

Park and Recreation Board

April 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The April 14, 2014, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Donna DeSimone at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Donna DeSimone, Vice Chair Dawn Wyatt, Member Bill Hoefer, Member Jim Pearsall and Member Eric Schaal. Member Eileen Sichel and Member Randy Reardon were absent. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and 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 Mr. Schaal to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Field Use Requests

Pradeep Gurumurthy

Pradeep Gurumurthy presented a Field Use Request to use one softball field at Lookout Park on Sunday mornings from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm from April 13 – June 15, 2014 for softball and/or cricket games. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Schaal and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to approve the Field Use Request of Pradeep Gurumurthy to use one softball field on Sunday mornings from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm between the dates of April 13 – June 15, 2014 at a cost of \$100 pending receipt of all required agreements and documentation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Hoefer was not present for this motion.

Rock 'Em Lacrosse Camp Request

A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and seconded by Ms. DeSimone to approve the Park/Field Use Request of Walstrum Enterprises to operate a lacrosse camp at Brownsburg Park on Fields 1, 2, 3 and 6 from June 23-27, 2014 pending receipt of all required agreements and documentation. Other 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. Mr. Hoefer was not present for this motion.

Patriot FC

Request to Modify Usage of Brownsburg Park Fields 3, 4, 5

Bob Hill, President of Patriot FC, outlined a proposal to modify the usage of Brownsburg Park Fields 3, 4 and 5. He recommended rotating usage among those fields in order to shut down the areas that are in need of rest rather than the previously approved approach of closing Fields 4 and 5, which were remediated in the fall. He said this dynamic resting of fields would use the same amount of space but on different fields at different times. Mr. Hill confirmed that the club would assume responsibility to monitor the usage and determine which areas would be rested.

Cathy Magliocchetti recommended following the established procedure to rest fields for the spring and summer seasons following their Phase 1 remediation in order to establish the root structure. She said this approach was successful for Field 3 after unsuccessful alternatives were implemented over the years. She suggested flipping the orientation of Field 3 for the spring, and then instituting the

suggested approach for dynamic resting of fields for the fall season.

Discussion followed and the soccer club was asked to address field usage at their next meeting and bring one recommendation to the Park and Recreation Board.

Patriot FC Grant Application Update

Cathy Magliocchetti represented Patriot FC and provided an update of the club's plan to apply for a grant to be used to expand field watering capabilities at Brownsburg Park.

Brownsburg Park Court Layout

Sketch plans of the tennis and/or basketball court layouts provided by Gilmore & Associates were reviewed, and the Board concurred with the recommended north-south layout in Sketch Plan 1, angled to reduce sun glare.

Bucks County Recreation Council Membership

A motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and was seconded by Mr. Hoefler to support the Bucks County Recreation Council 2014 Membership of \$25. Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Lookout Park Dugout Construction Update

Derek Sylvester, President of Upper Makefield Youth Ball League, said the club raised \$7,500 for dugout construction costs, but did not anticipate the \$4,000 cost of the stormwater recharge pits. He said the project is now at a standstill due to lack of funds for stormwater management. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. Wyatt and was seconded by Ms. Schaal to reallocate \$4,000 in the Park and Recreation Capital Fund from the Brownsburg Park court construction project to the Lookout Park softball dugout project for stormwater management. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Lookout Park Field Maintenance

Mr. Sylvester addressed concerns about the baseball club's field maintenance costs at Lookout Park. He recommended that the fees charged to third party users who request use for weekly practices/games be re-evaluated to at least cover the costs of mowing the fields. Additionally, Mr. Sylvester inquired about opportunities to offset the baseball league's costs to maintain the fields when they are used by third party users. Ms. DeSimone thanked Mr. Sylvester for bringing these concerns to the Board and said they will be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Brownsburg Park Playground

Mr. Schaal noted that the new playground mulch looks nice and thanked staff for their efforts. He encouraged maintaining the level of mulch for weed control.

Paul Greger Memorial Tree Planting

Ms. Magliocchetti, Vice Chair of the EAC, invited members of the Board and the public to the Tree Planting Ceremony in memory of former Environmental Advisory Council and Planning Commission member Paul Greger at 10 am on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Brownsburg Park.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeSimone and was seconded by Ms. Wyatt to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: June 9, 2014