

Park and Recreation Board September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The September 9, 2019 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 7:30 p.m. at Brownsburg Park, 1455 River Road, New Hope. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice Chair Bill Hoefer, Member Jim Pearsall, Member Robert Rupp, Member Debbie Stasolla and Member Tim Thomas. Member Maryann Chibbaro was not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

Rob Polisenio and Ray Myslinski introduced themselves as the newly elected president and treasurer of Upper Makefield Youth Baseball and Softball League. They highlighted the club's recent and planned improvements, including the newly installed tee ball field at Lookout Park, and commented on drainage near the dirt path to Patriot Field.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Rupp and was seconded by Mr. Pearsall to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 vote with Mr. Hoefer abstaining.

2020 Budget Requests

Potential park projects and improvements were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Pearsall and Ms. Caporiccio then shared details and photos of their research of shade options and playground equipment.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and by Ms. Stasolla to submit a 2020 budget request to the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of up to two cantilever shades for the Lookout Park picnic area for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Rupp to submit a 2020 budget request to the Board of Supervisors for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purchase of playground equipment for Brownsburg Park appropriate for children ages 5-12. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Caporiccio noted that the Police Department is also researching the cost of camera upgrades for both parks.

Lookout Park Field Use Request

The Board reviewed a Field Use Request submitted by Sean Kelly and Dave Mulder on behalf of the Hamilton A's baseball team for use of Arabis Field for one hour practices on September 12, 19 and 24, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. UMYBSL has indicated that they will not be using the field on those dates. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Hoefer and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Hamilton A's Field Use Request as submitted with a field use fee of \$120 and a security deposit of \$200, pending receipt of all required documentation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2020 Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla, seconded by Mr. Rupp and approved by unanimous vote to recommend the additions in italics to the 2020 Park Use Fee Schedule:

Single Use (Non-Tournament)	2019	2020
Single Use Field Reservation (Resident)	\$75/field/day \$40/4 hours	\$75/field/day \$40 <i>up to 4 hours per day</i>
Single Use Field Reservation (Non-Resident)	\$200/day/field	\$200/day/field <i>\$100 up to 4 hours per day</i>

Lookout Park Tree Planting

The Board reviewed a resident request submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department requesting additional vegetative buffering at the back of a property located at the boundary of 9 Brooks Bend and Lookout Park. There is approximately 100 ft. of semi-open area with a mature canopy overhead. Discussion followed and Ms. Magliocchetti asked Board members to visit Lookout Park before the next meeting to assess that area and also asked staff to seek a recommendation from a landscaping professional for an appropriate vegetative buffer, planting location, and cost estimate. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

962 River Road

Ms. Magliocchetti referenced a lot at 962 River Road, south of Hough’s Creek, which the Township purchased through FEMA hazardous mitigation. She expressed concerns that it is used for parking, and noted that the EAC will discuss converting it to a no mow zone to reduce maintenance costs and to deter unauthorized parking.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio noted that the Lookout Park Trail expansion project was completed in August.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy A. Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: October 14, 2019