

## **Park and Recreation Board June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The June 9, 2014, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Dawn Wyatt, Member Bill Hoefler, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Randy Reardon, Member Eric Schaal and Member Eileen Sichel. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio, 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. Wyatt to approve the April 14, 2014 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Field Use Requests**

#### **Learn.Grow.Lead Baseball Camp Request**

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Mr. Hoefler to ratify the email vote of May 13, 2014 to approve the request of Chris Marchok of Learn.Grow.Lead.Baseball Camp to hold a camp at Lookout Park from June 30 – July 3, 2014 pending receipt of all required agreements and documentation. Other requirements include a \$200 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.

#### **Patriot FC Tournament Request**

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Sichel to ratify the email vote of May 13, 2014 to approve the request of Patriot FC Field to host a soccer tournament at Brownsburg Park on June 14, 2014 and donate the proceeds to Warrior Events, which supports military heroes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **Patriot FC – Field Use Request/Modification of Usage of Fields 3, 4, 5**

Bob Hill, President of Patriot FC, presented the Field Use Request for the Fall soccer season and outlined Patriot FC's request to modify usage of rehabilitated Brownsburg Park fields by rotating usage of the fields. Rather than closing the field to play for a season following the treatment, followed by light use the next season, the club proposes rotating use areas to limit overuse of any one field. The Club will assume accountability and responsibility for monitoring the usage.

Ms. DeSimone noted that soccer will benefit the most from field improvements. As the primary users, they are invested in the successful rehabilitation and can monitor the fields closely.

Mr. Reardon expressed concern about changing the plan that has been previously agreed upon by the club and the Township, noting that many unsuccessful options were attempted over several years and this one has proven to be successful. He said that he feels that the Park and Recreation Board has an obligation to maintain consistency even as club leadership changes and new scenarios are brought forward. He also noted that it has been the long-term plan that the Township would restore the fields after which time the club would assume field maintenance responsibilities in lieu of field use fees. The

Township would continue to provide mowing.

Further discussion ensued, and the club was asked to provide a written plan for fall field use and maintenance for the next meeting

Ms. Magliocchetti, Vice Chair of the EAC, provided a presentation showing field conditions from 2010-present. She also provided an overview of the field remediation process to date noting that fields 3, 4 and 5 have been remediated and will now receive routine maintenance provided by the soccer club. Fields 1, 2 and 6 are slated for Phase 1 remediation, to be paid by the Township. Discussion followed concerning which fields to remediate in the Fall. This item will be placed on a future agenda when Patriot FCs registration is complete and their written field use plan is available. Modification of the procedure for resting fields will also be discussed at that time. If all three fields are remediated in Fall 2014, the club will assume all field maintenance responsibilities in 2015, and the Township will be responsible for mowing only. Ms. Magliocchetti also emphasized the importance of on-going and timely treatment of all fields and that consideration be given to expanding the irrigation system and/or well expansion.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefer and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to approve the Fall Field Use Request of Patriot FC to use all six fields during the fall season and provide monthly field evaluations to the Park and Recreation Board. Use of the snack shed on Saturdays is included in the approval, with 10% of the net proceeds to be donated to the Township. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Use of the fields after the Columbus Cup and following remediation will be determined in the Fall after evaluation and a determination of which fields the Township will remediate.

Mr. Hill confirmed that Patriot FC will contract with TruGreen to provide treatment to Fields 3, 4 and 5 in Fall 2014 and will continue to assume maintenance responsibilities for those fields going forward in lieu of field use fees.

### **Lookout Park Field Maintenance Discussion**

Derek Sylvester, President of Upper Makefield Youth Baseball, introduced President-Elect Craig Beverley. Discussion then followed concerning maintenance costs at Lookout Park. The club estimates their cost of maintaining each field at \$25 per usage, and they would like Township charges to third party users to at least cover the cost of maintenance. Additionally, the club inquired about ways to offset some of their maintenance costs for third party users, especially during the club's off season and/or when the requested usage is for multiple dates. Discussion will continue at a future meeting, and the club was asked to provide a written breakdown of maintenance costs. Mr. Sylvester offered to provide both a per player and seasonal use breakdown.

Mr. Beverley noted the stormwater drainage issues at the middle field at Lookout Park. Staff is investigating options for addressing the flooding issues by installing a drain, and the no-mow zones are maintained to help with drainage.

### **Other Business**

- Lookout Park dugout construction is complete and the dugouts are ready to be painted.
- Brownsburg Park Court Construction Project Advertisement for Bids has been authorized with an anticipated July bid opening.
- The exterior coat is being reapplied to the majority of the Brownsburg Park pavilion.
- Sol Feinstone Elementary School Park Design Project-Supervisor Ryan, Mr. Schaal, and Ms. Caporiccio judged the Park Design Project in the Third Grade Humanities Class. The first,

seconded and third place winners were invited to attend the June 3 Board of Supervisors meeting where they presented their projects and received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Township. Mrs. Stoudt was also presented with a certificate in appreciation for teaching the class about the importance of community.

Ms. Magliocchetti addressed safety concerns related to drivers parking on the grass and not following one-way traffic flow at Brownsburg Park. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to request the installation of No Parking and One-Way traffic signs at Brownsburg Park. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefler and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to adjourn the meeting at 9:18p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: July 14, 2014