

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday March 9, 2020
Minutes
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Matt Duardo	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Corey Lippert	Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Angelina Capozzi	Program Coordinator
Mike Zumpino	Member
John Murray	Member

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of January 13, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Juarez. A motion to approve the January 13, 2020 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

There were none.

4. Updates

Introduction of new BOC Liaison, Ruth Damsker. Mr. Murray and Ms. Juarez second the introduction.

Mr. Duardo asked about the Coronavirus information? Ms. Prebis said, "The township Manager Sandra Zadell and Chief Duffy are having calls every day with the Montgomery County Health Department." Information is being posted and emailed daily. In regards of Park and Recreation we may have to cancel the trip to Washington DC, viewing the Cherry Blossoms. That is all we know, thus far.

5. Old Business

A. Mural Update

Ms. Capozzi mentioned a check has been sent out for processing of the murals and the contract has been signed. The murals should be completed by June.

B. 2020 Budget Approval Updates

1. Trail Study we have a \$15,000 grant, which we will need 7 or more members to form a board. Ms. Prebis stated she is working on the RFP and will be going to bid in April.
2. The Liberty Trail had a grant proposal of \$100,000 was granted and approved and UGT will take the lead on this.
3. The basketball and tennis courts are going to be redone. We are getting a quote from Topcoat that are affiliated with COSTARS. We will either get that completed right before the Basketball League starts or in September.
4. Ms. Prebis mentioned that the Vet Memorial update will be updated at a later date.

5. West Point Park basketball court, Ms. Prebis said that the lines and grading for the court are being completed this spring.

6. **New Business**

A. Community Garden – the next P & R Event

For Earth Day this year, we are going to try our very first Community Garden. We have an Eagle Scout Alec who will be completing his “Eagle Scout” Project by building us 3 raised beds and a fence with an easy access door, that will keep animals out. We will be working with a North Penn School group to start the plants from seed. They will be replanted in the garden mid-May. As far as Earth Day Goes, we are looking to have a “ribbon cutting ceremony” showcasing the garden on April 22 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm. We plan on putting the garden near the back-parking lot where the trail blends into the main trail near the pool.

We also talked about what to do with the vegetables and flowers we grow. The committee suggested we just post on social media/the website when we harvest certain items. This way UG residents can come get some to try. 2020 will be a trial year, we will see how things work out.

B. Golf Outing

Ms. Prebis says the golf outing is all set up with Cedarbrook County Club. Invites have been sent out last week. The outing is June 1, 2020. Next step is to mail information to the sponsors next week. There will be a lunch before and a dinner banquet following the golfing.

C. Soccer League

Ms. Capozzi mentioned there were a few changes made to the soccer league this year. We have hired a communicator, Total Soccer, he will be running the leagues for UGT. There are three teams: 3~4, 5~6 and 7~8. The 7~8 team is at low registration the other two are almost full.

D. Montco Senior Games 2020

Ms. Prebis brought fliers and posters for the Park Board to take for distribution. Upper Gwynedd is sponsoring basketball and they take place on the 12th of May. We already have 35 registered.

Ms. Juarez and Mr. Duardo offered to volunteer their help.

The Corn Hole is the new event for 2020. We already have a total of 73 registered with a goal for a total of 80 registrations and will be held at the Mont Community Center.

E. Field Rentals

Hot topic, we have XL Sports and Merck wanting to rent some of our park fields. XL would like to schedule Flag Football on Saturdays 6~8 weeks at our Garfield park. Merck wants to possibly rent for their Soccer leagues and baseball. Ms. Prebis mentioned that, plan B could be, we could run the programs through UGT and have XL and Merck just manage them? Cost would be: \$100.00 for the rental, totaling about \$800.00 for the season for Flag Football. Who agrees with rentals and who doesn't? Mr. Nagele, Mr. Zumpino and Mr. Murray say no. Mr. Lippert and Mr. Duardo say yes. We are going to tell XL the answer is NO for now. Merck has not given us a proposal for anything yet.

7. **Other Business**

A. Meetings

Ms. Prebis says that there are two P&R meetings we have to change. August and November 2020. We can push it out a week or back a week. All agreed dates August 3, 2020 and November 2, 2020.

B. Meadow Management

New idea for creating natural habitats, turning basin and open space into meadows to natural lands. This would bring back birds, butterflies and natural pollinators as well as help with pollution and storm drainage. Looking at Swedesford road, Acorn basin, and Rexdale areas. The key to this, is educating the public about why and what is going on.

C. Playground celebration will be Friday, July 19 from 6~9:00pm. Ms. Prebis says we will have cake, music, balloons, old photos and we will also be selling fence posts (pickets) and tee shirts.

D. Added new classes, Ms. Capozzi says she added goat yoga as a new class and the first class filled up so fast, they had to add another class to accommodate all the registrations. Information is on Facebook and brochures. Self-defense classes by the suggestion of Ms. Juarez starting April 26, 2020, was also added. There is new pickleball lessons for kids ages 8~17 as well.

8. **Call for Adjournment (next meeting – Monday, May 11, 2020)**

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