

## **Park and Recreation Board**

### **February 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The February 8, 2016 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Eric Schaal at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Eric Schaal, Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Bill Hoefler, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Tim Thomas. Members Donna DeSimone and Randy Reardon were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the January 11, 2016 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Field Use Requests**

##### **Patriot FC**

Patriot FC submitted a Field Use Request for use of all Brownsburg Park fields from April 1-June 30, 2016. In lieu of field use fees, Patriot FC will commit approximately \$5,000 to field maintenance by TruGreen for weed control, fertilizer, seeding and other treatments for all six fields. The Township will continue to provide for mowing services. The snack shed is not being requested for the spring season. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Field Use Request of Patriot FC for use of Fields 1-6 from April 1-June 30, 2016. In lieu of Field Use Fees, Patriot FC will provide the maintenance plan recommended by TruGreen. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

##### **Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League**

UMYBSL submitted a Field Use Request for use of the fields and snack shed at Lookout Park from March 15-July 31, 2016. In lieu of 2016 Field Use Fees, the club will provide the following maintenance at Lookout Park for 2016:

- Provide and spread infield mix on all five fields
- Mow fields from March-November so they are baseball and softball ready
- Fertilize the grass, edge the infields, remove weeds as needed
- Maintain all fields, dugouts, batting cages and snack shed to be baseball and softball ready
- 10% of net proceeds from the snack shed donated to the Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefler and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to approve the Field Use Request of UMYBSL for March 15-July 31, 2016 with the conditions outlined above. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Brownsburg Park Irrigation Project Discussion and Meeting Update**

Ms. Magliocchetti provided an overview of the January meeting of the subcommittee, staff and Township Engineer with Princeton Irrigation to review their proposal to install irrigation to Brownsburg Park fields. Township Engineers Tri-State are reviewing the 2002 Test Report of Mercuri & Associates as well as Township ordinances to determine the need for additional well testing. In

order to complete their review including costs for additional required testing, Tri-State is clarifying calculation assumptions for irrigation design and costs with Princeton Irrigation and will forward their final report.

Ms. Magliocchetti noted that Patriot FC is preparing a grant application to EPYSA (Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association) to help offset the cost of irrigation and is requesting a letter of support from the Park and Recreation Board to accompany the application, which is due in early April. Consensus was that members of the Board and soccer club will work with staff and the Township Engineer to prepare packet information for the March 15 Board of Supervisors meeting to accompany the soccer club's request for a letter of support.

### **Race Route Discussion**

Discussion continued regarding alternate routes for events held in Washington Crossing Historic Park that require road closures. The Planning Commission is drafting an ordinance to address these events, which will be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Board for input when completed.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Thomas referenced the township-owned property in Mt. Eyre noting that although the property is posted, people are riding ATVs on the property and have driven over the recently planted wildflowers. Safety and liability concerns were expressed. Staff will confirm that the park ordinance prohibits ATVs on the property and that the sign was posted by the Township as it states.

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- All six backboards at the Brownsburg Park basketball courts were replaced by the vendor because of fading.
- Beginning in March, preparations will begin at the parks for April openings.
- Lookout Park playground installation will be planned for Spring as weather permits.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefler and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: March 14, 2016