

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2011

Present: Chair Jim Pearsall, Vice Chair Randy Reardon, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Tom Kovacevich, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Eileen Sichel and Member Dawn Wyatt. Also in attendance was Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Reardon was not present for this motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Ms. Sichel to approve the minutes of May 9, 2011. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. DeSimone, Mr. Kovalcik and Ms. Wyatt were not present for this motion.

Boy Scout Snack Bar Proposal Fee Discussion

The Board continued discussion of the proposal submitted by Boy Scout Troop 99 to operate the Brownsburg Park snack bar during the fall soccer season and share a portion of the proceeds with the township.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovacevich and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to recommend that the Boy Scouts contribute 10% of gross sales at the Brownsburg Park snack bar to the township. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Reardon voting no.

Field Use Fee Discussion

Field maintenance costs at both Brownsburg and Lookout Parks were discussed. The consensus of the board was to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the field use fee charged to the sports organizations be revised from a per person rate to a flat fee in 2012, with the intention of maintaining the same quality of field maintenance.

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to recommend that the 2012 Brownsburg Park Field Use Fee for Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club be \$5,000/year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Kovacevich to recommend that the 2012 Brownsburg Park Field Use Fee for Council Rock Lacrosse be \$500. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to recommend that the 2012 Lookout Park Field Use Fee for Upper Makefield Youth Baseball be \$4,000/year. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Pearsall voting no.

The sports organizations will be advised of the proposed changes and are invited to attend all

public meetings.

2012 Budget Requests

The sports organizations will be asked to submit 2012 Budget requests for the July meeting.

Updates

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- The picnic tables have been delivered to the Lookout Park picnic area.
- The Township will be responsible for ordering shade trees for Fall planting at the Lookout Park fields. The Environmental Advisory Council will be responsible for plantings in the lower park and picnic area.
- A local artist is considering a project to paint faux stones and a wildflower garden on the River Road side of the Lookout Park building. A sketch will be provided if the project moves forward.
- The Arts Tech Solutions Children's Theater Camp scheduled for Brownsburg Park was cancelled due to low enrollment.
- Members of the Park and Recreation Board and township staff attended a 3rd grade class at Sol Feinstone Elementary School to view park design projects completed during their unit on community needs and local government. The top four contest winners were invited to attend the June 1, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting and were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.
- The Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution at their June 15 meeting designating July as Park and Recreation Month in Upper Makefield Township. Members of the Park and Recreation Board are invited to attend the meeting to be recognized for their efforts and service to the community.

Other Business

Sparkles Car Wash in Newtown agreed last month to take 25 Park & Recreation license plates and sell them for \$15 each on behalf of the township. Ms. DeSimone will check on the status of the sales and inventory.

A race has been discussed previously as a Park & Recreation fundraiser. Various suggestions were discussed as options to consider that would differentiate it from other area races and would take advantage of the local setting (such as a bushwhacker race along the towpath or family bike race).

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Mr. Kovacevich to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Caporiccio

Approved: July 11, 2011