

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2018

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Township of Upper St. Clair was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: Roger Hartung Chairman
Jennifer Schuler Vice Chairman
Kelly B. Bakayza
William O. Barnard
Diane Morris
Paul Besterman Director to Parks and Recreation
Gary Schaffer Forestry Administrator
Tara Fox Secretary to the Director

EXCUSED: None

PUBLIC: 1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Ms. Diane Morris made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kelly Bakayza, to approve the Minutes of November 28, 2017. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The parking lot at Wiltshire Park is approximately 90% complete. The light bollards and final landscaping will take place over late fall/winter, and touch up seeding will happen in the spring.

Brynwick Park will be undergoing minor renovations this year. The tennis courts will be resurfaced with pickleball lines, the basketball hoops and fence will be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussions continued for the alternative surfaces for the Gilfillan Trail. Information will be on the Township website to keep the community aware of maintenance changes.

Mr. Roger Hartung has been nominated as Chairman and Ms. Jennifer Schuler as Vice-Chairman for another three (3) year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Timothy Stouden resigned as a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member. Interested volunteers should submit a Community Talent Bank Inventory Form to the township manager.

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NEW BUSINESS, cont'd

A tree fell on the access road at the Paddle Courts. Players are not to use that access road for any reason until the tree has been removed.

There are many people running and walking the Perimeter Trail. It is about 95% complete.

Deer culling starts next week.

The township has received additional grant money to continue with the Perimeter Trail from Rostrun Road to the Morton Complex. Designs are in the discussion stage with the Public Works and Gateway Engineers. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.

Discussions included that the shower curtains are replaced every three (3) months and that there has not been a price increase for the Community & Recreation Center (C&RC) since 2010.

Parts of the Gilfillan Trail will be testing a new surface for safety reasons. An article will be in the Today Magazine, as well as on the Township website to keep the community engaged of the changes.

Discussions included benches being replaced in both locker rooms, the shower curtains in the men's locker room needing replaced and the water temperature in the men's locker room. Also discussed was the procedure on canceling classes at the C&RC due to inclement weather.

Ballard/King and Associates was at the Community & Recreation Center for 48 hours to review the facility and our operations. There will be focus groups, surveys and a presentation in the upcoming months. The goal of the process is to help the C&RC remain relevant and desirable for the next ten (10) years. Mr. Ken Ballard was impressed with the conditions, the usage and the success we have had since it has been opened in June 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.