

## **Park and Recreation Board October 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The October 16, 2017 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Eric Schaal at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Eric Schaal, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Randy Reardon and Member Tim Thomas. Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti and Member Bill Hoefler were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

### **Public Comment**

Rich Thomson, President of Patriot FC, provided updates of field usage and club growth. He noted challenges faced by the club in scheduling games and practices at Washington Crossing Historic Park on weekdays before the portable lights must be turned off at 8:00 pm in accordance with the Township-approved permit. Ms. Caporiccio will research the background of that permit with the Planning & Zoning Department, and she reminded the club to contact Township staff at any time a concern arises between monthly meetings.

Mr. Thomson then noted improved grass growth at the fields stating that the club has contracted for additional mows and has requested through Township staff that the landscaper mow shorter for improved playability. Discussion followed and the Board suggested that the mowing specifications may need to be reviewed in the future in consideration of the irrigation.

The club has requested use of the Council Rock turf field, and Mr. Thomson said availability has been sporadic and costs for more usage are significant. He inquired about potential for a joint project to locate an artificial turf field in the Township. Discussion followed, and Mr. Cino provided a history of similar requests noting that challenges have been significant costs, location/lack of undeveloped land which has adequate access and lighting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Schaal and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **2017 Budget Requests**

The Board then continued budget request considerations from the last meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Schaal and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to request up to \$40,000 for irrigation of Brownsburg Park Fields 5 and 6. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Based on updated information received since the last meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Schaal and seconded by Mr. Reardon to modify the \$3,000 bench purchase request to \$3,100 for the purchase of up to 6 benches for installation at both Brownsburg and Lookout Parks. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Updates and Other Business**

The Board cancelled the November 13 meeting due to a lack of agenda items.

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Lookout Park Building Improvement Project. Awarded to Premier Builders of Yardley, PA on October 3, 2017 in the amount of \$59,824.06.
- Park Trees. Twelve trees to be planted this Fall at Lookout Park (5) and Brownsburg Park (7).

- Tree Grant Campaign. Upper Makefield is partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation for a Fall tree giveaway. A link to a tree reservation form is on the Township website.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Reardon to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: December 12, 2017