

Park and Recreation Board January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The January 9, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Member Robert Rupp at 7:31 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Andy Reiss, Robert Rupp and Debbie Stasolla. Member Joe Weiss participated virtually. Also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Supervisor Yvette Taylor.

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Mr. Weiss to nominate Mr. Rupp as Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and was seconded by Mr. Rupp to nominate Ms. Stasolla as Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and was seconded by Mr. Reiss to approve the November 14, 2022 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2023 Projects Review

For the purpose of preparing the bid package, the Board confirmed that the priority order of the 2023 projects is Brownsburg Park pickleball court construction as the main bid and Lookout Park shade cover as a bid alternate. The Township Engineer will prepare the bid specifications after gathering input from the Board, and they will then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration to advertise.

Mr. Reiss inquired about the status of the league's interest in adding dugouts to the Lookout Park softball field that does not currently have dugouts. Mr. Rupp explained that the club has not yet submitted their request for Board consideration.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cino noted that the Township ended 2022 financially stable and approved the 2023 Budget with a 0.8 mil tax decrease for residents. He encouraged the Board to forward a complete and thorough request to the Supervisors when the park projects are ready to move forward. Members commented on the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and thanked Mr. Cino and the Board of Supervisors for the event.

EAC. There was no report. Ms. Benson was not in attendance.

Staff. Ms. Caporiccio noted that playground equipment replacement parts have increased in cost significantly in recent years, as has shipping, and she shared vendor estimates. She informed the Board that there is one vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board and encouraged members to refer interested residents to the Township website for an application. Staff has contacted a new vendor for the field wayfinder signs at both parks and will seek estimates.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Reiss to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Caporiccio

Assistant Township Manager

Approved: February 13, 2023