

Park and Recreation Board

September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The September 12, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:34 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla, and Members Kathryn Benson, Lynn Geiszler, Andy Reiss and Joe Weiss. 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 Ms. Geiszler and was seconded by Ms. Stasolla to approve the August 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Reiss was not present for this vote.

2023 Budget Request Discussion

Lookout Park

The Board reviewed kit options for a pavilion to cover the Lookout Park picnic area. Following lengthy discussion and in consideration of the resident survey, a motion was made by Mr. Reiss and seconded by Ms. Benson to forward a 2023 budget request of \$113,000, plus a 20% contingency due to the current economic environment, for purchase and construction of a pavilion to provide shade over the Lookout Park picnic area and to square the concrete pad. The pavilion kit being considered is from the same company that provided the Brownsburg Park pavilion. The local architect who worked on the Brownsburg Park pavilion kit project has offered his services for any modifications or recommendations for this project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Brownsburg Park

Discussion of a 2023 budget recommendation for pickleball court construction followed. A motion was made by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Ms. Benson to submit a 2023 budget request of \$106,000, plus a 20% contingency due to the current economic environment, for the construction of 4 pickleball courts (on the footprint of 1 tennis court) at Brownsburg Park to be located adjacent to the existing tennis court. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Benson emphasized that consideration is given to future playground expansion in determining court location. The Board also discussed investigating potential grant opportunities if the requested projects are approved. In consideration of the projects being requested, Mr. Rupp and committee members will attend the Budget Workshop and present the history and background of the requests to the Board of Supervisors.

2023 Park Fees

Due to increased costs of maintaining the pavilion and park, staff recommended a \$20 increase to the four-hour pavilion rental fee. Ms. Caporiccio noted that pavilion rental fees have not changed since instituted in 2009, but operating costs have continued to rise. Incorporating the non-resident application fee is also recommended to streamline the reservation process.

Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Weiss to recommend that the fee for a four-hour pavilion reservation be increased in 2023 to \$120 for residents and \$145 for non-residents, which includes the current \$25 application fee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino provided background on the Sunoco pipeline project noting that the construction to replace a portion of the pipeline that runs under the river to New Jersey is occurring in Pennsylvania. The project is monitored by federal and state agencies and the Township's oversight is limited to soil disturbance. Several conditions were placed by the Township, including items related to noise, hours of operation, home access and restoration.

Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Rupp provided a recap of a recent site visit to the Mt. Eyre property with Ms. Benson and another EAC member. The drainage issue was noted. Consensus was that no projects are planned for that property in the immediate future, but the topic will be revisited in the future.

Township. Ms. Caporiccio shared the timeline for the annual PECO Green Region Grant for future planning. She also informed the Board that a homeschool group requested use of a Brownsburg Park field one day/week in October for physical education classes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Ms. Benson to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: November 14, 2022