

Park and Recreation Board

July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The July 13, 2020 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Bill Hoefler at 7:30 p.m. at Brownsburg Park, 1455 River Road, New Hope, PA. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Bill Hoefler, Members Cathy Magliocchetti, Member Jim Pearsall, and Member Debbie Stasolla. Vice Chair Robert Rupp and Member Maryann Chibbaro were not present. Also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pearsall and was seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to approve the March 9, 2020 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

UMYBSL Field Use Request

Robert Polisenio, President of Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League, provided an overview of the UMYBSL Field Use Request for July 13-November 1, 2020. All plans are subject to change, but presently the travel teams are scheduled to play and the Fall recreational teams will play less structured sandlot games. The club is following Little League guidelines related to the pandemic. Ms. Caporiccio noted that due to the COVID pandemic and cancellation of their spring season, the club asked for the Township's assistance with field mowing. In June, the Township began mowing the Lookout Park fields every other week for 2020 only and notified the club that any additional mowing would be at their expense. Mr. Polisenio thanked the Township for the assistance and stated that UMYBSL did provide field maintenance in excess of \$5,000 before the shutdown in anticipation of their Opening Day. Discussion of the field use request followed, and a motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and seconded by Ms. Stasolla to approve the UMYBSL Field Use Request as presented for use of all fields from July 13-November 1, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ratification of Patriot FC Field Use Request

Rich Thomson, President of Patriot FC, provided an overview of their Field Use Request for June 29-August 30, 2020. He explained Patriot FC's four-stage return-to-play protocols and guidelines as required by their governing body, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), in response to the pandemic. The club will submit a new request form for the Fall season when details are determined. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Ms. Magliocchetti to ratify approval of the Patriot FC Field Use Request as presented for use of all fields from June 29-August 30, 2020. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Playground Expansion Discussion/2020 Capital Projects

The Board discussed the 2020 capital projects:

- Brownsburg Park playground expansion/equipment purchase for ages 5-12
- Lookout Park cantilever shades for the picnic area

Upon physical inspection of the area proposed for the Brownsburg Park playground expansion, there was concern that an expansion in that area could encroach on space needed for the potential addition of another court in the future. Board consensus was to defer the 2020 capital projects and develop another resident survey to help prioritize future park improvements.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio reviewed the Township's Park Reopening Plan for the Green Phase of Governor Wolf's pandemic response. She then provided the following updates:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, park facilities are not being rented at this time. Only Township "home" teams, Patriot FC and UMYBSL, are permitted use.
- Lookout Park drainage improvements are underway in advance of paving the dirt path to Patriot Field.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Magliocchetti and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy A. Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: august 10