

Park and Recreation Board

March 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The March 9, 2015 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Eric Schaal, Member Bill Hoefler, Member Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Randy Reardon. Member Tim Thomas was not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Ms. DeSimone welcomed the newest member of the Park and Recreation Board, Cathy Magliocchetti.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Reardon to approve the February 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote with Ms. Magliocchetti abstaining.

Yardley-Makefield Soccer EPIC Tournament Request

Scott Burney of Yardley-Makefield Soccer presented a Field Use Request to hold the EPIC Soccer Tournament at Brownsburg Park on May 9-10, 2015. YMS is coordinating with Patriot FC on field use. A motion was made by Mr. Hoefler and was seconded by Mr. Schaal to approve the YMS request to hold the EPIC Soccer Tournament at Brownsburg Park on May 9-10, 2015 on Fields 1, 3, 5 and 6, subject to field evaluation and recommendation by TruGreen, with a refundable security deposit of \$3,000 and a use fee of \$1,000, pending receipt of all required documentation. YMS will provide dumpsters and portable toilets (the pavilion bathrooms will be locked).

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve request of Patriot FC to operate the snack shed during the EPIC Tournament with a 10% contribution of snack shed profits to be donated to the Township. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Eagle Scout Project Update

Brandon Heese of Troop 99 provided an update of the Eagle Scout project he proposed at the August 2014 meeting to install a flagpole at Brownsburg Park. Mr. Heese would like to erect a 30-foot flagpole which would be surrounded by gravel and mulch filled garden block circle retaining wall. A solar light will be attached to the flagpole so the flag can remain flying from Spring-Fall. He has raised \$750, which would cover the costs of the project with a standard flagpole. He also provided an option for a commercial grade flagpole for a cost of \$1,466. An internal cleat is also available to deter vandalism for an additional \$500. Mr. Heese asked for matching funds if the commercial grade flagpole is preferred. Discussion followed and Mr. Pearsall, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Schaal and Mr. Cino offered to donate private funds to contribute toward an upgrade to a commercial grade flagpole.

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to request a contribution of \$500 from the Park and Recreation Capital Fund for the internal flagpole cleat as outlined in the project proposal for security purposes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Scout Ryan Heese asked for Eagle Scout project recommendations. Suggestions made included vandalism deterrents or landscaping around the new courts at Brownsburg Park and a bridge over the swale area at Lookout Park. Ms. Magliocchetti offered to tour the parks with Mr. Heese to further investigate options.

Park Ordinance Review

The Board began review of the Park Ordinance noting areas needing updates or revision. Further review will continue prior to forwarding the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Bucks County Tennis Association, Inc.

Ms. DeSimone referenced a letter sent by the Bucks County Tennis Association, Inc. upon reading about the tennis court project at Brownsburg Park. This group works with municipalities to provide tennis programs in the community. Consensus was to monitor initial usage of the courts and revisit their proposal in 2016.

Bucks County Park Scavenger Hunt

The Bucks County Recreation Council is conducting their annual Parks of Bucks County Scavenger Hunt. The submission deadline for photos and questions is March 30, 2015. Discussion followed and this question will be submitted with a photo of basketball and tennis equipment: In which Upper Makefield Township park will you be able to utilize this equipment for the intended purpose?

Brownsburg Park Court Project Update

Ms. Caporiccio provided an update of the Brownsburg Park Court Construction Project and noted that the contractor has submitted all required documents, the Township Engineer has scheduled a preconstruction meeting for next week, and construction is expected to begin within a month.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Pet stations have arrived and will be installed when weather permits.
- Patriot FC is proceeding with field renumbering at Brownsburg Park. They will order/install field and net signs.
- Staff and soccer representatives are meeting with TruGreen on March 16 for evaluation of Fields 4 and 5 to determine spring use.
- The District Attorney as well as our insurance provider have advised of amendments to the Child Protective Services Law and new procedures for reporting and clearances/criminal record checks for certain child-centered organizations. Township staff is working with our Solicitor and DVIT for guidance with the new requirements.
- Brownsburg Park will be used as a staging area on May 23 for a wedding party horse and carriage ride to Jericho National Golf Course.

Ms. Magliocchetti noted that she and staff will be meeting with the landscaper in early spring to determine locations for the tree plantings at both parks. Date and time to be determined and all are invited to attend.

Ms. Magliocchetti referenced the DCNR Grant discussed recently at the Supervisors meeting and suggested investigating this grant for possible expansion of the irrigation system at Brownsburg Park. She will research it further and report back to the Board.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reardon and was seconded by Ms. DeSimone to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: April 13, 2015