

Park and Recreation Board March 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The March 14, 2016 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Eric Schaal at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Eric Schaal, Vice Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Tim Thomas. Member Randy Reardon and Member Bill Hoefler were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

Bob Hill, President of Patriot FC, provided an update of the club's Brownsburg Park field treatment plans for 2016 and indicated their intention to continue to contract with TruGreen for services including fertilization, weed control, patch repair, aerating and seeding. The club will also continue their current practice of rotating fields and playing areas to manage usage and minimize overuse.

Mr. Hill also expressed support of the proposed field irrigation project at Brownsburg Park. He confirmed the club's intention to apply for a grant from EPYSA (Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association) to help offset the cost of the project and will attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting to relay this intention during the project presentation. Additionally, he said the club will contribute \$5,000 toward the cost of a new pump.

Brownsburg Park Irrigation Project Discussion and Update

Mr. Schaal provided an overview of subcommittee meetings held since the last meeting with Township Engineer Larry Young and Wes Plaisted from Tri-State Engineers and township staff to further discuss the proposed Brownsburg Park irrigation project. Discussion of the March 15, 2016 presentation to the Board of Supervisors followed. This Board will request authorization to proceed with a well test and bidding of the irrigation project if test results are acceptable as well as approval of a letter of support to accompany the Patriot FC grant application.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes as amended. Motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Ms. DeSimone abstaining.

Lookout Park Building Improvement Update

Ms. DeSimone provided an update of a meeting at Lookout Park with Planning & Zoning Director Dave Kuhns and architect Richard Walker to discuss potential aesthetic improvements to the Lookout Park building. Shingle samples and the architect's suggestions are anticipated for review at the next meeting.

Park and Recreation Board Strategy for Improvements to Parks

Mr. Schaal noted park improvements made in recent years and suggested reviewing the 2013 park survey to help develop a strategy for the future. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

Lookout Park Playground Installation Update

Ms. Caporiccio reviewed the schematic for the Lookout Park playground and site location and discussion followed. Spring installation is anticipated.

Other Business

Brownsburg Park Tennis Court Access

Mr. Schaal and Ms. Caporiccio referenced resident correspondence requesting access to the tennis courts before the parks are officially opened on April 1 and the weather is conducive to tennis. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to keep the tennis court gates unlocked year round for use when weather permits. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Lookout Park restroom floors have been pressure washed and painted. Brownsburg Park restroom floors will also be cleaned and painted before the parks open April 1.
- Township Public Works Department staff will be addressing Lookout Park stormwater issues this year.
- The restrooms at both parks were accessed before they were operational for the season, requiring a service to pump the facilities. Lockboxes at both parks have been removed until the parks are officially opened.
- The flag at Brownsburg Park was damaged by weather conditions and has been replaced by the Township.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: April 11, 2016