

Park and Recreation Board

May 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The May 14, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Randy Reardon at 7:31 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Randy Reardon, Vice Chair Dawn Wyatt, Member Donna DeSimone, Member Bill Hofer, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Eileen Sichel.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment:

Cathy Magliocchetti, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), reported that the EAC recommended a rotating schedule of periodic mowing of the no-mow areas of Brownsburg Park and Lookout Park to keep the growth in check. She provided an update of plantings at Lookout Park and forwarded the EAC's recommendation to plant more trees, particularly around the picnic area (see Other Business).

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the March 12, 2012 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote with Mr. Pearsall abstaining. Ms. DeSimone and Mr. Hofer were not present for this motion.

Brownsburg Park Snack Shed Request – Boy Scout Troop 99

Boy Scout Troop 99 submitted a proposal similar to last year's request to operate the Brownsburg Park snack shed on weekends during the fall soccer season. Ten percent of their gross sales will be donated to the township. A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve the request of Boy Scout Troop 99 to operate the Brownsburg Park snack shed from September 8 – November 11, 2012, with ten percent of the proceeds contributed to Upper Makefield Township. Motion carried on a 5-0-1 vote with Ms. DeSimone abstaining. Mr. Hofer was not present for this motion.

Brownsburg Park Field Use Request – Chakra Radio

Aaron Lambert of Chakra Radio LLC outlined a proposal to hold a New Age Music/Yoga Fest at Brownsburg Park on September 1, 2012. This is a one-day rain or shine event with 7-8 musicians holding one-hour sets during which time yoga will be led by certified instructors. A platform will be used rather than a stage to reduce the effect on the grass, tents will be set up, a generator will provide electricity, and a food vendor will be on site. Volunteers will monitor the park and facilities during the event. The board recommended that the platform be located in the open space area next to the playground to avoid damage to the fields. Mr. Lambert inquired about selling admission tickets at the park on the day of the event because previous experience indicates that is when the majority of ticket sales occur. Staff will consult the township solicitor for advice on ticket sales.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to recommend approval of the Park Use Request of Chakra Radio LLC as submitted to hold a New Age Music/Yoga Fest at Brownsburg Park on Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 10 am – close in the open space/non-field area to the right of the playground for a usage fee of \$250 and a refundable security deposit of \$250, pending submission of all required documentation and permits. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote. Mr. Hofer was not present for this vote.

Discussion of Joint Meeting with Supervisors

Mr. Reardon updated the board on a recent discussion with some members of the Board of Supervisors regarding a joint session to discuss the township's future park and recreation needs. He asked the board and the user groups to contemplate both short and long-term needs so that a prioritized list can be developed over the next several months.

Other Business:

Field Consultant Update

Two turf management consultants were interviewed and staff is forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on May 15. If approved, the consultant will begin the process of analyzing the fields to develop a recommendation for maintenance and improvement.

Lookout Park Trees

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. Sichel to accept the recommendation of the EAC to purchase 5 trees from the Tree Fund for the Lookout Park picnic area at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried by 6-0 vote. Mr. Hoefer was not present for this motion.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Hoefer to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: July 9, 2012