

**Park and Recreation Board
February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The February 8, 2021 virtual meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Bill Hoefer at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Bill Hoefer, Vice Chair Robert Rupp, Members Maryann Chibbaro, Jim Pearsall, Andy Reiss and Debbie Stasolla. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Rupp and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Patriot FC Spring Field Use Request

Rich Thomson and Jay Esteves presented the Spring 2021 Field Use Request of Patriot FC and outlined their maintenance plan for Brownsburg Park:

In lieu of user fees for the season, Patriot will collaborate with Township management, KJB Turf Management, and Hammer Landscaping to plan for, treat, and remediate the soccer fields.

- The soccer club commits to spending at least \$5,000 on landscaping and maintenance services at Brownsburg. The focus of these expenses will be on weed control, fertilizer, seeding, rolling the fields, and other treatments that will bring the greatest benefit to the fields.
- The club will aerate and overseed fields on a needs-based schedule, exact fields to be determined once evaluated and in conjunction with turf management company recommendation.
- Patriot FC will pay to maintain or replace the soccer goals, equipment, and supplies used at the park.
- Patriot FC will reimburse the Township for their cost to winterize the irrigation system for all 5 fields.
- In addition to financial support, the club will continue to rotate goals and equipment, rest fields, use areas in between fields, and run practices outside areas of heavy use areas to preserve the fields.
- Volunteers and coaches will be at Brownsburg Park for portions of almost every day of the week during the soccer seasons. They will be observant and if improper usage or mistreatment of the fields, equipment, or courts at Brownsburg is observed, they will raise it to the Township. Trainers, coaches and volunteers will be instructed to call the police or 911 if they see something.

In return for the expense and commitment to this effort, Patriot FC requests priority usage of the (6) fields at Brownsburg for the Spring 2021 season.

Mr. Thomson stated that Patriot has developed communicable disease safety protocols and contact tracing procedures that follow PA Health Dept. and CDC Guidelines, and EPYSA return-to-play guidance for their travel and intramural programs. Details of the plan can be found on their website.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Reiss to approve Patriot FC's Field Use Request for March 15 - June 30, 2021 with the maintenance plan outlined above in lieu of field use fees. The snack stand is not requested for the Spring season. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio noted that the parks are scheduled to open April 1.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Rupp and seconded by Mr. Pearsall to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Caporiccio

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Approved: March 8, 2021