

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2015**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on June 25, 2015 at the Upper Macungie Township building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Chairman, Dave Kentner; Vice Chair, April Navarro; Secretary, Katie Shade; Jim Adams; Linda Gorr; Jocelyn Pattishall; and Andrea Russell. Also present at the meeting: Supervisor Sean Gill; Parks Team Leader, Jim Soltis; Recreation and Events Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi.

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. All present were asked to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

A motion was made by Linda and seconded by April to approve the May meeting minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Owen briefly addressed the Board. He is a local teenager. As a Boy Scout, he needed to attend a public meeting and report about the proceedings in order to earn a merit badge. He attended the Board meeting with his father.

Recreation Board Applicants

Lynn reported that the Board of Supervisors asked us to recommend candidates for approval. She recently spoke to Brian Kresge, who runs our indoor pick-up basketball league, and Stephanie Rauch-Mannino also called. Both are still interested in the positions. Phillip did not respond. Jocelyn asked how soon do we need to act. Jim A. replied that we should act soon. Jim A. believed we waited long enough, but he doesn't want to rush the Board's decision.

Jocelyn has a friend who was interested but she only talked to him about the position recently. He is a B-Vets coach. April also met someone else who expressed interest.

Dave wondered if we should vote by secret ballot. The Board opted not to have a secret ballot.

Jocelyn noted that Brian expressed interest and already has done something for the Township. Linda knows Phillip. Dave expressed his preference for Brian and Stephanie. Linda echoed his statements. Jim A. believed Phillip lacked experience. Katie also noted that Phillip hasn't followed up on his application in anyway, whereas Brian and Stephanie both spoke with Lynn. April recalled that Brian is running indoor pick-up basketball.

The Board gave the applications for the two recommended candidates, Brian Kresge and Stephanie Rauch-Mannino, to Lynn to be distributed to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Linda advised the Board that she will not seek reappointment in December when her term expires. She suggested that the Board let their contacts that are interested know that her seat will open next year.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SCHEDULED

Indoor pickup basketball

This program concluded on June 11. Lynn reported that this program went well. Brian Kresge will come to next meeting to give a more detailed report. He doesn't do summer basketball because our courts are allegedly in bad shape.

Cardio Tennis

Session II of this program at Blue Barn Park concluded on June 10. Session III began on June 29 and runs until July 29, also at Blue Barn Park on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Seven residents are registered for sessions I, II and III of this program.

Tennis

Session II of this program at Ricky Park concluded on June 10. Session III began on June 29 and runs until July 29, also at Ricky Park on Monday and Wednesday evenings. 25 Pee Wees, 44 Juniors and 19 Adults are registered for sessions I, II and III of this program.

Advanced Tennis

Session II of this program at Blue Barn Park concluded on June 10. Session III began on June 29 and runs until July 29, also at Blue Barn Park on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Sean reported that the Board of Supervisors signed a check for \$6,600 payable to the instructor for all three sessions of the tennis programs. Lynn confirmed that was his fee. The program's growing and the instructor is prepared for a change in fee structure next year.

Junior Golf

Session I of this program will be offered from June 5 to July 10 at Independent Park on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesday and Thursdays. Session II will be offered from July 13 to August 7 at Independent Park on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesday and Thursdays. 6 residents are registered for sessions I and II of this program. April asked Jim S. whether the Township needs more golf clubs. Jim S. said no, we have 10 kids' sets from the Sticks for Kids grant and a few adults' sets. People don't really know we have the adult ones available. Lynn said the Executive Director of The First Tee changed things and did not tell her. Although everything worked out with promotions, she wonders how organized they are.

Movies-in-the-Park

The remaining two movies will be shown on July 10 at Breinigsville Park and August 7 at Grange Park. Activities will begin at 7:00 PM each evening. The first movie, "Night at the Museum III: Secret of the Tomb," was shown on June 19 at Lone Lane Park.

Lynn reported sponsorships currently total \$5,600. She wasn't able to attend on June 19 but heard there was a great turnout. Linda asked how much more in sponsorship is needed to cover all three movies. Jim S. said we need \$6,600 total. He is expecting an additional \$200. Dave said that SPYA will contribute \$500. Dave asked about the showing of the SPYA ad. Jim S. said we will put the SPYA information on the screen. We showed ads for all sponsors we had in time for the movie at Lone Lane. We might do a gold sponsorship next year, charging \$1,000 for all 3 movies and allowing some sort of banner near the screen.

Jim S. and Dave, along with several others, received an email from Ed Earley about the movie at Lone Lane. Mr. Earley thought the Recreation Board presence to be lacking at this event, as he only saw Jim A. and Katie at the tent.

Mr. Earley also believes the Kona Ice truck should not be allowed at Township events because Andrea is a member of the Recreation Board. Jim A. said that Shawn from Station 56 asked him the same thing. Jim A. told him Kona wasn't selling the same stuff as Station 56. Jim A. stated that Shawn also thinks Station 56 should do the Movies at Grange. Jim A. reminded the Board that a few years ago, Station 56 gave it up on a Thursday and SPYA quickly took it over so there would be something. Linda thought the initial arrangement was that Station 56 works the stand at Lone Lane, SPYA at Grange, and the B-Vets at Breinigsville. Jim A. thought a thank you, not a complaint, would've been appropriate. April suggested that maybe Shawn from Station 56 is bitter. Jim S. disclosed that Chuck Thomas said someone from Station 56 complained to him about the Kona Ice truck. Jim S. revealed to the Board that Kona will be donating a portion of their profits to Friends, although he doesn't yet know how much Kona will donate. April asked whether an ice cream truck could come. Station 56 chief, Leroy Gross, said nothing about the Kona truck to Jim S. Linda asked whether Joe Corcoran, Station 56 president, said anything. He did not say anything to Jim S. Linda talked to Chief Gross on Saturday. Chief Gross said nothing about the Kona truck but he stated his desire to move the stand closer to the screen. Jim S. said that running power to another location could be an issue. Lynn suggested that the firefighters walk around with concessions among the crowd. Jim A. suggested they change the product if people aren't buying it enough. Dave called Lynn when I got that email. Linda thinks it was probably one person. They were told they were going to be the vendor at Barktoberfest last year and then Valerie booked the food trucks. Sean emphatically stated that Kona is welcome to come to the other movies and to make donations. The Township welcomes them and thanks them for their donations. Lynn will talk to Joe Corcoran.

Yoga in the Park

The Board of Supervisors approved this program at their June meeting. This program will be held on Mondays at 7:00 – 8:00 PM from July 6 to August 31 at Lone Lane Park. The dates have changed from the initial proposal. Lynn will start promoting this online and on Facebook since it could not be included in the newsletter. Dave cautioned that residents interested in playing volleyball might show up at the same time. We don't want to have any issues with interactions between the two groups. Lynn suggested that these residents contact the Township. Jocelyn proposed posting a small sign. Jim S. does not like posting signs, although they sometimes work.

Family Fishing

This program will be held on July 18 at the ponds at Apple Park from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Lynn reminded the Board that the Township does not receive the registrations. Rather, residents register with the Fish and Boat Commission. She will call to get the number of registrations.

National Night Out

The Upper Macungie Township Police booked Lone Lane Park for the evening of August 4 for this event. Katie will add this event to next month's agenda.

PA German Classes

This program will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM from September 14 to November 2 at Independent Park. Lynn finished the registration form after she contacted the instructor.

Emergency Preparedness Day

Linda reminded the Board that this event at St. Luke's West End Medical Center on Cetronia Road is September 19. Katie will add this event to next month's agenda.

Barktoberfest

Barktoberfest will be held on October 10 (rain date October 11) at Upper Macungie Park from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Lynn has 5 vendors and 1 sponsor lined up. She will be sending a joint mailing for Barktoberfest and 5K sponsorships. Linda requested that we have a can for donations to the dog parks.

5K

The 5K will be held on October 25 at Lone Lane Park from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Katie and Jocelyn reported that they had to cancel the June committee meeting and they will reschedule for sometime in July. They also reported that registration is open. This has been posted on Facebook and the race page on the Township website. Katie noted that we've had a few registrations through Pretzel City already. Jim S. asked if registration will be handled by the Township this year or just online. Katie replied that it would be both and offered to pass out registration forms to the Board and the members of the public. Mr. Owen took a few registration forms for his friends. The Board asked him if maybe the Boy Scouts would

be interested in volunteering at the 5K in some way.

Katie and Jocelyn also discussed sponsorship. They revealed that they recently learned Ocean Spray will donate product, although the details of the donation are yet to be determined.

Lastly, they thanked Lynn for posting the registration form and sponsorship forms online.

Recreation Board Recognition Dinner

The annual Recreation Board Recognition Dinner will be held November 4 at the Independent Park Community Center, beginning at 7:00 PM. Lynn noted that there is only an invitation in the file. She will discuss this more with Andrea, as Andrea helped to arrange this event in previous years.

Hunter/Trapper Course

This program will be held on November 8 at Independent Park from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Night with Laurie Moore

This program will be held on November 12 at Independent Park from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

PROPOSED/NEW PROGRAMS

Disc Golf

Lynn talked to Den Barr. He is still willing to dig the course, after signing the waiver. Mr. Barr has a crew to assist him. Jim S. noted that the Parks team has some work to do to prepare the course before they can begin digging. Sean asked when we will get the baskets. Jim S. will order the baskets, but he doesn't want Mr. Barr installing the baskets himself. Jocelyn reminded the Board that we got approval from Friends for the baskets.

Painting class

Lynn contacted the instructor. Her fee is \$150 per class. She recommends \$20 or \$35 per person per class. Linda reminded the Board that we have to pay a Parks team employee to open and close the building. Sean wondered who would provide the supplies. Lynn said the instructor provides the supplies. Lynn asked what day we would schedule this program. Lynn suggested Fridays. Linda wondered if Fridays are good. April reminded the Board of the poor turnout for a previous Family Game Night held on a Friday. Lynn will ask the instructor what day she's done before. Linda said paint studios are popping up everywhere. April noted that Bear Creek had a painting program on Thursdays. Andrea was going to talk to High Gravity. Katie pointed out that Andrea sent contact information for High Gravity this afternoon.

Sewing class

Lynn is waiting to hear back from the instructor. The Board had several questions about the proposal last month: specifically whether it could be for boys and girls, and whether the instructor has a following for promotion. The program would cost the Township nothing additional since it is proposed for the daytime, but the equipment and materials cost participants a lot. The Board is not sure how popular it would be. April inquired whether the instructor would teach an adult class.

Archery

Lynn asked if the Board would be interested in hearing more about archery classes taught by the Heritage Guild. Someone suggested the idea to Lynn. The Board previously received a presentation on archery classes. Katie will add this program to the July agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Giveaways for events

Lynn informed the Board that Kathy Rader recommended another local company, EBC in Trexlertown. Lynn is waiting to receive prices on the same items the Board chose last time. Linda recommended a place in Fogelsville that does printing, Five Thousand Forms. April suggested eyeglass wipes. Lynn presented sample products from EBC. Lynn stated that Kathy and Chuck are talking about which logo should go on it, either the Township logo or Friends logo. Lynn will email Friends because they have to approve the expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

MONTHLY UPDATES

Independent Community Center rental and building update

In June 2015, we received \$2,700 from five rentals. By comparison, in June 2014, we received \$2,050. In 2015 so far, we've received \$16,675.

Sean informed the Board that part of the downstairs will be used for storage of Township records.

UMT Recreation fund balance: **\$564,697.56**

Lynn was not able to get updated statements but the balances haven't changed much from last month. Linda asked how much will be used to as matching funds for grants. According to Sean, most of these funds will be used as matching funds. He also stated that the Township just received a large check from a builder. That deposit will be on next month's statement.

Friends of Upper Macungie fund balance: **\$17,928.68**

Park and Grant updates: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

ADJOURMENT

A motion was made at 8:21 by Jim A. and seconded by Jocelyn to adjourn the meeting, and all were in agreement. Next month's meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Township building.

Dave Kentner, Chairman
UMT Parks and Recreation Board