

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
March 28, 2013**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on March 28, 2013, at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Dave Kentner, Jeff Pascoe and Jenny Kidd. Board members not in attendance: Linda Gorr, Sean Gill and Andrea Russell. Also present at the meeting were UMT Board of Supervisors Ed Earley, UMT Board of Supervisors Secretary Kathy Rader, Jim Soltis, Valerie Brosky and Dean Haas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by UMT Recreation Chairperson Rich Kiser at which time all present were asked to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Chuck Thomas's resignation was accepted and the board welcomed Jeff Pascoe and Jenny Kidd as new members. A motion was made by Dave Kentner and seconded by Jeff Pascoe to elect Jenny Kidd as Secretary.

A motion was made by Jim Adams and seconded by April Navarra and all were in favor of approving the February meeting minutes.

**Old Business**

Dog Park – Rich received an email from Kristen Hickey to make arrangements to collect the \$500 the girl scouts raised for the Dog Park. \$355 was raised with the Donation Letter. Money Thermometer was ordered. \$4,000 is the goal for the water fountain.

Scheduled 2013 Community Programs

Tree Trimming Course – March 5<sup>th</sup> – 14 attended and had good feedback. We will schedule another class in the fall using a more appropriate name.

Tennis Clinics - April 2 to May 2 and May 7 to June 6 – 16 signed up for April 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

SAT Practice Test – April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-1:30 with a result date of April 23 from 6-7. 5 registered.

Night of Magic – April 26<sup>th</sup> – 12 signed up.

Pet CPR & First Aide – May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:30pm – 2 signed up.

Family Fishing - June 8<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup> – 5 signed up.

Movies in the Park – June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – \$950 was raised.

Barktoberfest – October 19<sup>th</sup> RD 20<sup>th</sup> - Gave proposal to April.

Hunter/Trapper – Scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>

## **New Business**

Additional 2013 community programs under consideration:

Geocache – not scheduled. Jennifer Trambore will help with the program. A date will be scheduled once we secure the caches. Kathy has last year's Geocaching materials.

5K Run/Walk for Parks – No date secured. Kathy suggested moving it to December and having jingle run. April will get together a list of everything needed to put on the run and a list of previous sponsors. Once the information is obtained, we can determine if the event will be continued.

AARP Safe Driving Class – Schedule Safe Driver Class after September & put in Newsletter.

Babysitting Course – Red Cross can administer program at \$100pp – declined due to high cost.

Kids Crafts at Breinigsville Park – Tabled

Penn State Extension – Members were asked to look over list and pick 3 for next meeting.

Interior Design Course – April will contact Kay McClaine and see if she can offer smaller courses for December.

Baum School of Art – Contacted us about their courses. Once the downstairs of Independent Park is completed we will review the courses.

Fly Fishing Course – April is gathering information on a possible fly fishing course.

Community Program Advertising– Parkland School District was contacted to put our programs on their website.

Independent Park Community Center – Downstairs dry walled. Plans to spackle and finish the ceiling after the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Auction. 4 reservations were completed in the last month. No decision made on flooring. On track for an end of year completion. Readdress Wedding Package next month.

Breinigsville Baseball Fields – Breinigsville upper and lower ballfield needs were discussed and will be readdressed in the fall. Jeff suggested the lower field be moved and Grange pitchers mound should be moved 4 ft. Jeff also suggested a collapsible fence at Grange Park and will check further into pricing. Jim said the Foul poles could be taken down for games. Improvements will be addressed in the fall as the fields are in use now

Community Support Form for Grange Road Splash Park – We received 29 forms and an outpouring of support from facebook with 5,480 views, 57 likes and 47 shares. Dean Haas reviewed the grant and plans for Grange Park's 74ft Splash Park and will prepare a corporate Support Letter. He said we can increase our chances by using natural resources, recycling water, the use of a timer and at least 10% public support. The Community Support Forms

will be scanned and emailed to Dean by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Grant approval or denial will be known as early as November or as late as February 2014.

Updates on Parks Projects – Grange Park future development includes the completion of the parking lot before starting the Tennis Courts. Schaeffer Run project will start next week and take 3 weeks to complete. 1,000 trees will be planted along a trail that runs through a development in Breinigsville.

Friends of UMT Parks & Recreation, Inc – All were in favor of adding April Navarra as a board member. Chuck Thomas was added as a Citizen member. The Board will meet within the next few weeks.

A motion was made by Dave Kentner, seconded by Jeff Pascoe to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Jenny Kidd  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board