

Park and Recreation Board May 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The May 13, 2013, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Vice Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:40 pm. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Vice Chair Donna DeSimone, Member Bill Hoefler, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Eileen Sichel and Member Dawn Wyatt. Chair Randy Reardon was absent. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Hoefler to approve the March 11, 2013 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Pavilion DJ Request – 6th Grade Graduation Party

In accordance with Pavilion Use Policy, Melissa Wilson provided an overview of a request for a d.j. to entertain at a 6th grade graduation party to be held at Brownsburg Park on June 8 from 5 pm – dusk. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to approve the request for a d.j. to entertain at the June 8, 2013 Wilson party at Brownsburg Park. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Sichel were not present for this motion.

Environmental Advisory Council

Brownsburg Park Septic Field Fencing

Cathy Magliocchetti, Chair of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council, provided an overview of a request by the EAC to remove the fencing around the septic field at Brownsburg Park. The EAC believes the area can be adequately maintained as a no-mow area, which would prevent trees from growing on the septic field, and that the current fence is acting somewhat as a deer enclosure. Because the area is slightly sloped, the EAC feels there is no chance that this area will be used for organized sports play and the incidental pedestrian traffic will not impact the ability of the septic field to perform. By extending the no-mow area toward the field, the EAC feels that foot traffic in the area will be reduced. The township water/sewer engineer suggests adding signage if the fencing is removed. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to support the EAC's recommendation to remove the Brownsburg Park septic field fence. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Sichel were not present for this motion.

A field orientation sign will be considered during the 2014 budget process, which could note the area where the septic field is located. A notice can also be posted in the display case.

Lookout Park Safety Fencing

Cathy Magliocchetti, Chair of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council, said the EAC has concerns about the orange fencing along the southern edge of Lookout Park. The fence was installed years ago to prevent access to an area where an intermittent stream forms during heavy storms, however the fence does not extend the full length of the park and its integrity is compromised so people can walk around it. They recommend that the fence be removed and feel that the extended no-mow zone helps to deter foot traffic. Otherwise, they would suggest that a permanent structure be installed along the length of the park. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr.

Kovalcik and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to support the EAC's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to remove the orange fencing as it no longer serves its intended purpose. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Ms. Sichel was not present for this motion.

Survey Update

Ms. DeSimone reported that almost 200 survey responses have been received. Within the next few months, results received to date will be analyzed for consideration for possible capital park improvements.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: June 10, 2013