

Park and Recreation Board January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2016 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Member Eric Schaal at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Member Eric Schaal, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Randy Reardon and Member Tim Thomas. Member Donna DeSimone and Member Bill Hoefler were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Mr. Reardon to nominate Eric Schaal as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2016. Motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Schaal abstaining.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Schaal and was seconded by Mr. Reardon to nominate Cathy Magliocchetti as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2016. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the October 12, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Reardon abstaining.

Brownsburg Park Irrigation Project Discussion

Ms. Magliocchetti and Mr. Thomas provided an update of the subcommittee's meeting with Princeton Irrigation regarding installation of irrigation lines at Brownsburg Park fields. Although there is still information to be obtained, based on their preliminary site visit, Princeton Irrigation could install irrigation to either 3 fields or 5 fields using the existing water lines. There is still information to be obtained and confirmed regarding the existing well, and a drawdown test would be required at additional cost. The design of the system would be dependent on the results of that test, and provisions would be made to accommodate the results (i.e. phased or staggered watering). The subcommittee also communicated with a well driller regarding the drawdown test. Both the irrigation company and the well driller will need further information from the Township Engineer.

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Magliocetti noted that Patriot FC supports irrigation of the fields and would apply to EPYSA for a grant to assist with the costs. The club requested a letter of support from the Park and Recreation Board to accompany their grant application, which is due April 1, 2016. Consensus was that more information is needed, including input from the Township Engineer and Board of Supervisors. Staff will schedule a meeting of the subcommittee, Princeton Irrigation and the Township Engineer and provide a report at the next meeting. Additionally, the Solicitor will be consulted regarding the drawdown test and what protection it provides the Township.

Alternate Race Route Discussion

The Township has received increased requests for road closures along River Road for events held at Washington Crossing Historic Park. The committee was asked for input regarding development of alternate routes or other recommendations that would not require road closures, which affect the same group of residents in that area. Discussion followed and consensus was that event organizers should

bear the responsibility to certify courses and should be encouraged to work with Washington Crossing Historic Park staff to determine alternate routes during the application process. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion regarding possible policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Indoor Athletics Facility Discussion

Mr. Schaal described a basic indoor athletics facility he recently visited and inquired about potential interest in building one in the Township as a revenue-generating asset. He will research it further and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Schaal thanked Ms. DeSimone for her service as Chair.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: February 8, 2016