

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday May 17, 2021
Minutes
7:00 P.M. on ZOOM/in person

1. **Call to Order**

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Kathy Johnson	Secretary
Matt Duardo	Member
Amy Juarez	Member
Corey Lippert	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Rosemary Rhodes	Member
Denise Hull	Board Member
Ruth Damsker	Board Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation

2. **Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, March 15, 2021**

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of March 15, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Zumpino to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Lippert. A motion to approve the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

3. Rosemary Rhodes was introduced as the newest park board member. We also introduced two public attendees.

4. **Public Comments**

There were none.

5. **Old Business**

A. Update on 2021 Spring Events

- a) **Bag Bingo** – Ms. Prebis talked about the night. We had 70 attendees there (we normally have 140 – 150) and it worked well in the Fire House. We made \$1500 which is ½ of what we normally make.
- b) **Community Garden** – Ms. Prebis talked about the opening and what was growing in the garden at this time (herbs, flowers, different lettuce and kale.) We will be planting tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers in the next couple weeks. We also have 2 ladies from Upper Gwynedd watering and weeding 2 times a week, which is working out well!
- c) **Arbor Day** – Ms. Prebis talked about the event. Park and Rec along with the EAC planted 6 trees along the Center Street path. They look great.
- d) **Spring Soccer** – Ms. Prebis talked about spring soccer wrapping up. We had 130 kids this year (we had 110 last year.) We are working with Total Soccer this year and after the beginning kinks were worked out, the agreement has been working well. Ms. Murphy asked about a survey being sent out to the participants. Ms. Prebis will get that arranged through Survey Monkey.
- e) **Unity For Kindness Event** – Ms. Prebis talked about what a great event it was. Ms. Damsker added the speakers were great and the Korean Drummers were also

a big hit.

- f) **Senior Games** – Ms. Prebis talked about UG hosting Basketball here at the township. We had about 40 participants and Mr. Lippert added these participants were impressed by our park. Ms. Prebis also stated we had help from the BOC, Luke Zoll and Cory Lippert, thank you.
- B. John Murray and Alec Chang recognitions – Mr. Nagele stated these 2 were honored at the BOC meeting. He stated Mr. Murray was an original member of the Park Board and has helped tremendously throughout his tenure. He also stated Alex Kaker, former Park and Rec Director, called in and had some very nice words for Mr. Murray. Mr. Nagele also mentioned Mr. Chang and all his hard work putting together our Community Garden.

6. New Business

- A. Vice Chair Nominations – Mr. Nagele stated that since Mr. Murray stepped down, we needed a new Vice Chair. He then nominated Ms. Juarez. We had a vote and she won unanimously 9 – 0. Ms. Juarez graciously accepted.
- B. Park and Rec Staffing – Ms. Prebis just explained to the board that our Park and Rec department is way down on staffing. She explained that Angelina Capozzi had left 2 weeks ago, so herself and the intern, Luke Zoll have been holding the department together for the time being, while doing interviews. Ms. Prebis also stated that the Park and Rec Maintenance staff has hired their 3rd employee that will start on May 24, but are still looking for at least 2 summer help.
- C. Events For Summer that are coming up:
 - a) **Basketball League** – Ms. Prebis stated that herself and intern, Luke Zoll are preparing for the league that starts on June 7. They have hired 3 Basketball Commissioners that will run the league. The township has been taking registration and so far we have: 41 teams, which is over 400 kids.
 - b) **Movie/Concerts/Arts in the Park** – Ms. Prebis talked about what was scheduled (it's attached to these minutes.) Mr. Nagele explained that we will have something each week in the summer, alternating from concerts to movies. Ms. Hull talked about the Arts in the park stating these kids have worked hard on these productions and they should be good shows.
 - c) **25 +1 Anniversary** – Ms. Prebis talked about all that was planned. There is a DJ scheduled and he is not just a DJ, he came from Ms. Johnson and will also entertain the kids with all sorts of activities. Ms. Prebis also booked a tethered Hot Air Balloon ride. They can fit anywhere between 150 – 200 people in those 3 hours. Mr. Lippert stated trying to figure out some sort of ticket system, so people don't have to stand in line. We will also be having a "birthday cake" and water bottles for the event. A flier for this will be out this week.
 - d) **Camp Out 2021** – Ms. Prebis stated this event is back and we are sleeping over this year. Registration went up on Friday, and we already have 11 families registered.
 - e) **Carnival** – Ms. Prebis stated, she has not done any prep for this (because it was just announced last week,) but IT'S A GO!!!
- D. Trail Update

- a) **Power line trail** – Ms. Prebis stated we just waiting on PECO. We have been contacting all the local businesses/groups that the trail will be running next to and have been getting good feedback. Ms. Prebis stated that PECO required a 90 – 120 period to review our application and we have crossed that 90-day deadline, so we are hoping to hear from them soon. Ms. Damsker said she would try to contact PECO shortly to see if she can get some answers.
- b) **Liberty Bell Trail** – We are moving forward with this and have a list of possible organizations in each of the 7 municipalities that we want to contact for help. We hope these organizations spread the good word for this trail. Wikimaps is also up and running with all sorts of comments from the public about this trail.
- E. **Mural Status** – Ms. Prebis read an email from the girl that is painting the mural for us. She is requesting some cleared photos of the castle park (for that portion of the mural.) Ms. Prebis will be getting them over to her this week. Otherwise, we are hoping to have this up over the summer.

7. **Other Business**

- Ms. Johnson brought up that Angelina Capozzi won a media award for her great work with social media.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2021. Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Ms. Murphy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis**

Park and Recreation Event Dates for 2021:

Saturday, June 5: Upper Gwynedd 25 +1 Parksci Celebration 1 – 4pm

Monday, June 9 – Friday, July 30: UG Basketball League

Wednesday, June 16th: Concert – “Hot Taters”

Thurs, June 24th – Arts – “Matilda”

Friday, June 25th: Movie – “Croods”

Monday, June 28 – Friday August 6: Day Camp

Wednesday, June 30th: Concert – “Norristown Band”

Thurs, July 1st– Arts – “Sound of Music”

Thurs, July 8th – Arts – “Lion King”

Friday, July 9th: Campout and Movie- “Trolls: World Tour”

Wednesday, July 14th: Concert- “The Exceptions”

Friday, July 23rd: Movie – “Onward”

Wednesday, July 28: Concert “Philly Funk Authority”

Thurs, July 29 – Arts – “Little Mermaid”

Friday, August 6: Movie – “Raya the Dragon”

Wednesday, August 11: Concert- “Greaseband”

Thursday, September 9 – 12: UG Carnival

Monday, October 4: UG Golf Outing

Saturday, October 16: Fall Fest

Friday, December 10: Holiday Lights