

## **Park and Recreation Board**

### **January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The January 13, 2025 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Mr. Rupp at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Robert Rupp, Debbie Stasolla, Melissa Carpenter, and Lynn Trstensky. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio, Administrative Assistant Shalia Alejandro, Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisor Tim Thomas.

#### **Reorganization**

##### **Election of Chair**

A motion was made by Mr. Rupp and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to nominate Mr. Rupp as Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

##### **Election of Vice Chair**

A motion was made by Mr. Rupp and was seconded by Ms. Carpenter to nominate Ms. Stasolla as Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Public Comment**

Jaco deWaal, of 12 Goldney Drive, asked for a status on a sound study for the pickleball court project at Brownsburg Park. Mr. Rupp explained that there has been no further discussion by the Board since the last meeting.

Mike Kroeger, of 7 Brooks Bend Drive, inquired about other potential locations for the pickleball courts. Mr. Rupp explained that Brownsburg Park is the only viable Township-owned park location.

Ms. Stasolla shared some of the other park projects identified in response the resident survey.

Supervisor Thomas offered a suggestion to inquire about purchasing a limited number passes for The Picklr in Newtown for use by Upper Makefield residents.

David Murdza, president of UMYBSL, shared that the club is planning fundraising events for the upcoming season, which may include tournaments, and he inquired about using Brownsburg Park for overflow parking. The club was encouraged to provide tournament details as soon as available for Park & Recreation Board approval and for consultation with Patriot FC about parking at Brownsburg Park to ensure there would be no conflict with Patriot's spring schedule.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Carpenter and was seconded by Ms. Trstensky to approve the December 16, 2024 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Brownsburg Park Playground Equipment Discussion**

During discussion of playground improvements, consensus was to explore the opportunity for guidance on overall design and aesthetics as a first step in consideration of the changes that have occurred at the park since the first playground was installed, noting also that the memorial butterfly garden is being built next to the playground. Ms. Caporiccio will ask the Township Engineer for guidance on seeking a comprehensive, holistic approach to improvements and potential grant opportunities. Ms. Stasolla and Ms. Carpenter will brainstorm improvement and playground ideas to share with the board, and members were encouraged to visit other playgrounds and share suggestions.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino provided an update that at the Board of Supervisors annual Reorganization Meeting, the Board of Supervisors moved to a monthly meeting schedule for 2025 on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Board officers and liaisons remained the same.

Township. Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Butterfly Garden. Preliminary work is underway with construction expected to begin in the Spring.
- Brownsburg Park Driveway. The Public Works Department is asking for Park & Recreation Board and EAC input on including the park driveway with the upcoming paving project. The previous material used cannot be plowed close to the ground, and experience indicates that people use the park throughout the year, even when the park buildings are closed. The Board had no objections to including the driveway in the upcoming paving project.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Trstensky and seconded by Ms. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio  
Assistant Township Manager  
Approved: February 10, 2025