

## **Park and Recreation Board December 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The December 12, 2016 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Eric Schaal at 7:32 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 Bill Hoefler and Member Randy Reardon were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

### **Public Comment**

John Sikora distributed an informational packet about butternuts and requested permission to plant seeds at a Township park or open space area to help encourage regrowth of the trees in the area. Discussion followed, and the Board requested that Mr. Sikora share the information with the Environmental Advisory Council to get their input and recommendation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of September 7, 2016 meeting minutes will be placed on the next agenda when members who were in attendance are present to vote on the minutes.

### **Eagle Scout Project Update – Brownsburg Park Fencing**

Scout Stephen Jayne provided a diagram of the proposed fencing project at Brownsburg Park near Field 6. It would provide a 160 ft. barrier between the field and the no-mow area to help prevent soccer balls from rolling into the area and reduce exposure to ticks when people retrieve them. He worked with Planning and Zoning staff to comply with Township regulations. Discussion followed and the Board was supportive of the project as presented. Mr. Jayne will attend a Board of Supervisors meeting to present his proposed project and intends to complete the project in 2107.

Ms. DeSimone arrived at 7:45 pm.

### **Lookout Park Walking Path Project–Bucks County Municipal Open Space Program Application**

Ms. Caporiccio provided an update that the Board of Supervisors has approved submission of an application to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Program for expansion of the Lookout Park Walking trail. The application is due by the end of 2016 and also includes the purchase of benches, trash receptacles, pet stations and signage.

### **Canal Path Access**

Ms. Magliocchetti referenced a comment at the December 6 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding a canal bridge located near a private drive in the Bowman's Tower Farm development. Discussion followed, and Mr. Cino provided a history of the property noting that the bridge is owned by DCNR, however the access road is privately owned by the homeowners association.

There was discussion of pros and cons of several options to gain additional public access to the canal, including asking the HOA for public access via the private drive; requesting that DCNR relocate the bridge; providing access at the Floge tract; connecting an existing sidewalk on Taylorsville Road near Collingswood Ave to allow easier access to an existing bridge.

### **DCNR Grant Opportunity**

Ms. Caporiccio distributed DCNR Grant information. Mr. Schaal requested input on potential projects for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Brownsburg Park Irrigation Project Update**

Ms. Caporiccio relayed that the Township Engineer indicated that he will rebid the project in early February for a March bid award and spring project start. The Board requested that the process begin sooner to limit impact on the club.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- The 2017 budget requests were presented to the Board of Supervisors and included in the Preliminary Budget with no changes. Budget adoption is scheduled for December 20, 2016.
- Reminder to submit suggestions for potential cable channel and eNews content.
- The builder involved with the Lookout Park building improvement project recently spoke with Township staff and indicated that he will attempt to contact architect Richard Walker for more specific details on his designs. Ms. DeSimone will also email him.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: February 13, 2017