

Park and Recreation Board
September 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:36 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 Lynn Trstensky, Member Andy Reiss, and Member Melissa Carpenter Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio, Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisor Tim Thomas.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

Ted Berk, 112 Meadowview Drive, inquired about the status of the pickleball court construction project at Brownsburg Park and expressed his support, stating that he has spoken with others who are also supportive. Mr. Rupp provided a history of the project and encouraged all residents to attend the meetings to provide their input.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Ms. Trstensky to approve the August 14, 2024 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Community Day Participation – September 21, 2024

The Board continued discussion of their plans for participation in Community Day, which include basketball and cornhole, and hosting a table with handouts of local youth sport opportunities, park maps, brick order forms, bubbles, and interactive toys and games. Ms. Stasolla invited students from Rider University's Ultimate Frisbee team to attend to provide demonstrations and instruction. Mr. Thomas noted that the Bucks County Raquet Club in Washington Crossing will provide a free tennis clinic in the afternoon, and both the soccer and baseball clubs have been invited to host a table or provide handouts. Mr. Reiss arranged for a Rita's Water Ice truck to visit the park on Community Day.

2025 Fee Schedule

The Board reviewed the current fee schedule for park use and recommend no changes for 2025.

Meeting time for 2025

A motion was made by Ms.Trstensky and seconded by Ms. Carpenter to change the Park and Recreation Board meeting time to 7:00 p.m. beginning in 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- 2025 Budget. The Board of Supervisors will hold Budget Workshops at 6:30 p.m. on September 17 and October 1 at the Township Building. The workshops are open to the public and will be followed by the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Caporiccio provided up to date fund balance reports for both the Park and Recreation Fund and the Park and Recreation Capital Fund.
- Lookout Park Canopy. Many positive comments have been received about the new shade structure.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Benson and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: December 16, 2024