

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2016

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, May 24, 2016 in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: Roger Hartung Chairman
William O. Barnard
Thomas Browand
Diane Morris
Ryan McCleaster Assistant Director of Recreation and Leisure Services
Gary Schafer Forestry Administrator
Tara Fox Secretary to the Director

EXCUSED: Jennifer Schuler Vice-Chairman
Kelly B. Bakayza
Timothy Stouden

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2016

Ms. Diane Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. William Barnard, to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2016. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Bob Unitech, 1811 Woodlands Circle, asked for any updates on pickleball. Public Works explained that additional pickleball lines will be painted on the basketball courts at Baker Park which will make four (4) total courts at Baker, including the lines on the tennis courts. The board explained we are aware of the popularity of the sport and we are trying our best to provide space. Mrs. Diane Unitech asked the board to revisit the idea of adding lines at the Municipal Tennis Courts 1 – 4. Mr. Unitech also mentioned developing 6 – 10 pickleball courts at Boyce Mayview Park. It was explained that there are many requests, including dek hockey, dog park, tennis courts, expansion of the pool and many more for this space. It is a slow process, such as funding and extensive research to decide which would be the best option for this prime property. The board also encouraged Mr. Unitech and Mrs. Unitech to go to the Board of Commissioner's meetings because it gives them an opportunity to speak about their concerns.

USC Girl Scout Troop #52095 presented an 'Action Plan to help Monarch in USC.' The Girl Scout Troop is in the process of planting 22 milkweeds at the school district and 10 milkweeds at the library.

Ms. Molly Brown, 1811 Tyrus Drive, stated that the paddleball courts are in need of repair. They are chipped down and destroyed. Public Works is in communication with a company to have the courts looked at and repaired before the next season.

Neighborhood Parks

All water features at the parks are turned on and all parks are on schedule with regular maintenance.

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Neighborhood Parks - continued

Baker Park is on the schedule for improvements this summer which includes the fence, cracks on the courts and adding lines for a total of four (4) pickleball courts – two (2) on the tennis courts and two (2) modified courts on the basketball courts. In addition, there will be new water fountains as well as trash cans.

NEW BUSINESS

A board member mentioned that we hosted the W.P.I.A.L Baseball Playoffs and there were many compliments about the fields and park.

A canopy is going to be placed at the concession stand at Boyce Mayview Park to provide shade. In addition, a new sound system is in discussion.

A canopy is also expected to be in place at the Miracle Field by summer 2017.

The trail from Ardolino's to the Community Gardens and the Gardens to Rostrun Drive is on schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24pm.