

Park and Recreation Board

April 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The April 13, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:05 p.m. at Brownsburg Park, 1455 River Road in New Hope, PA. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Bill Hoefer, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Tim Thomas. Member Randy Reardon was not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

Ryan Heese circulated an example of a park field sign display shelter he is considering constructing as his Eagle Scout project. The Board was supportive of the concept and suggested a map similar to the field sign at Lookout Park. Ms. Magliocchetti offered to meet with Mr. Heese to review plans and details as the project progresses.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefer and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes. Ms. Magliocchetti expressed concern about field usage for the EPIC tournament. Staff will contact YMS prior to the event to finalize field usage as per prior agreement and past practice. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Brownsburg Park

Court Project Update

Board members observed the basketball and tennis court project status. Construction began at the end of March and completion is expected at the end of May 2015.

Field Number Signs

Mr. Thomas reviewed options for the Brownsburg Park field number signs that soccer has offered to purchase and directed attention to the signs that are already installed on the nets. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to support soccer's purchase of 12x18 metal field signs that are white with red lettering, consistent with the existing "No Parking on Grass" signs. The signs will be mounted on the existing posts. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Field Conditions Update

Ms. Caporiccio reviewed the April 8, 2015 Brownsburg field evaluation of Andy Adams from TruGreen. He determined that the fields are okay to use for the 2015 season but cautioned that Fields 2 and 3 were still somewhat wet on evaluation day. He indicated to Township staff via a telephone call on April 13, 2015 that the previous weekend's weather was sufficient to dry those two fields for use. Mr. Adams' evaluation determined the turf quality was 80% improved over last year with the density being the most improved.

DCED Greenway Trails & Recreation Program Grant Opportunity

Ms. Magliocchetti referenced the DCNR grant discussed at the last meeting for possible expansion of the irrigation system at Brownsburg Park. Based on his research, the Township Engineer has learned that this type of project has a low likelihood of receiving this grant, which is geared toward ADA components, but he found another grant opportunity through the DCED Greenway Trails & Recreation Program. The submission would require updated information and a detailed plan, and Ms.

Magliocchetti suggested a possible partnership with the soccer club. This item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion with the soccer club.

Ms. Magliocchetti suggested that during the 2016 budget process, the Board consider including addition of soil amendments to fortify the Brownsburg Park fields.

Other Business

The Board determined the locations for installation of three pet stations at Brownsburg Park.

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Eagle Scout Brandon Heese met with Township staff to discuss his flagpole project.
- The EAC is joining with 6 other Bucks County municipalities to celebrate Earth Day at Core Creek Park on Saturday, April 25 from 10-2.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the request to purchase 12 trees for planting at Brownsburg and Lookout Parks.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: June 8, 2015