

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 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, September 27, 2016 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
Thomas Browand
Diane Morris
Timothy Stouden
Paul Besterman Director of Recreation
Gary Schafer Forestry Administrator
Tara Fox Secretary to the Director

EXCUSED: None

PUBLIC: 8

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2016

Mrs. Diane Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Timothy Stouden to approve the Minutes of August 23, 2016. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None.

Neighborhood Parks

Baker Park is almost complete. The bocce court boards, fence backstop, trash cans and water fountains are to be replaced. The pickleball lines that were added on the basketball courts are regulation size.

Boyce Mayview Softball and Baseball Fields, and Marmion Fields will be closed for the season due to scheduled maintenance.

The township provides a total of nine (9) courts available for pickleball play. They include four (4) at Baker Park – two (2) on the basketball courts and two (2) on the tennis courts, one (1) at Hays Park, one (1) at Trotwood Park, and three (3) at the Community & Recreation Center.

The annual maintenance for the paddle tennis courts has been completed.

Mr. Leo Vighetti, 268 Trotwood West, said the tennis courts look great. He has concerns regarding basketball poles being too close to lines and asked if they could be moved back, or if padding could be put on the poles. At this time, the poles cannot be moved and public works will look into the padding option. Mr. Vighetti also asked about the pickleball nets and a locker at the basketball court. Players must bring their own pickleball net and lockers will not be provided at this time. Mr. Vighetti mentioned that the pickleball balls roll underneath the new fence and asked if a piece of rubber or wood could be installed. Public works is aware of the issue and will look into a solution. Public works has asked to please not move the benches and place them on the side.

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Ms. Diane Unitech, 1811 Woodlands Circle, mentioned that the surrounding areas have dedicated pickleball courts, such as South Fayette, Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon, and questioned why Upper St. Clair does not. The Parks & recreation Advisory Board discussed that it is a slow process and the township has more amenities and parks to maintain than the other townships. In addition, pickleball was not mentioned in the current ten (10) year comprehensive plan.

Due to the popularity of the pickleball tournament at the end of every school year, the board discussed the option to go to the school district and encourage pickleball lines in the gyms.

NEW BUSINESS

There are new fall water exercises this fall. A board member asked for evening water classes.

The C&RC plans to replace the educational programs at the Outdoor Classroom in the late spring 2017. It is currently being used for yoga and Tai Chi classes.

The Perimeter Trail expansion is moving forward. It is expected to be completed by July 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27pm.