

## **Park and Recreation Board February 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The February 13, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Randy Reardon at 7:35 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 Hoefler, Member Tom Kovalcik, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Eileen Sichel. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino, Supervisor Larry Breeden, Jim D'Arcangelo of Upper Makefield Youth Ball League, Cathy Magliocchetti and Andy Block of Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Supervisor and Park and Recreation Board liaison Dave Kulig and former Supervisor John Kupits.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the January 9, 2012 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote with Ms. Sichel abstaining. Mr. Hoefler was not present for this motion.

Mr. Hoefler was welcomed as the newest member of the Park and Recreation Board.

### **2012 Field Use Requests**

#### **Upper Makefield Youth Ball League**

A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to approve the 2012 Field Use Request of Upper Makefield Youth Ball League for March 1, 2012 – November 1, 2012. Fees and maintenance arrangements to be determined pending evaluation of the water improvement request. There was discussion about field use requests that may be submitted to baseball. It was clarified that use requests must be submitted to the township and will be coordinated with baseball. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club**

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the 2012 Field Use Request of Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club for the spring, summer and fall seasons. Summer usage will be minimal, and there will be coordination with lacrosse as schedules are developed. Fee and maintenance arrangements will be determined pending the turf and water improvement evaluation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Council Rock Lacrosse**

A motion was made by Mr. Kovalcik and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the 2012 Field Use Request of Council Rock Lacrosse for use of Brownsburg Park Field 5 and Field 6 on Monday-Friday evenings from April 1 - May 31, 2012. Schedules will be coordinated with UMNSC. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Rock 'Em Lacrosse Summer Camp**

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the Park/Field Use Request of Walstrum Enterprises to operate a lacrosse camp at Brownsburg Park from July 16-20, 2012. Requirements include a \$500 deposit against fees of \$5/resident and \$10/non-resident, a minimum of 25% of the participants to be Upper Makefield Township residents, a registration list to be provided upon completion of the camp and a \$200 refundable security deposit. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Upper Makefield Youth Ball League Proposal**

Mr. D'Arcangelo represented Upper Makefield Youth Ball League and outlined a proposal the club prepared as an alternative to their original request to improve the water supply at Lookout Park. The club is prepared to invest approximately \$42,000 in park improvements which include converting two smaller baseball fields to dual use fields that would also accommodate older players. Improvements include fencing, backstops, warning tracks and sod. The club has consulted with experts who believe that the existing water supply is capable of maintaining these improvements. In exchange, the club requests that the township contribute the funds budgeted for 2012 capital improvements toward construction of dugouts at the middle and upper fields, upgrading the batting cage turf and mats, senior field fencing and wind screens.

Lengthy discussion followed and there was general support of the proposal and appreciation of the initiative and financial commitment shown by UMYBL to develop alternatives. The board asked that the consultants provide a written statement to the township indicating their professional opinion that the existing water supply is sufficient to support the proposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the proposal submitted by UMYBL to enhance the fields at Lookout Park pending written verification from their professionals that this proposal will work with the existing water supply. This is a conclusive agreement between UMYBL and UMT for Lookout Park field improvements and replaces their previous proposal for water improvements. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to recommend that the township match funds by a ratio of \$1 for every \$2 spent by UMYBL on Lookout Park Capital Improvements as documented in the proposal to a cap of \$25,000. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Earth Day 2012**

The EAC is hosting an Earth Day event at Brownsburg Park on April 21, 2012 from 10 am – 2 pm. The Park and Recreation Board will once again staff a table at the event.

### **Turf Evaluation RFP**

The Turf Evaluation RFP has been prepared and will be distributed this week as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

A copy of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and the Brownsburg Park Master Site Development Plan were distributed to each Board member. Mr. Reardon asked members to review the Comprehensive Plan for discussion at the next meeting about whether an update is appropriate at this time.

### **Brownsburg Park Field Issues**

Mr. Kovalcik encouraged UMNSC to continue to brainstorm creative ways to solve the field issues at Brownsburg Park.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: March 12, 2012