

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 2019**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Upper Macungie Township building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Katie Shade; Andrea Russell; Dave Kentner; Gwen McCurdy; Wes Schlauch; Matthew Bernard; April Navarra and Karla Trumbauer. Also present at the meeting was Recreation and Events Coordinator, Lynn Matula, and Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis and Deb Soltis. Recreation Board member Bret Spangler was absent.

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. She asked all present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Katie and seconded by Gwen to approve the March 2019 meeting minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

REPORTS

Community Programs Scheduled

Safe Sitter – may need to reschedule April due to the snow-day make ups – TBD

Tennis – 12 registered for first session, 9 for second

Dog Park Etiquette – 1 sign up so far

Children's Business Fair – 8 registered so far

Movies in the Park – 18 sponsors so far, \$5700

Lynn will add the known/planned Fall/Winter programs to the next agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Lemonade in the Park-**
 - May 16, 5:30-6:30 – Breinigsville – have May meeting at park
 - June 17, 6-7:30 – Ricky (during tennis)
 - July 20, 11-12:30 – Lone Lane
 - Aug 15, 5:30-7 – Grange – have Aug meeting at park
- **Grange Park Dog Park** – Barktoberfest has raised over \$15k over the last 4 years. Friends suggested donating half of the proceeds towards fence/water fountain or just covering water fountain. Rt 100 dog park also needs some maintenance. Friends will determine how to move forward. Andrea suggested looking back to see what the intent was for Barktoberfest proceeds before committing to anything.
- **Field Request** - T3 Lacrosse – We have not heard anything else from this request.
- **Zentangle** – Pavilion could work bc there is electricity, if it's relatively quiet. Mary Rose seems very flexible in terms of options. There was general consensus that 2 hours was long enough, otherwise you won't be able to hold people's attention. Andrea motioned to do a Zentangle class (2 hr for \$27) for adults with Mary Rose Feldman. Mutually agreed upon location and date/time to be determined. Karla seconded. All were in favor (7) except for Dave, who abstained.
- **Friends Balance** – Friends needs to determine what to provide funding for. Jim B suggested that some money comes out of Friends for Bville Fireworks, but this has not happened previously. Andrea also brought up the need for additional walking trails and

connections between the existing ones. April and Lynn also suggested that Public Works put together a list of other park maintenance needs they could donate to.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Pickleball Opening Day* – Would be a small ceremony followed by round robin play sometime after the court is ready, which is expected to be mid-May. Players can also bring their own food. NOTE: Courts can't be fully painted for a year. Date TBD. Katie motioned to inform the BOS that we are planning a Pickleball Opening Day ceremony pending confirmed opening of the courts by Public Works with a ribbon cutting by BOS, free beverages, music. Andrea seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pavilion Rental Update (beginning April)

- April 2019 - bookings, \$ __
 - April 2018 - bookings, \$ __
- **Lynn will provide a breakdown periodically across pavilions

Upper Macungie Township Recreation fund balance \$2,398,294.65

Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance \$30,827.87

Park and Grant updates: none.

Community Center: Supervisors have decided the money from the capital campaign shouldn't go to Friends and are pursuing a special 501.c3 holding organization to just retain the funds during the capital campaign (The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation). A separate 501.c3 would be created to operate the Community Center. We are in the process of starting back up the capital campaign at this point and moving forward.

Updates from Lynn:

- Farmer's Market has decided to stay at the Velodrome for 2019. We will continue to pursue this with the hope that they can move over the following year. TBD if the bid will need to be revised/reissued.

Officer Report

Other Board concerns

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:15 PM by Andrea and seconded by April to adjourn the meeting, and all were in agreement. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Breinigsville Park.

Katie Shade, Chairperson
UMT Parks and Recreation Board