

Park and Recreation Board
August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The August 14, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:05 p.m. at Lookout Park, 1565 River Road, New Hope PA. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla, Member Lynn Trstensky, Member Andy Reiss, and Member Melissa Carpenter. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisor Tim Thomas.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Mr. Reiss to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Field Use Request

Upper Makefield Youth Baseball League

Mike Castello, President of UMYBL, presented the club's Fall Field Use Request. In lieu of a field use fee, the club will continue their approved maintenance plan below for Lookout Park:

- Prepare fields for use at the beginning of the season - purchase and spread infield mix as needed, clean dugouts, set-up and replace/repair field equipment. This is an estimated \$10,000+ expense that the League will incur.
- Set up irrigation, fertilization and seeding plans as needed for fields.
- Mow and edge fields during the playing season as needed to maintain playability. In the Fall months, mowing will occur every 7-14 days.
- Maintain fields, snack-sheds, batting cages and dugouts throughout the season.

Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Ms. Geiszler to approve the request of UMYBL for use of Lookout Park fields and snack stand from August 12 – October 31, 2024 as submitted conditioned upon the club providing the maintenance plan above in lieu of field use fees and contributing 10% of concession stand proceeds to the Township. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Patriot FC

Mr. Rupp provided an overview of the club's Fall 2024 Field Use Request for August 23 - November 22, 2024 for both youth and adult leagues. In lieu of a field use fee, the club will continue their approved maintenance plan below for Brownsburg Park. Patriot will collaborate with Township management, KJB Turf Management, and Hammer Landscaping to plan for, treat, and remediate the soccer fields. The pavilion is not being requested for Fall use.

- Patriot FC will commit to spending at least \$6,000 on landscaping and maintenance services at Brownsburg. These expenses will focus on weed control, fertilizer, seeding, rolling fields, and other treatments that will bring the greatest benefit to the fields.
- Field resting to be determined once final registration numbers for the season are known.
- Aerate and overseed fields on a needs-based schedule, exact fields to be determined following evaluation.
- Patriot FC will pay to maintain or replace the soccer goals, equipment, and supplies used at the park.

- Patriot FC will reimburse the Township for the cost to winterize the irrigation system for all 5 fields.
- In addition to financial support, Patriot FC will continue to rotate goals and equipment, use areas between fields, and run practices outside areas of heavy use to preserve the fields.
- Volunteers and coaches will be at Brownsburg for portions of almost every day of the week during the soccer seasons and will be observant and report observed improper usage or mistreatment of the fields, equipment, or courts at Brownsburg to the Township. Trainers, coaches and volunteers will be instructed to call the police or 911 if they see something.

Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Reiss to approve the Patriot FC Brownsburg Park Use Request for Fall 2024 as submitted, with Patriot FC providing the maintenance plan outlined above in lieu of field use fees and reimbursing the costs of winterizing the irrigation system. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Community Day Participation Discussion – September 21, 2024

The Board discussed ideas for participation in Community Day on September 21, including games, giveaways and ways to showcase the park.

2025 Capital Budget Requests

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Ms. Geiszler to forward to the Board of Supervisors a 2025 budget request of up to \$150,000. Potential projects include playground equipment and park enhancements at Brownsburg Park and pavilion furniture and park enhancements for Lookout Park, which may include trees (Tree Fund). Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Liaison Reports

There were no liaison reports.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: September 9, 2024