

**Park and Recreation Board
May 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The May 8, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Chair Robert Rupp at 7:04 p.m. at Brownsburg Park, 1455 River Road, New Hope, PA. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: Chair Robert Rupp, Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla, Member Kathryn Benson, Member Lynn Geiszler, Member Andy Reiss, Member Braun Taylor and Member Joe Weiss. Also in attendance were Assistant Manager Judy Caporiccio, Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino and Township Engineer Larry Young.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Weiss and was seconded by Ms. Geiszler to approve the April 10, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by 6-0-1 vote with Ms. Stasolla abstaining.

Brownsburg Park Pickleball Court Location Options

Township Engineer Larry Young reviewed plans for the pickleball court construction project. Based on information he gathered during the design phase, the project cost is estimated to be significantly over budget due to required site work and the extended length and height of the retaining wall at the location next to the existing tennis court. Mr. Young then presented an option to locate the courts on the opposite side of the pavilion where the ground is flat and would require less site work and no retaining wall. The courts would be 40 ft. from the driveway and extend somewhat into the high grasses near Field 4. The committee was receptive to this location and preferred Option 2A presented by Mr. Young. A motion was made by Mr. Reiss and seconded by Mr. Weiss to recommend pickleball court construction at the location near Field 4 presented in Option 2A and request that parking spots near Field 4 and Field 6 be extended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lookout Park Shade Cover

Mr. Young is continuing to work with Cedar Forest Products on a revised design with fewer posts to accommodate the pipe located under the picnic pad. An update will be provided when information is received.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors

- The next Board of Supervisors meeting is Wednesday, May 17 due to the Primary Election on Tuesday.

EAC

- EAC recommends not mowing the 18-acre field located in Mt. Eyre to allow for natural reforestation.
- EAC recommends that annual mowing of the no-mow areas at Brownsburg Park and Lookout Park resume in 2024.
- Ms. Benson is a presenter at Council Rock South STEM Night on May 25 from 6-8. All are invited.

Staff

- The June 12, 2023 Park and Recreation Board meeting will be held at Lookout Park at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Geiszler and seconded by Ms. Benson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: June 12, 2023