

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday November 18, 2019
Minutes
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
John Murray	Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Member
Kathleen Dooley	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
J.R. Roach	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Mike Zumpino	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. Fall Fest

Mr. Nagele applauded Fall Fest saying it was a nice day. Mrs. Prebis stated we had a fantastic day per the weather. Thank you to all.

B. Bag Bingo

Mrs. Prebis stated we had 150 reg + 12 day of registration. Ms. Capozzi talked about the location being bigger and much better than last year. St. Rosa set everything up and cleaned. Mrs. Prebis already booked St. Rosa for Friday, November 6, 2020.

C. Trail Study

Ms. Prebis met with the newly formatted Trail Committee directly before this meeting. We are working on 2 new trail studies: the PECO Power Line Trail and the Liberty Bell Trail. Mr. Zumpino added we did get the DCNR "trail feasibility study" grant for \$15,000. Upper Gwynedd will match with \$15,000. We also completed a PECO grant for another \$10,000 to help the match. Mrs. Prebis is still waiting on those results.

The 2nd trail we are looking into is the Liberty Bell Trail (connecting East Norriton Township to Quakertown Borough.) Upper Gwynedd would like to complete their portion of this. The PEC (PA Environmental Council) will be putting together a grant for \$200,000 for 5 surrounding townships for a feasibility study for this trail.

D. Hometown Hero's Banner

Ms. Prebis reported that approx. 10 of the Hometown Hero banners are expiring in 2020. She stated that we can do a couple of things with these:

- Take down and give them to the resident who applied for them. OR
- Ask that resident if they want to renew for another 2 years. Mrs. Prebis suggested charging \$50 and donating this extra money towards a Veterans fund. Mr. Roach suggested we put this money towards the Veterans memorial fund. The Board really liked this idea.

E. Veterans Memorial

Mr. Nagele asked about the Veterans Memorial. Mrs. Prebis reported a "Veterans Memorial Study" has been put into the budget for 2020. We will wait to see if that is approved.

5. New Business

A. Holiday Lights

Ms. Prebis reported some of the new things for Holiday lights, these include: Horse drawn Wagon ride, a new lit tree between the basketball courts, 4 new heaters and a "candy cane lane" with better light system that leads to the building. Mrs. Juarez stated the cookies/brownies were ordered and the entertainment and Diz Dogs were set to go. We also talked about a new hot chocolate system for this year. 2 burners were going to be ordered and set up behind the Pepsi truck. A volunteer list will be sent to the park board this week.

B. Mural on Community Center

Ms. Capozzi passed around the proposed design for the mural and everyone liked it. Ms. Capozzi will get the supplies over to the students of Cabrini and they can start. We are looking to get the mural up in the Spring of 2020.

C. Community Garden

Instead of planting trees, Mrs. Prebis stated about trying something new for Earth Day in April. She had a group of North Penn kids (as well as a possibly Eagle Scout) that would be willing to build Box Planters for a Community Garden. The North Penn group will also be willing to take care of it through Spring/Summer. It was also suggested the crops go to Manna on Main.

D. New Trip for Spring 2020

Mrs. Prebis stated we are trying a Washington DC Cherry Blossom Trip for 2020. This will provide the families with the option of taking a Hagey Bus down during the 2020 Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington. The date is set for March 28, 2020.

E. Park Utilization Plan

Mr. Duffy brought up a conversation he had with Mrs. Prebis about a Park Master Plan in the

future. As big as the Parkside Place facility is, we are running out of space. This will entail resident surveys, meetings and a professional landscape architect being hired to review existing conditions, analyze needs, and develop a plan for the future of Upper Gwynedd Parks. Mr. Duffy mentioned that the Park and Recreation Board would help take the lead on this by talking about what this township needs. Mrs. Prebis stated we will start talking in 2020 and coming up with a plan.

Mr. Nagele wanted to thank Kathleen Dooley for her time on the Park and Recreation Board. He also wanted to thank Tom Duffy for all his time with the Parks and Recreation Board and with the township.

7. Call for Adjournment (next meeting – Monday, January 13, 2020)

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