

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP  
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB)  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday December 5, 2018 (Rescheduled from November 17, 2018)**

1. Call to Order

Those in attendance:

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
Angelina Capozzi	Recreation Program Coordinator
Emily Croke	Superintendent of Recreation
Alex Kaker	Director of Parks & Recreation
Tom Duffy	Commissioner – PRB Liaison
Denise Hull	Commissioner
Fred Lynch	UGT Police Ofc./Resident
Liam Lynch	Resident/Boy Scout

2. Introduction of new member – JR Roach

Mr. Roach was unable to attend, but plans to be at the next PRB meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on September 17, 2018

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of September 17, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes and seconded by Mrs. Juarez. The motion to approve the September 17, 2018 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Old Business

A. Community Center Update

Mr. Kaker advised that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) declined to pursue further development of a new community center in 2019. Mr. Duffy added that this is something that can be considered in the future, but the projected costs are too high right now. Mrs. Hull noted that the Township is working on a Comprehensive Plan and the BOC would like to see what initiatives come out of the Plan before committing to the costs a community center would bring. Mr. Kaker thanked the PRB for their time to review the plans and specifically Mr. Zumpino for his efforts on the Needs Assessment Committee.

B. Dog Park

Mr. Kaker advised that the BOC decided to decline further development of a dog park, citing the recommendation from the PRB and liability concerns. Mr. Zumpino added that he thought the August PRB minutes detailed the PRB concerns regarding the dog park sufficiently.

### C. Veteran's Park Memorial

Mr. Kaker passed around examples of nearby veteran park memorials. Projects ranged between \$100k - \$1M and the planning process can range anywhere between a year to over a decade depending on the scope of the memorial. Mr. Murray would like it to be visible and accessible. Mr. Duffy suggested it be placed by the pavilion or amphitheater in Parkside Place Park. Mrs. Juarez reached out to a few designers and instructors at Temple and DelVal. They will get back to Mrs. Juarez if they can take on a project with the students to design the memorial. Mr. Kaker will reach out to veterans in the Township for their input when the design process begins and reiterated the memorial will be for all branches of the military and not specific to any war. Mr. Murray and Mr. Nagele would like it to stay modest and relatively small. Ms. Croke mentioned to be careful on what is planted, because there is a large deer population at Parkside Place Park.

### D. Fall Recap

Mr. Kaker thanked everyone who assisted with Fall Fest. It was well attended despite iffy weather in the morning. Mr. Duffy suggested contacting Merck and/or North Wales Borough for additional parking. The Galentine's Bag Bingo was also a success with 135 participants. Ms. Croke will be looking for alternative venues in 2019 and the ability to bring your own alcohol is required. Mrs. Juarez suggested looking into St. Rose.

### E. Trail Discussion

Mr. Kaker will forward to the PRB Montgomery Counties' trail map and the UGT Master Trail and Open Space Plan. Mr. Duffy noted that we are at the crossroads of several trails. A discussion was had about which trail(s) to pursue and the Power Line Trail was identified - both the route that connects to the Gwynedd Wildlife Preserve and the Green Ribbon Trail. Mr. Kaker will work with an engineer to obtain a design proposal, research grant opportunities, and communicate with PECO about the feasibility of the trails prior to taking the plans to the public for feedback.

### F. Holiday Lighting Event

Mr. Nagele noted that BOC President Krokerger would not be available for the tree lighting ceremony on Friday. Mr. Kaker will handle the emcee duties. The gingerbread house competition has been advertised and there are nine entries thus far. Ms. Capozzi mentioned some have already been dropped off. Mrs. Juarez has finalized the entertainment lineup and a photo booth. A check-in table will be setup to collect toys for Toys-for-Tots. Crafts and games will be under the pavilion. Free cookies/brownies and hot chocolate will be in the soda trailer at the parking lot. Diz's Dogs will be selling additional food and coffee. Volunteers will start coming around 4:30pm. Staff from P&R and PW will be available to help day-of. Ms. Croke thanked them for their work putting the lights up.

## 6. New Business

### A. Liam Lynch – Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Lynch from Troop 152 - West Point, PA presented his Eagle Scout project proposal. He would like to install a gaga pit at Garfield Park. He anticipates starting in March and finishing in May. The PRB was satisfied with the project proposal and Mr. Lynch will work with Mr. Kaker to finalize the details.

## 7. Other Business

Ms. Croke announced that the YMCA in Lansdale reached out to collaborate on adult fitness classes. In 2019 the Township will advertise a few fitness programs, like cycling and will retain a percentage of the registration fees. Participants will not need to be a member of the YMCA.

Mr. Zumpino gave an update on the 501c3 process. It may be several more months before the Township gets an assigned number.

8. Call for Adjournment (next meeting – Monday January 14, 2019)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Johnson  
Secretary