

**Park and Recreation Board**  
**January 9, 2012, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The January 9, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Member Jim Pearsall at 7:37 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Member Jim Pearsall, Member Randy Reardon, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Tom Kovalcik and Member Dawn Wyatt. Member Eileen Sichel was absent. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino, Supervisor Larry S. Breeden, Township Engineer Larry Young, Hydrogeologist Toby Kessler, Cathy Magliocchetti of Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club, Jim D'Arcangelo of Upper Makefield Youth Ball League, Brian Walstrum of Council Rock Lacrosse, and Tom Kovacevich.

**Election of Chair:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to nominate Randy Reardon as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Kovalcik was not present for this motion.

**Election of Vice Chair:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to nominate Dawn Wyatt as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Kovalcik was not present for this motion.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Kovacevich presented a check from the Boy Scouts representing 10% of their gross sales at the Brownsburg Park snack shed during the Fall 2011 soccer season, per their agreement with the township.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the minutes of November 14, 2011. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Park Water Supply Improvements:**

Township Engineer Larry Young and Hydrogeologist Toby Kessler outlined the Gilmore & Associates proposal for the Brownsburg Park Irrigation Test Well and Hydrogeologic Study dated October 25, 2011. Mr. Young explained that the current well and pump at Brownsburg Park are residential and not intended for the purposes of watering fields. This proposal was developed after meeting with representatives of Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club to determine their watering needs.

Mr. Kessler explained the various scopes of the proposal: well drilling and testing protocol, drilling and oversight, aquifer testing and oversight, and the Hydrogeologic Report. Included is the impact on surrounding wells.

Sports organizations asked for water supply improvements at both Brownsburg Park and Lookout Park. In exchange, the clubs would assume maintenance responsibilities. Concern was expressed that this study addresses only one park, does not include the cost of any improvements and would use approximately half of the 2012 Park and Recreation Capital budget.

Cathy Magliocchetti outlined a proposal from UMNSC to assume complete maintenance of Brownsburg Park Fields 1 and 2 for 2012 utilizing the existing water supply. The 2012 field use fee

would be waived. They feel this would provide a fair representation of what a dedicated maintenance and watering plan could yield. The township would continue to mow those two fields.

Discussion followed, and consensus was that a comprehensive evaluation and recommendation by a turf expert should be sought before proceeding with any additional improvements at Brownsburg Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the development of a Request for Proposals for a turf expert to evaluate the soil conditions at Brownsburg Park and provide recommendations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jim D'Arcangelo outlined a proposal from UMYBL to skin the infields of two youth fields at Lookout Park if improved water supply/pressure are provided to the outfields. Following discussion, Mr. Young said the pressure issue could be related to the existing pump.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to recommend that the Township Engineer research the existing well and pump at Lookout Park. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Caporiccio

Approved: February 13, 2012