

Park and Recreation Board

September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The September 16, 2025 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Member Kathryn Benson, Member Lynn Trstensky, Member Andy Reiss, and Member Naomi Robinson. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio, Administrative Assistant Shalia Alejandro, and 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 Ms. Trstensky and was seconded by Ms. Benson to approve the August 18, 2025 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Upper Makefield Youth Baseball Softball League 2026 Field Use Discussion

David Murdza, President of UMYBSL, reviewed the current field use agreement with the Township, which gives UMYBSL priority access to the Lookout Park fields in exchange for field maintenance and field mowing by the club. Mr. Murdza explained that rising costs have put a financial strain on the league, and he requested revisiting the maintenance agreement when the 2026 field use requests are reviewed. The Board thanked Mr. Murdza for bringing this to the Board's attention in advance.

2026 Budget Request

There was discussion of potential park improvements. A motion was made by Ms. Trstensky and seconded by Ms. Benson to forward to the Board of Supervisors a 2026 budget request of \$275,000.00 for potential projects. These projects at Brownsburg Park include accessibility to the butterfly garden, playground, and pavilion; upgrading equipment to include pieces for the 10–12 age range; relocating certain existing equipment; adding shade sails; and expanding the playground area. Adding another picnic table at Lookout Park may also be considered. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Community Day Update

The Board finalized their ideas for participation in Community Day at Brownsburg Park on September 20, including games, giveaways and ways to showcase the park. The final planning meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 6 p.m. at the Township Building. All are invited to attend and share ideas.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino provided an update:

- The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission (DRJTBC) continues their Washington Crossing Bridge Alternatives Analysis. The Township continues to monitor the situation closely and is actively communicating concerns to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. He encouraged the Board and residents to stay informed, remain engaged, and share their feedback and concerns directly with the Commission.
- The Sunoco Pipeline issue is ongoing. PA DEP is the regulator overseeing the jet fuel leak cleanup efforts in the Mt. Eyre neighborhood. Mr. Cino urged the Board to stay informed.

Township. Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Community Day is at Brownsburg Park on September 20.
- Budget Workshops are scheduled for October 20 at 5 p.m. and October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Township.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy Caporiccio".

Judy Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: October 13, 2025