

**Park and Recreation Board**  
**November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The November 14, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:36 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 and Lynn Geiszler. Member Andy Reiss participated by video. Also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisors Ben Weldon and Yvette Taylor.

Members of the public were also in attendance.

**Public Comment**

Mike Castello, the new President of Upper Makefield Youth Baseball/Softball League, introduced himself and two other members of club leadership, Nick Gatt, (softball) and Melissa Paparone (tee ball). They inquired about the Lookout Park picnic area shade project and opportunities for providing more shaded areas throughout the park by planting trees and providing softball dugouts at the field without them.

Mr. Rupp provided a history of the Lookout Park picnic shade project, which was researched by the Board over the course of several years and included input from resident surveys. Mr. Cino then provided background on the process to request and develop park improvement projects and annual field use requests. He explained that the clubs are the primary users of the fields, but a balance between club needs and community park needs is the Board's goal when considering park improvements. UMYBSL was encouraged to contact the Township any time with questions or clarifications.

Following further discussion, the club was encouraged to research and develop defined requests to present for consideration by the Park and Recreation Board, which would not only include details about the project but also estimated costs. Township staff and Board members offered assistance and guidance any time throughout the process. The Township will also provide a site plan to the club to assist with planning.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Ms. Geiszler to approve the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Liaison Reports**

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino relayed that the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the 2023 Budget on November 15.

EAC. Ms. Benson had no report as the monthly meeting was cancelled.

Township. Ms. Caporiccio reported that Township parks closed for the season on November 7, and she reminded the Board that the Supervisors will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in December.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Benson and seconded by Mr. Reiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio  
Assistant Township Manager  
Approved: January 9, 2023