

Park and Recreation Board

May 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The May 16, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:32 p.m. Due to the severe weather forecasted, the meeting was held at the Township Building instead of Brownsburg Park. In attendance were the following members of the Park & Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla, Lynn Geiszler, Andy Reiss, and Joe Weiss. Member Kathryn Benson participated by video. Also in attendance were Assistant Township 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 Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Mr. Weiss to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Softball Camp Request

Michelle Ogborn presented a request for a half-day softball camp at Lookout Park four days/week beginning June 20, 2022 for girls ages 10 and under. She explained that in previous years the camp was presented through the Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League (UMYBSL) organization but due to procedural changes this year, it is an individual request. The Board was supportive of the camp, but expressed concerns about whether an individual could attain the required insurance coverages and documents for a camp. Discussion followed. In consideration of timing and scheduling, a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Reiss to approve the request as presented with the condition that an organization rather than an individual submit the request, and a Certificate of Insurance and other required documents are submitted. The fee is \$50/day/field. Ms. Ogborn agreed to explore options and provide the Township with updated documentation if an organization will be sponsoring the camp. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion continued and Mr. Cino provided a history of the development of the parks, park usage requests and requirements.

Top Projects Subcommittee Assignments

Mr. Rupp assigned subcommittees to research potential projects based on resident survey results. The subcommittees will then provide information for review and discussion by the Park & Recreation Board at upcoming meetings. Ms. Stasolla, Ms. Benson and Mr. Weiss will research potential improvements at Brownsburg Park, including playground equipment and pickleball courts. Mr. Rupp, Ms. Geiszler and Mr. Reiss will consider improvements at Lookout Park, including an additional field sign and shade covering. Ms. Chibbaro will serve as alternate.

Ms. Stasolla expressed appreciation for the recent eNews article thanking residents for participating in the survey and providing information about what entities oversee which resources and parks located within the Township. Ms. Benson then shared an additional breakdown of survey results.

Other Business

Ms. Caporiccio provided the following updates:

- The Lookout Park entrance improvements are completed.
- The next meeting will be held at Lookout Park.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Mr. Weiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: June 13, 2022