

Park and Recreation Board

April 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The April 11, 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 Donna DeSimone, Member Bill Hofer, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Tim Thomas. Member Randy Reardon was 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

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. Magliocchetti and Mr. Thomas were not present for this vote.

Strategy for Park Improvements

Discussion of a long-term park improvement strategy continued with an overview of completed projects and review of the 2013 resident survey. Potential project ideas were brainstormed, and Mr. Schaal will compile a list for consideration and prioritization at a future meeting.

Lookout Park Building Improvements Update

Shingle color samples for the Lookout Park roof replacement were compared, and gray was selected as the preferred option. Ms. DeSimone then reviewed the architect's sketches with suggestions for aesthetic improvements to the Lookout Park building. He recommends low maintenance materials in neutral colors. He will provide additional drawings and more detailed information, including measurements, to help determine potential costs. Ms. DeSimone will also inquire about the need for replacement doors and/or fixtures and will provide a status update at the next meeting.

Brownsburg Park Fencing Project

Ms. Magliocchetti suggested adding split rail fences with wire mesh at fields 1 and 6 to the list of potential projects to address the problem of errant soccer balls at those two Brownsburg Park fields.

Ms. Magliocchetti then noted that Troop #99 has an Eagle Scout candidate who is willing to meet with the Board to discuss potential projects.

Other Business

Brownsburg Park Irrigation Project

Ms. Caporiccio relayed that the Agreement with Pennoni for conducting the Brownsburg Park well test has been signed and forwarded. Updates will be provided as the process moves forward.

Mr. Schaal referenced a resident concern that was expressed to a township supervisor and forwarded to the Park and Recreation Board by the township manager regarding installation of the irrigation system at Brownsburg Park. He reviewed a potential response to address each concern and provide an explanation that funding of the Park and Recreation Capital Fund is through contributions by developers rather than taxpayer dollars. Board consensus was to provide the project fact sheet to

the supervisors and township to address the concerns. He will also address in the fact sheet a misstatement in the March 24, 2016 issue of the *Bucks County Herald* which stated that he suggested that PatriotFC should be compensated for their efforts to mitigate field issues. Mr. Schaal has requested a retraction and correction from the newspaper.

Lookout Park Playground Installation Update

Ms. Caporiccio provided an overview of the project noting that installation is anticipated for early May. The Department of Public Works will assist with site preparation.

Earth Day Event

The EAC is joining with other local municipalities to host an Earth Day event at Core Creek Park on April 30, 2016 from 10 am-2 pm. All are invited to attend.

Sol Feinstone Elementary Design-A-Park Project

The Sol Feinstone Elementary 3rd grade Design-A-Park project presentation will be held on May 16 with township representatives invited to participate as judges. Winners will be recognized at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 17, 2016.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: May 9, 2016