

Park and Recreation Board February 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The February 11, 2013, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Randy Reardon at 7:3 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Randy Reardon, Vice Chair Donna DeSimone, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Eileen Sichel and Member Dawn Wyatt. Member Bill Hoefler was absent. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisor Larry Breeden.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. Sichel to approve the January 14, 2013 minutes. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Ms. DeSimone, Mr. Kovalcik and Mr. Hoefler were not present for this motion.

Patriot FC Field Use Plan

Keith Miller represented Patriot FC and provided a presentation of their planned Brownsburg Park field use for spring/fall 2013. The club intends to use the fields for travel games only during the spring and limit use of Field 3 for State Cup play only in order to continue its rehabilitation. In the fall, both the travel and intramural programs will be scheduled at Brownsburg Park, with limited use of Field 3. It is the club's intention to close Field 4 for fall rehabilitation.

William Kolek, 77 Dillon Way, inquired about the non-profit status of Patriot FC and costs paid by the club for use of township fields, particularly for non-resident players. Mr. Miller said that the club is a volunteer organization, and they are in the process of re-establishing their non-profit status, which had lapsed. Discussion followed and Mr. Reardon provided a history of the township's field use fee policy, which was initially a per player fee that was higher for non-residents than residents. To simplify the process, a flat fee was later instituted; currently the soccer club provides field maintenance in lieu of a field use fee.

Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League Park Improvements

Derek Sylvester represented Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League and presented their 2012/13 Capital Plan, which includes significant improvements to the fields and amenities at George's Field, which is not located on township property but rather on school district property, and installation of donated turf at the Lookout Park batting cages. Other wish list items for Lookout Park include senior field fencing, four sets of bleachers for the middle/upper fields and softball field dugouts. The club is beginning fundraising efforts, and Mr. Sylvester inquired about the possibility of a township match similar to the 2012 partnership. Discussion followed, and Mr. Reardon said that firm cost estimates would need to be provided by baseball before any requests could be considered. He further added that the Park and Recreation Board is considering capital improvements for park users who are not part of organized teams and is currently surveying residents about their interests for the best use of the limited capital resources.

Park and Recreation Survey Update

Ms. DeSimone provided an update to the Park and Recreation Survey. With the current free service, only the first 100 online surveys may be viewed, and 130 have been submitted to date. With an

upgrade, the data for all surveys would be available for viewing, analysis and evaluation. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to request a one-year upgrade of the SurveyMonkey service at a cost of \$204. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Draft Letter to Survey Respondents

Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Sichel distributed a draft letter that would be sent to survey respondents who have expressed an interest in volunteering, and they requested feedback for discussion at a later meeting after survey results are analyzed.

Other Business

Mr. Breeden asked if the Park and Recreation Board has a Mission Statement and a Five-Year Plan. A copy of the Master Plan will be provided to Mr. Breeden.

As discussed at the last meeting, Ms. DeSimone contacted a local college, and they were not interested in using the Brownsburg Park Fields as case studies.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: March 11, 2013