

Park and Recreation Board February 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The February 11, 2019 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Member Cathy Magliocchetti at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Cathy Magliocchetti, Bill Hoefler, Maryann Chibbaro, Jim Pearsall, Debbie Stasolla and Tim Thomas. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to nominate Ms. Magliocchetti as Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and seconded by Mr. Thomas to nominate Mr. Hoefler as Vice Chair of the Park and Recreation Board for 2019. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the October 8, 2018 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote with Ms. Chibbaro abstaining.

Field Use Requests

Patriot FC

Mr. Thompson, President of Patriot FC, outlined Patriot FC's field use request for Brownsburg Park for Spring 2019 and submitted the following proposed maintenance plan for 2019:

- In lieu of user fees for the season, Patriot FC will collaborate with Township management, A Total Turf Solution, and Hammer Landscaping to plan for, treat, and re-mediate the soccer fields. The soccer club committed to spending at least \$5,000 on landscaping and maintenance services at Brownsburg and will focus these expenses on weed control, fertilizer, seeding, rolling the fields, and other treatments that will bring the greatest benefit to the fields.
- Fields 4, 5 & 6 will be closed for Spring 2019 to help the turf recover from recent use.
- Patriot FC will pay to maintain the soccer goals, equipment, and supplies used at the Park.
- Patriot FC will reimburse the Township for their cost to winterize the irrigation system at Brownsburg Park.
- In addition to financial support, Patriot FC will continue to rotate goals and equipment, use areas in between fields, and run practices outside areas of heavy use to preserve the fields.
- Volunteers and coaches will be at Brownsburg for portions of almost every day of the week during the soccer seasons. Patriot FC will be observant and if improper usage or mistreatment of the fields, equipment, or courts at Brownsburg is seen, they will notify the Township. Trainers, coaches and volunteers have been instructed to call the police or 911 if they see something.

In return for expense and commitment to this effort, Patriot FC requested priority usage of Brownsburg Park fields for spring 2019. They will not be using the concession stand in the Spring.

Mr. Thomson then provided results from a soil test the club commissioned in December 2018. Those test results showed that the fields need a significant amount of lime to raise PH levels and to release the high levels of phosphorus in the soil. The club's maintenance contractor recommended applying the lime before the first weed control treatment of the season (early March) for best results at a cost of \$1,800. Mr. Thomas said this unbudgeted expense will not allow Patriot to cover all costs of their planned maintenance program (weed control, fertilization, seed and aeration). Given the time sensitivity of the lime treatment, the Club will proceed and pay for that application and requested that the Township aerate and seed fields 4, 5, and 6 in the Spring. Per the club's practice of aerating and seeding fields that are rested for the season, they aerated and seeded fields 1 and 2 in the fall.

Resident Ray Pool relayed that coincidentally his residential lawn was recently tested and the information and recommendations he received from his contractor were consistent with those that soccer received regarding soil and ph levels.

Following discussion, Board consensus was to approve Patriot FC's Field Use Request for March 15-June 30, 2019 with the maintenance plan outlined above in lieu of field use fees. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve of Patriot following A Total Turf Solution's lime application recommendations for Brownsburg Park fields for better grass growing potential. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was then made by Mr. Hoefer and seconded by Ms. Stasolla that the Township will provide seeding and aeration for fields 4, 5 and 6 in the Spring per the Township landscape bid for an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board requested that A Total Turf Solution provide a report of their long term maintenance plan recommendations for the Brownsburg Park fields.

Ratification of Patriot FC Tournament Request – December 1, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Hoefer and seconded by Ms. Stasolla to ratify approval of the December 1, 2018 Tournament request of Patriot FC scheduled at Brownsburg Park. The club will provide portable toilets because park facilities are closed for the season. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (The tournament was cancelled due to weather.)

Upper Makefield Youth Baseball League

Mr. Pool, President of UMYBL, submitted a Spring 2019 Field Use Request for use of Lookout Park fields and concession stand. He highlighted planned projects, which include repair to the batting cages and installation of the tee ball field when weather permits. Last year's capital projects included field improvements to address drainage issues. In lieu of a field use fee, the club will provide the following maintenance at Lookout Park for 2019:

1. Prepare fields for use at the beginning of the season, purchase and spread infield mix as needed, clean dugouts, set-up and replace/repair field equipment.
2. Set up irrigation, fertilization and seeding plans as needed for fields.
3. Mow and edge fields throughout the year as needed to maintain playability. Maintain fields, snack-sheds, batting cages and dugouts throughout the season.

Discussion followed a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the UMYBL Lookout Park Field and Pavilion Use Request for March 31– June 30, 2019 as submitted. The club will provide the maintenance plan outlined above in lieu of field use fees and will contribute 10% of concession stand proceeds to the Township. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- Sol Feinstone Park Design Project. Township representatives again invited to judge the projects on March 25. The top three designs will be presented at the April 2 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Sol Feinstone Art in the Community. Artwork from each grade will be on display at the Township building and rotated annually.
- Brownsburg Park Field Irrigation. Field 5 installation planned for early Spring.
- Lookout Park Trail Extension Project. Funded through a Bucks County Open Space matching grant. The Township Engineer is preparing bid documents.
- Lookout Park. Township staff is painting restrooms and concession area.
- 2019 Budget/Fee Schedule. Approved as submitted. The flexible rims have been purchased and will be installed at Brownsburg Park in the Spring.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Hoefer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: March 11, 2019