

## **Park and Recreation Board**

### **September 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The September 14, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Bill Hofer, 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**

There was no public comment.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Thomas was not present for this vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Mr. Hofer to approve the August 10, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0s vote. Mr. Thomas was not present for this vote.

#### **2016 Budget Request**

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to include in the 2016 Budget Request the purchase of 6 benches for the court area of Brownsburg Park for a cost not to exceed \$2,800. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion of addition of soil amendments to the Brownsburg Park fields was continued from the previous meeting. Consensus was to concentrate on investigating options for irrigation of the fields for the best long-term outcome, seeking grant opportunities to offset the costs.

Further discussion included improvements to the Lookout Park building, keeping within the character of the community, and playground equipment for that park. A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to include in the 2016 Budget Request an allocation of \$150,000 from the Park and Recreation Capital Fund for the following prioritized projects, investigating possible grant opportunities to offset costs:

- 1) Irrigation of the Brownsburg Park fields
- 2) Upgrades to the exterior of the building at Lookout Park
- 3) Select playground equipment for Lookout Park

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The following subcommittees were created:

- Ms. Magliocchetti and Mr. Thomas to investigate possible grant opportunities to offset the cost of the irrigation project
- Mr. Pearsall and Ms. DeSimone to explore Lookout Park playground equipment and building improvement

**Brownsburg Park Court Dedication**

Following discussion, consensus was to forego a formal court dedication ceremony due to conflicting schedules and park events.

**Other Business**

Mr. Thomas inquired about permitting parking on the grass during soccer events when all spaces are full, and the Board reviewed the background on the policy, which is that parking on the grass is prohibited because of safety concerns. Mr. Thomas will discuss the issue with the club, recommending that parking is taken into consideration when scheduling games and events.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: October 12, 2015