

Park and Recreation Board

August 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The August 10, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:30 pm at Lookout Park, 1565 River Road, New Hope, PA. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Member Bill Hoefer, Member Cathy Magliocchetti and Member Tim Thomas. Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Randy Reardon were 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

There was no public comment.

Brownsburg Park Field Map Sign

Scout Ryan Heese is constructing a field map sign for Brownsburg Park, and he brought the sign to the meeting to show his progress. He intends to install the sign under a cedar roof kiosk and will be meeting with Township Planning and Zoning staff prior to installation.

Approval of Minutes

The July 13, 2015 meeting minutes were Tabled to the next meeting due to a lack of a voting quorum.

NAC Sports Training Center Field Use Request

Mr. Beverley asked that the Board reconsider the fee assessed to the NAC at the last meeting for their Lookout Park Fall Field Use Request. He highlighted the contributions they have provided to the club this season and said the NAC (Big Leagues) will assume Fall maintenance of the fields they are using. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the request of the NAC Sports Training Center for use of Arabis and Eagle fields for practices to held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from August 18-October 15, 2015 for an adjusted fee of \$2,000, pending receipt of all required documentation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Brownsburg Park Field Use Request – Union Soccer Mobile Tour

A motion was made Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the request of Patriot FC to host the Philadelphia Union Mobile Tour at Brownsburg Park on September 10, 2015 pending receipt of required insurance documentation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2016 Budget Requests

Patriot FC

Patriot FC provided financial statements and a budget request for 2016. In lieu of field use fees, the club will continue to work with TruGreen for treatment and maintenance of the Brownsburg Park fields. The Township will continue to provide mowing services. The club asked that consideration be given to planning for lighted fields and eventually installation of a turf field.

Brownsburg Park Benches

Consensus was to include the purchase of 4 or 5 benches for the court area in the budget request, which will be finalized at the next meeting.

Brownsburg Park Soil Amendments

TruGreen estimated a total cost of \$18,039.50 for soil amendment and topdressing applications to all

six fields at Brownsburg Park. Staff will contact TruGreen about options for cost savings.

Lookout Park Improvements

Discussion of building and park improvements continued. There was consensus among the Board and Mr. Beverley that a playground would be a positive addition. The Board agreed that roof and building improvements would be included in the 2016 request but a conceptual long-term plan for aesthetic improvements should be investigated prior to making those improvements.

Lookout Park Batting Cages

Mr. Beverley agreed that the club will weed and maintain the interior of the batting cages and asked for Township assistance in maintaining the exterior landscape surrounding the cages. He will contact Township staff to further discuss the landscaping area.

Other Business

Brownsburg Court Dedication

Dates for dedication of the new Brownsburg Park tennis and basketball courts was discussed and will be circulated to the rest of the Board for their availability.

Park and Recreation Programs

Ms. Magliocchetti referenced Newtown Township Park and Recreation program fees for residents and non-residents and inquired about fees for Jointure members.

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- As requested by the Board, Township staff will wrap the wooden sign posts at Township parks to prevent damage from weed whacking.
- Additional electrical quotes are being obtained for security camera installation at Brownsburg Park for cost savings.
- The revised park ordinance has been forwarded to the Solicitor for review.
- The recently planted trees at Lookout Park have been inspected and one will be replaced by the landscaper in the Fall.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: September 14, 2015