

Park and Recreation Board October 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The October 12, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:39 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Tim Thomas. Member Bill Hoefler 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.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to approve the September 14, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. Magliocchetti was not present for this vote.

Field Use Requests

Newtown Rock Fastpitch Field Use Requests

October 10-11, 2015

Newtown Fastpitch submitted a Tournament Request to use the softball fields at Lookout Park for tournaments on October 11 and October 17, 2015, including a food vendor. The request was approved by the Park and Recreation Board via email pending receipt of all required documentation with the following conditions: \$400/day fee; \$500 security deposit; \$400 each day; 10% contributions of net proceeds from food sales. The applicants worked with the softball club to coordinate scheduling. Following approval of the request, Newtown Rock Fastpitch modified the request by adding additional dates/fields. A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Newtown Rock Fastpitch Tournament Request for October 10-11, 2015 with the revised fee amount of \$1,000; \$500 security deposit; 10% contributions of net proceeds from food sales. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. Magliocchetti was not present for this vote.

October 17-18 and October 24-25, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve the Newtown Rock Fastpitch Tournament Requests for October 17-18 and October 24-25, 2015 with the fee amount of \$1,000 per tournament; \$500 security deposit; 10% contributions of net proceeds from food sales. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Lookout Park Improvements Discussion

Ms. DeSimone led discussion of Lookout Park playground equipment and location, noting an opportunity to purchase equipment at significant savings through the vendor's end-of-year overstock and funding grant promotions. Several sites were eliminated due to location of underground piping or utilities. Upon reviewing the site map, consensus was to consider a small playground set to be located between the walking path and the picnic area. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to present a request to the Board of Supervisors to consider the purchase playground equipment for Lookout Park in 2015 for a cost of \$7,840 in order to take advantage of end of year closeout pricing, with 2016 installation per the previous budget request. Prior to consideration by the Board, the Township Engineer will be requested to inspect site drainage. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. (Prior to presentation of the request to the Board of Supervisors, the vendor informed the Township that the closeout pieces were no longer available. The request

presented was for the same equipment at a cost of \$13,259.20, representing 40% discount off retail price and including freight charges.)

Dog Park Reconsideration

Discussion continued regarding a potential dog park. Concerns were expressed about safety and cleanliness if a dog park and sport park are combined, limited space available at existing parks, limited park and recreation funds, and the significant costs to develop a new park. Consensus was to first address projects as previously prioritized by resident survey and projects included on the 2016 budget request, and to inquire about the uses of conserved lands and setbacks at Brownsburg Park.

Other Business

- Ms. Magliocetti noted that the EAC is planning a supplemental wildflower planting in the no mow areas at both Brownsburg and Lookout Parks.
- Ms. DeSimone requested that staff evaluate the walkway area at Lookout Park for solutions to the flooding problems.
- Mr. Thomas noted that Patriot FC continues to investigate options for the Brownsburg Park field irrigation project, and discussion followed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Schaal to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: 1-11-16