PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2020

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 February 25, 2020 in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT:  
Roger Hartung  
Chairman  
William O. Barnard  
Vice Chairman  
Diane Morris  
Matthew Weaver  
Paul Besterman  
Director to Parks and Recreation  
Gary Schafer  
Forestry Administrator  
Tara Fox  
Secretary to the Director

EXCUSED:  
Thomas Browand  
Kelly Bakayza

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2020

William Barnard made a motion, seconded by Diane Morris, to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2020. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Thomas Hoffman, 1906 Highgate Drive, discussed his safety concerns of the natural trails and how they can be more accessible. Mr. Hoffman suggested more routine maintenance such as tree removal, weed whacking, map updates, and widening the walkways. Gary Schafer referred to the Plan 2005, indicating that foot traffic is to keep the vegetation down and that the paths cannot be widened.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The Southern and Phase 1 of the Morton Road Perimeter Trail bid approval has been approved by the Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020. Public Works will be working with the contractor for scheduling. Gary Schafer presented to the Board of Commissioners the Phase 2 of the Morton/Gardens Project.

The Boyce Mayview Pavilion restrooms are almost completed. The roof has been replaced and Public Works is finishing inside. The restrooms are expected to be completed by Spring 2020.

The Paddle Courts will be resurfaced for with the new colors.

The trails have been maintained more regularly due to nice weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Jennifer Schuler resigned as Vice-Chairman. Mr. William O. Barnard has been nominated as the new Vice-Chairman. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved.

The Clubhouse Playground surface will be replaced. This will result in the playground to be closed for a couple of weeks as it takes time for the surface to dry.
NEW BUSINESS (cont’d)

The ramp at The Learning Lab is being replaced.

The Community & Recreation Center (C&RC) is installing a new security system. The cameras will cover more angles, including the parking lot. The police station will be monitoring the cameras.

Columbia Gas has reached out to Gary Schafer about their Butterfly Pollination Program. Columbia Gas will plant seeds on by their easements in our meadows for the butterflies.

Morton Complex is in the discussion stages of upgrades.

The park benches at Baker Park, Hays Park and the Tennis Courts on McLaughlin Run Road have been added.

Membership at the C&RC are steady at approximately 9000 with 62% resident and 38% nonresident. Nonresidents pay more in membership dues.

Discussions also included mountain biking not permitted on the trails.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:02pm.