

Park and Recreation Board
October 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The October 13, 2014, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Bill Hoefler, Member Randy Reardon and Member Eileen Sichel. Member Jim Pearsall was absent. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to approve the September 8, 2014 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Patriot FC

2014/15 Field Remediation/Usage

Discussion continued concerning which of the remaining three fields at Brownsburg Park will be remediated by TruGreen in 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to remediate Fields 1, 2 and 6 in Fall 2014 at a cost of approximately \$5,400 per the proposal of TruGreen following the schedule agreed to by TruGreen and the soccer club. The fields will be evaluated prior to usage in Spring 2015 by the TruGreen expert, and based on his recommendation to the Township, the Park and Recreation Board will determine field usage. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. This completes the Township's remediation of all six fields at Brownsburg Park. Per previous agreement, the soccer club will assume maintenance of the fields except for mowing in lieu of a field use fee beginning in 2015. The Township will continue to provide mowing services.

2015 Budget Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to include \$1,200 in the 2015 Park and Recreation budget request for the purchase of 5 pet stands (3 for Brownsburg Park and 2 for Lookout Park). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Mr. Hoeffler to include \$1,000 in the 2015 Park and Recreation budget request for the purchase and installation of up to three cameras at the two Township parks. One trail camera will be purchased for the Brownsburg Park entrance. An additional camera will be purchased later in the year for the Lookout Park entrance based upon the successful evaluation of the camera at Brownsburg Park. A security camera will also be researched for the pavilion area of Brownsburg Park. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Sichel to include \$120,000 in the 2015 Park and Recreation budget request to rebid the basketball and/or tennis court project at Brownsburg Park. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to include the following improvements at Lookout Park in the 2015 Park and Recreation budget request: \$400 to replace 12 roof shingles and \$2,000 to paint the walls and trim. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ratification of Newtown Rock Fastpitch Tournament Request

Newtown Fastpitch submitted a Tournament Request for September 27-28, 2014 which was approved

via email by the Park and Recreation board on September 12, 2014 with a fee of \$800, security deposit of \$500 and 10% contribution of the net proceeds of the snack shed. Following approval of the request, Newtown Fastpitch modified the requested date to September 27 only, and the fee was reduced to \$400. All other conditions remain the same. A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Reardon to approve the Tournament Request of Newtown Fastpitch for September 27, 2014 for a fee of \$400, security deposit of \$500 and 10% contribution of net proceeds of the snack shed. Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Review of Draft Special Event Application

The Emergency Management Team prepared a draft Special Event Application and asked for review from the Park and Recreation Board. The Board was supportive of the form. They indicated that most requests brought to the Park and Recreation Board are not typically available 60 days prior to the event and would not meet that requirement, suggesting that a 30 day notice might be more attainable.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio noted that the "No Pets on Fields Signs" have been ordered.

Mr. Schaal asked about the playground equipment that was removed from Brownsburg Park, and Ms. Caporiccio noted that the Department of Public Works removed the broken equipment for safety reasons and will replace them once repaired.

Ms. Sichel noted that there are blankets and license plates remaining that were not sold through fundraising activities, and she suggested donating the remaining blankets to a homeless shelter. Ms. DeSimone will contact the Washington Crossing Visitors Center about selling the license plates at the Visitors Center.

Mr. Hoefler commented that parking on the grass continues to be an issue at Brownsburg Park, and he inquired about adding additional parking spots along fields 1 and 2 to alleviate some of the problem.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Reardon to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: February 9, 2015