sketch and the Park Board members all viewed this and really liked the idea. In conclusion, we need to include the Police, Boy Scouts and Parkside Place on this mural. Ms. Capozzi will be going back to the students with this information to get a new sketch.

7. Call for Adjournment (next meeting – Monday November 18, 2019)

Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Murray made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A Prebis
Park and Recreation Director