

**UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (PRB) MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2022
Minutes
7:00 P.M. in person and zoom**

1. Call to Order

Rob Nagele	Chairperson
Amy Juarez	Vice Chairperson
Cory Lippert	Member
Matt Duardo	Member
Brian Rippert	Member
Kathy Murphy	Member
Mike Zumpino	Member
Sarah Prebis	Director of Parks & Recreation
Leigha Adduci Getty	Park and Rec Program Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2022

Mr. Nagele asked for any questions and corrections relative to the meeting minutes of January 4, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Lippert to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Murphy. A motion to approve the January 4, 2022; meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

There were none

5. Old Business

A. Introduction of new board member: Brian Rippert was appointed to the board to replace Ms. Rhodes and was introduced and welcomed to the team.

B. Memorial Tree Program: Ms. Prebis handed out the updated Memorial Tree Program form to have everyone look it over. The prices were raised from the first form and the only question was about where these trees will be placed. Ms. Prebis stated we can take trees in any of our 5 parks, but the exact location will have to be approved by Ms. Prebis and/or Mr. John Chabala, our parks foreman.

C. Status of Budget Items for 2022. Ms. Prebis went over all the special budget items and gave the status of each.

1. **Sumneytown Bridge Landscaping** – we have hired Gorecon to do the work. They will be planting this spring and maintain this area until the landscaping takes and starts to grow.
2. **Tennis Court Repair/Pickleball Lines** – Ms. Prebis is in contact with Top A Court and they should be coming out in May to finally complete this.
3. **Veterans Memorial** – Ms. Prebis and Ms. McNaney will be advertising to form a board to get this started. More details to follow.
4. **Jacks Lane Clean Up** – Ms. Prebis will be getting together with our engineers (RVE) to come up with a bid packet for this work.
5. **Pickleball Court Gate** – no update yet on this project.

6. **Replace Basketball Court Shed** – a shed has been ordered. Also, the electric has been disconnected and the old shed is cleaned out. We are just waiting for the new shed to arrive.
7. **Newport Basin Clean up** – McCauley Landscaping will be out to clean up this basin. From there, RVE, our engineer and our PW department will be retrofitting this.
8. **Pole Barn for Park and Rec Equipment** – our engineer was out to meet with John Chabala and Sarah Prebis. He will be getting specs to us on this. We are hoping to run electric and water to this structure.
9. **Snow Removal Machine and Gator** – a memo and quote has been presented to the board, we are awaiting on approval, so we can purchase. These machines might not be available for a few months, but we will be getting them ordered this month.
10. **Clock Refurbish** – the agreement and deposit has been paid to this clock company. They should be out in the next couple weeks to start this project.

6. **New Business**

A. Programs

1. **Winter** – Winter programs were steady. We had to cancel a couple classes, but they were good considering the Omicron Variant.
2. **Spring Registrations** – UG is looking good with these registrations. For our ‘in house’ soccer league, we have 68 now. This league doesn’t start for another 2 ½ weeks (last year, we had 100 kids,) but we are confident, we will get up there again.
3. **Summer Planning and Registration** – Our ‘in house’ Mini’s camp is full, our ‘in house’ Teen Camp is full and our ‘in house’ Day camp is about 80% full. These are tremendous numbers! Ms. Getty and Ms. Prebis met with the basketball commissioners and we are starting registrations for this next week.

B. Spring Special Events

1. **Earth Day** -April 22 at 1pm. We are inviting residents to help us plant our 2022 Garden again this year. We will be providing gloves and shovels to all who help. We will also be growing and releasing butterflies again. New to 2022 – we will have a cooking company come in a do a salad dressing demo and give away samples. We are also partnering with the EAC who will come in a read a garden children’s book.
2. **Unity For Kindness Day** – April 30 from 11a – 3p – We have 9 food trucks booked at the moment, and we are looking for 1 more. We have the band booked, The Creidler Brothers (formerly the Mango Men.) Mr. Nagele asked about the layout and Ms. Prebis stated everything will be between the amphitheater and the pavilion.
3. **Arbor Day** – April 30 from 9a – 12p. This will be in conjunction with UFK day. We are partnering with the EAC and they are selling trees. All the trees are up on the UG website if people want to pay by credit card.
4. **Mont Senior Games** – Mon, May 9 – Fri, May 13. Ms. Prebis is on the board for these games and stated UG hosts basketball foul shooting and hot shot for both men and women. This event will be on Tuesday, May 10 starting at 6pm. Ms. Prebis stated that we will need a couple volunteers for this.
5. **Galentine’s Day Bag Bingo** – Fri, April 29 at 7am. Ms. Prebis stated, please note, this is a date change! We found out that the North Wales Fire Department had a BINGO on our old date. Ms. Prebis reached out to them with no response, so she decided to see if St Rose of Lima can change, and we set the new date for April 29.
6. **Golf Outing** – Mon, May 23 at 1pm at Cedarbrook Golf Club. We have several Park Board Members and/or families that play in this. Ms. Getty stated we already have

several donations for raffles. Mr. Lippert asked if the price went up and Ms. Prebis said it went up \$10 per golfer and is now \$150 per golfer. The price of Cedar Crest went up, so UG had to bump the cost up for the golfers.

C. Wear Red Day

Ms. Getty stated the Upper Gwynedd Township staff all participated in National Wear Red Day. The office all wore red, and every hour Ms. Getty or Ms. Prebis led the staff in a heart healthy activity. Ms. Getty also told the board we were recognized by DVIT (our insurance provider) for the great work!

7. Other Business

- A. Ms. Prebis told the board that the mural is complete. We are just waiting to see what the artist needs to be able to affix it to our Community Center. She also stated that the Upper Gwynedd Parks and Recreation Department has won 2 awards from the PA State Park and Rec agency. We won an award for our new Community Garden, and we also won an award for our Night Sky Camp out. The awards will be presented at our annual conference at the end of this month.
- B. Mr. Rippert asked about the soccer net at Whittaker Park. He stated it is in bad shape. Ms. Prebis asked the board, if there is anything else they might want to see there instead of 1 soccer goal? Disk Golf came up and the board would think about it.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022. Mr. Nagele asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Zumpino made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Juarez and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah A Prebis