UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Kovacevich and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to nominate Mr. Pearsall as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. DeSimone was not present for this motion.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and seconded by Mr. Kovacevich to nominate Randy Reardon as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. DeSimone was not present for this motion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Sichel and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the minutes of December 13, 2010. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Lookout Park Draft Tree Planting Plan

Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, presented a draft tree planting plan for Lookout Park developed by the EAC, which utilizes the Tree Fund for the purchase of 24 trees. Tree calipers and species would be determined after consultation with a tree expert and further input by this Board, the EAC and UMYBL. Following discussion, it was the consensus to proceed with jointly coordinating a plan that incorporates the tree/shrub purchases approved in the 2011 Budget with suggestions from the EAC and input from UMYBL. Ms. Magliocchetti will report back to the EAC, consult with the tree expert and forward the recommendations to this Board.

<u>2011 Field Use Request – Upper Makefield Youth Ball League</u> Upper Makefield Youth Ball League

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the 2011 Field Use Request of Upper Makefield Youth Ball League as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The league will be asked to submit a sign/banner permit request for consideration at the next meeting.

Fundraising Discussion

Discussion of fundraising opportunities to offset township park expenses was continued from the last meeting. Several options for community events Brownsburg Park Pavilion were discussed (brunches, clambakes, movie nights, 5K race), including jointly sponsored events with the sports leagues and utilization of the snack bar. It was noted that the present ordinance prohibits the use of alcohol at township parks. While considering utilizing the resource for fundraising and events, consensus was to ensure that the schedule also allows for open times when park visitors can use the pavilion. Further discussion included increasing field use fees or restructuring to a flat fee.

Dennis Heath, 1221 River Road, suggested consulting with an event planner to help organize and promote events unique to the township. He noted the added liability and expense associated with permitting alcohol.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Kovacevich said he spoke with several people at the fall budget meetings who are concerned about additional park expenses. They expressed an expectation that park users are charged a fee to help defray park maintenance costs.

Mr. Heath commented that he also attended budget meetings and observed that many comments were based on misinformation.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and, seconded by Ms. Sichel to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Caporiccio

Approved: February 28, 2011