

**UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011**

Present: Chair Jim Pearsall, Vice Chair Randy Reardon, Donna DeSimone, Tom Kovalcik, Tom Kovacevich, Eileen Sichel and Dawn Wyatt. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino; Brian Walstrum, Council Rock Lacrosse; Joe Nowosielski, Arts Tech Solutions; Resident Dennis Heath

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Sichel and seconded by Mr. Reardon to approve the minutes of January 10, 2011. Motion carried 5-0 with Mr. Kovalcik abstaining. Ms Wyatt was not present for this motion.

Field Use Requests – Council Rock Lacrosse and Upper Makefield/Newtown Soccer Club

Five fields at Brownsburg Park are closed for maintenance during the spring season, leaving only one field available for use. Lacrosse and soccer have overlapping requests for weekday evening use of Field 6, which has traditionally been a lacrosse field.

Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Mr. Kovacevich and seconded by Mr. Reardon to approve the field use request of Council Rock Lacrosse for Spring 2011 (weekday use) with a request that attempts be made to share with soccer when the field is not needed by lacrosse. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Wyatt was not present for this motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Ms. Sichel to approve the Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club request for weekend use of Field 6. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Wyatt was not present for this motion.

Rock ‘Em Lacrosse Summer Camp

Brian Walstrum approached the Board about holding his annual summer lacrosse camp in smaller groups spread over the course of several weeks rather than one larger camp held for one week since only one field will be available for use at Brownsburg Park. Mr. Walstrum was encouraged to submit a formal request with specific dates.

Pavilion Use Request – Arts Tech Solutions

Joe Nowosielski, Executive Producer of Arts Tech Solutions, provided an overview of his request to hold a children’s theater program at Brownsburg Park from June 27-July 1, 2011.

Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Sichel to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the request of Arts Tech Solutions to hold a full day children’s theater program at Brownsburg Park Pavilion from June 27 – July 1, 2011 at a cost of \$50/day plus a \$200 refundable security deposit, pending receipt of all background checks, child abuse clearances and certificates of insurance. Motion carried by a unanimous

vote.

Brownsburg Park Snack Bar Proposal

Dennis Heath, 1221 River Road, outlined a proposal for an exclusive lease of the Brownsburg Park Snack Bar. He would use the snack bar to attract, underwrite and promote events, which he would solicit, with the intention of attracting more diverse populations to the park.

Lengthy discussion followed and concern was expressed about scheduling, exclusivity, effect on neighbors and operation of a commercial business in the pavilion. There was agreement with the concept of expanding use of the park, and Mr. Heath was encouraged to prepare and submit an events-based request. Mr. Heath suggested that the Board consider modifying the current approaches to use and approval in an effort to expand and encourage use of this community asset.

Funding/Fundraising/Field Use Fee Discussion

Funding and fundraising discussions continued, which included field use fees. Currently clubs are charged a per player fee of \$2.50, and consensus was to move to a flat fee for the 2012 season.

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to begin discussion of implementing a flat fee to all clubs in 2012 for maintenance and use of fields. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Kovalcik was not present for this vote.

George's Field Temporary Promotional Banner Permit Request – UMYBL

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2010-11-17-01, UMYBL submitted a promotional banner permit request for George's Field.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovacevich and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to recommend approval of the Temporary Promotional Banner Permit Request submitted by UMYBL for George's Field. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Kovalcik was not present for this motion.

The request will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Office for review and approval.

Lookout Park Improvement Projects

The batting cage ground prep is complete. The picnic area is graded and work will resume to complete the installation when weather permits.

Other Business

The Environmental Advisory Council will host an Earth Day event at Brownsburg Park on April 23, 2011 from 10 am – 2 pm at Brownsburg Park.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Ms Sichel to adjourn at 9:22 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Caporiccio

Approved: April 11, 2011