
Park and Recreation Board
January 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The January 14, 2013 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Member Randy Reardon at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Randy Reardon, Dawn Wyatt, Eileen Sichel, Donna DeSimone, Tom Kovalcik and Jim Pearsall. Member Bill Hoefer was absent. Also in attendance was Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Wyatt to nominate Mr. Reardon as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to nominate Ms. DeSimone as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Sichel and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Field Use Request – Patriot FC

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and seconded by Ms. Sichel to approve the 2013 Field Use Request of Patriot FC, noting that the club intends to limit use of Field 3 in Spring 2013 for travel team state playoffs. The 2013 Field Use Fee was waived in consideration of the maintenance provided by the club to Field 3 in 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At the request of Patriot FC, the concession stand request will be presented at a future meeting.

The club was asked to provide their Master Plan for assuming treatment and maintenance of the remaining soccer fields.

Ms. DeSimone volunteered to contact local colleges to determine interest in using Brownsburg Park fields as case studies for field improvement. If there is interest, a proposal, including ways to recognize the schools, will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Field Use Fee – Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to waive the 2013 Field Use Fee of Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League in consideration of their continued maintenance of the fields and to request a scheduled of maintenance/treatment. Discussion followed and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Survey Update

Ms. DeSimone provided an overview of the Park and Recreation Survey results received to date, noting that basketball courts and tennis courts at Brownsburg Park are currently the top choices for park improvements. In addition to the electronic survey in the eNews and on the township website, copies were mailed with water/sewer bills and are available at the township building. The number of electronic surveys submitted will be monitored to determine the need to upgrade the account beyond the free service, which only allows access to the first 100 survey results received.

Further discussion topics included the need to consider not only the purchase costs of the improvements but also their annual maintenance costs and also the importance of fundraising initiatives toward the cost of capital projects.

For planning purposes, Ms. Wyatt will research pricing for the construction of tennis courts and a full length convertible basketball court.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and seconded by Mr. Kovalcik to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: February 11, 2013