

Park and Recreation Board

September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2013, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Randy Reardon at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Randy Reardon, Vice Chair Donna DeSimone, Member Bill Hofer, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Eileen Sichel and Member Dawn Wyatt. Also in attendance was 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. Sichel to approve the June 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote with Mr. Reardon and Mr. Kovalcik abstaining.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Sichel to approve the August 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Patriot FC

Fall 2013 Brownsburg Park Field Remediation

Ms. Magliocchetti of Patriot FC outlined the TruGreen proposals for Brownsburg Park field remediation, which was included in the 2013 Budget. The club was pleased with the improvement to Field 3 following last year's Phase I remediation and recommends the same treatment to Fields 4 and 5 as well as Phase II treatment to Field 3. To foster improvement, there will be limited use of Field 3 (no tournament use) in the Fall, and Fields 4 and 5 will be closed after remediation in mid-October through Spring of 2014. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to support the TruGreen proposal for Phase I remediation of Fields 4 and 5 at a cost of \$1,980.08 each and Phase II remediation of Field 3 at a cost of \$1,158.58. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2014 Budget Request

Ms. Magliocchetti outlined the 2014 Budget request of Patriot FC. The club requested that \$14,800 be included in the budget for field remediation. This amount represents the approximate remaining balance in the 2013 budget after Field 4 and 5 Phase I remediation and Field 3 Phase II remediation are completed. In 2014, Patriot FC recommends remediation to Fields 1 and 2 in addition to Phase II remediation to the fields treated in 2013. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to recommend that the balance remaining in the 2013 budget for Brownsburg Park field remediation be included in the 2014 budget. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Magliocchetti commented that park visitors continue to park cars on the grass during practices and games. The club will send an email to parents reminding them to use designated parking spots.

Ms. Magliocchetti then said that due to the number of visitors expected at Brownsburg Park for the Columbus Cup Tournament, Patriot FC volunteers have offered to monitor the restrooms to reduce opportunities for damage to the facilities. YMS will also provide portable toilets.

Brownsburg Park Pavilion Use Request-Patriot FC

Ms. Caporiccio outlined Patriot FC's request to host an event at Brownsburg Park featuring the Philadelphia Union on Thursday, September 26, 2013. A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the Field Use Request of Patriot FC to host the Philadelphia Union Mobile Tour at Brownsburg Park on Thursday, September 26, 2013 pending receipt of all required paperwork and insurance documentation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Park Survey Results

Ms. DeSimone provided a summary of the park survey results, which showed the top two park improvements requested by respondents were tennis courts and basketball courts. Lengthy discussion followed about the options for courts, ongoing maintenance required for each type of court and long-range plans for park and recreation, noting that the developer fees which fund the park capital budget are significantly reduced.

The board requested that the township engineer provide budgeting estimates for the construction of 1) side-by-side courts of one basketball court and one fenced tennis court and 2) side-by-side multipurpose courts which could be used for both tennis and basketball and are enclosed by one perimeter fence.

For budget discussions and long-range planning, the board requested that the township solicitor research the deed of the Mt. Eyre property to determine any restrictions.

Other Business

Mr. Hoefler said Fall baseball leagues are in need of fields, and he suggested that the board consider field use permits for these leagues. The board encouraged interested parties to contact the township.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: October 3, 2013