

Park and Recreation Board

June 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The June 12, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Park and Recreation Board was called to order by Vice Chair Debbie Stasolla at 7:00 p.m. Due to weather, the meeting was held at the Township Building instead of Lookout Park. In attendance were the following members of the Park and Recreation Board: 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 and Supervisor Liaison Tom Cino, Supervisor Yvette Taylor and Supervisor Tim Thomas.

Public Comment

Supervisors Yvette Taylor and Tim Thomas outlined their preliminary plans to hold an Upper Makefield Community Day in 2024 that would include representatives from each committee, Township staff and elected officials. They propose to hold it at Brownsburg Park and some initial thoughts include interactive sports, activities for all age groups and informational tables for residents to learn about Township volunteers, committees and departments.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Benson and was seconded by Mr. Weiss to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pickleball Court Construction Project Update

The Board reviewed information provided by the Township Engineer for constructing pickleball courts at the alternate location near Brownsburg Park Field 4, as requested at the last meeting. Several options were discussed to control park project costs.

Discussion points included:

- Clarification that funding for the Park and Recreation Capital Fund is from developer donations in lieu of recreation facilities, not from taxpayer dollars.
- Projects have been researched by the Board for years, including a resident survey. Pickleball courts and Lookout Park shade cover were the top two survey responses.
- Pickleball appeals to a large demographic providing more opportunities for residents using the park.
- Consider an 8 ft. fence for pickleball instead of a 10 ft. fence.
- Remove the 4 ft. partition fence between pickleball courts.
- Convert existing infrastructure to permanent or temporary pickleball courts.
- Reconsider the walking path from the existing parking lot to courts.
- Add parking spots at Brownsburg Park at a later time.

A motion was made by Mr. Reis and seconded by Ms. Stasolla to proceed with a recommendation to authorize advertisement of the pickleball court project with options for both an 8 ft. fence and a 10 ft. fence. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The bid results will be brought to the Park and Recreation Board for review and recommendation before being placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

Lookout Park Pavilion Project Update

Ms. Caporiccio presented the Township Engineer's update on the Lookout Park Pavilion Project. To accommodate the existing pipe running under the concrete pad, the pavilion size was increased and the columns were reduced from 5 to 3 on each side. The pitch was also adjusted to match the existing

building. Board consensus was to hold further discussion of this project until the pickleball court project bids are received and the two projects can be discussed and prioritized.

Meeting Date

If the bids are authorized for advertisement, Ms. Caporiccio will coordinate a meeting close to the bid opening date to expedite review of the results.

Liaison Reports

Board of Supervisors: Mr. Cino relayed that the Township's road paving project will begin soon, and the supervisors will begin preparing for the 2024 budget process in late summer.

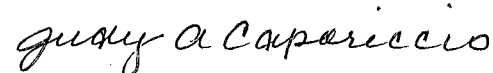
EAC: Ms. Benson reported that her presentation at Council Rock's STEAM Night on behalf of the EAC was successful and helps with the Township's efforts in attaining points for the Community Rating System program.

Staff: Ms. Caporiccio said that the Spring programs at the parks for both baseball/softball and soccer will be ending within the next two weeks. The field wayfinder signs for the parks have been put on hold until the pickleball court project is determined.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Stasolla and seconded by Mr. Reiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy A. Caporiccio
Assistant Township Manager
Approved: July 31, 2023