

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2011

Present: Vice Chair Randy Reardon, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Tom Kovacevich, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Eileen Sichel and Member Dawn Wyatt. Chair Jim Pearsall was absent. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino, Cathy Magliocchetti and Andrew Block of UMNSC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the minutes of July 11, 2011. Motion carried 4-0-2 with Ms. DeSimone and Mr. Kovacevich abstaining.

Lookout Park and Brownsburg Park Field Use Fees/Maintenance Proposals

Both UMYBL and UMNSC submitted proposals to assume maintenance responsibilities for the baseball fields at Lookout Park and the soccer fields at Brownsburg Park in lieu of field use fees in 2012, provided that the township makes capital investments at each park to improve the water supply. The township would continue to be responsible for all mowing at both parks. Lengthy discussion followed, and consensus was to recommend the proposals to the Board of Supervisors for upcoming 2012 budget discussions, with details to be coordinated between the township and the clubs.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to remove the field use charges to soccer and baseball in lieu of the clubs accepting responsibility of turf management, which includes a proposed turf management plan to be submitted to the Park & Recreation Board with a schedule of maintenance. The Board also recommends that the township fund water improvements at Brownsburg Park and Lookout Park through the Capital Fund. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Reardon stressed the importance of club representation at the monthly Park & Recreation Board meetings in order to keep the lines of communication open and afford an opportunity to address issues as they arise.

UMYBL requested that the mowed area around the youth baseball fields at Lookout Park be extended because the tall grasses aggravate allergies and attract deer ticks.

Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club

Yardley-Makefield Soccer Club Columbus Cup Tournament

Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club presented a Field Use Request on behalf of Yardley Makefield Soccer to hold the Columbus Cup Tournament at Brownsburg Park on October 7-9, 2011. Concern was expressed about potential damage based on previous experience and the size of the tournament. Mr. Block of UMNSC said the two clubs have communicated and YMS is aware of the concerns and is willing to provide more oversight of the facilities during the

tournament.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to approve the YMS Columbus Day Tournament Request with a refundable security deposit of \$3,000 and a tournament fee of \$1,000. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Brownsburg Park AED Location

UMNSC is training coaches on AEDs and requested that the AED at Brownsburg Park be relocated to a box mounted on the outside of the pavilion instead of inside the concession stand. This will reduce the number of people with access to the concession area and allow easier access to the AED unit. There was general consensus, and staff will work with the club on the relocation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to adjourn at 9:27 pm. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Caporiccio

Approved: November 14, 2011