

Park and Recreation Board
March 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The March 11, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla, Member Kathryn Benson, Member Melissa Carpenter, and Member Andy Reiss. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino, Supervisor Yvette Taylor and Supervisor Tim Thomas.

Public Comment

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Taylor provided details about the planned Community Day on September 21, 2024 to be held at Brownsburg Park. They plan to schedule friendly sports tournaments and activities for all age groups with informational tables for residents to learn about volunteer committees and Township services. The Board will discuss the Park & Recreation Board's Community Day display at an upcoming meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Ms. Carpenter to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes. Motion carried by 4-0-1 vote. Ms. Benson abstained.

Discussion of Potential Location for Brownsburg Park Memorial Butterfly Garden

The Board offered their suggestions for potential locations and design options for the Memorial Butterfly Garden at Brownsburg Park in remembrance of the victims of the July 15 flash flood event in the Township. The families are supportive of the project. General consensus was the no-mow area between the playground and the fields would be a favorable location. Some overall design suggestions included a natural area cut with paths or a labyrinth design with benches located within or nearby, butterfly houses, rain gardens, and the potential of adding more phases in the future. The next step is to meet jointly with the Environmental Advisory Council to discuss location, plantings and design elements.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino provided the following updates:

- The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission recently issued a press release stating that they have begun the process to study the possibility of a future replacement of the Washington Crossing Bridge. The Township became aware through the press release and is concerned about the potential impact that a bridge replacement would have on the community, including increased volume, speed and type of traffic. The Board continues to work on the issue and communicate concerns to the Toll Bridge Commission. He encouraged the Board and the residents to stay informed and engaged and to also communicate their concerns to the Toll Bridge Commission.

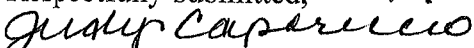
Township. Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- The process is underway to open Township parks on March 25.
- Trash Pickup Day is Saturday, March 23 from 9-11. Email Supervisor Tim Thomas if interested. Participants should wear boots, bring gloves and meet at Fire Station 71 at 9 a.m.
- The canopy for Lookout Park is expected to be delivered in April or May.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Ms. Benson to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: April 8, 2024