

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting
January 30, 2014**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on January 30, 2014 at the Municipal Building. All Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Andrea Russell, Jim Adams, Dave Kentner, Sean Gill, April Navarra & Linda Gorr. Also present at the meeting were Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis, Recreation and Events Coordinator Valerie Brosky and Dean Haas from Keystone Engineering Consulting. In addition, the applicants for the Recreation Board's vacancy seats; Ed Earley, Katie Shade, Jocelyn Pattishall and Nagi Latefa were present as well as the LAXapalooza representatives, Kevin O'Neill and Geoff Carlson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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.

The December minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Linda Gorr and seconded by Jim Adams and all were in favor of approving the December meeting minutes.

2014 Recreation Board Elections: All were in favor of Rich Kiser as the elected Chairman, David Kentner as the Vice-Chairman and Sean Gill as the Secretary.

Community Programs Scheduled

Game night – January 24th at Independent Community Center. It was decided to discontinue this program due to lack of participation.

Fall/Winter volleyball – Tuesday nights through March 2014. 25-30 participants each week and this continues to be a well-attended program. Rich Kiser is looking for someone to run the summer program.

Tree Care – scheduled for March 4th. Free course but registration needed. This program may need to be rescheduled later.

Night with Laurie Moore – May 2nd 7-8:30pm at Independent Park. Admission will be \$10.

Tennis – scheduled a May 6th to June 5th 2 sign ups.

Pet CPR/First Aide Class – rescheduled for Sunday, May 18th, 2014 at Independent Park from 9-12:30pm. 1 sign up.

Family Fishing – Scheduled for June 7th and August 23rd at Apple Ponds. Sign up will be on Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission website this year. A link is provided on our website for easy enrollment.

Movies in the Park – June 13th at Lone Lane Park, July 11th at Breinigsville Park and August 8th at Grange Park. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Walking With Dinosaurs and Diaries of a Wimpy Kid (all rated PG) will be the 2014 movies. Sponsorship letters will be mailed the end of February.

National Night out – August 5th at Lone Lane Park. This event is organized by UMTPD Officer Pam Mathias.

Barktoberfest – scheduled for October 11th 11am-3pm at Upper Macungie Park.

5K/1K Run/Walk for Parks – scheduled for November 2nd at Lone Lane Park. Andrea will try to get a meeting scheduled.

Annual Recognition Dinner – scheduled for November 6th at Independent Park. We will keep a list of all volunteers throughout the year to send invitations to.

Night with Laurie Moore – scheduled for November 13th.

Emergency Preparedness Day – scheduled for Saturday, September 20th

Proposed/New Programs

Magic Show with Magic Mike – Replaced with a Jingle Bell Holiday Show with Giggle Magic December 5th. Tabled for a later date.

Geocaching – Jennifer Trumbore will be invited to attend next Recreation Board meeting to discuss date and submit her ideas.

Golf –Dean Haas contacted Rick Kline and he needs more information. Valerie will send him old programs but we are flexible and a new program can be developed.

Basketball – Sean Gill will direct Brian Kresge to speak with Steve Walck for court availability.

Bird Watching - April will work a possible May program.

Penn State Extension Programs – Rich Kiser will put some spring courses together.

Other programs under consideration are Folk Festival, Pro Martial Arts Bullying class, Boot Camp in the Park, Full Circle Training, Ceramics, Interior Design, Zumba– Tabled.

Old Business

LAXapalooza Request – Kevin O’Neill, representing LAXapalooza, addressed the Recreation Board to request that he be allowed to obtain permits for Grange Park on June 13th-15th to run a youth lacrosse tournament. After much discussion the request was approved with contingencies. Jim Soltis can call off the event for bad weather, they must stay in the current lines and payment/ insurance must be provided.

Upper Macungie Park Dog Park Completion/Status – No new developments.

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flagpole – Sean Gill visited many sites and will have more information at the next meeting.

Independent Park Community Center – Rentals increased to 7 since last month. The Recreation Board is recommending to the Board of Supervisors that a priority be made to complete construction of the downstairs at Independent Community Center, using recreation funds if needed. The Recreation Board believes the completion of the downstairs will allow many more recreation programs to be offered and will allow funds to be generated for the township. Sean made the motion and all were in favor.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments –The subcommittee meeting was held on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30pm. Rich Kiser, Jim Soltis & Valerie Brosky made recommendations for the Contractor & Licensee Agreements. The Recreation Board was in favor of the recommendations and they will be sent to the Solicitor for his review.

Open Space Development – A Needs Assessment survey is being compiled for future field needs.

New Business

Park and Grant Updates – We received the environmental grants for the Fogelsville Dam, Hassen Creek, Shaffer Run and the waterline for Breinigsville Park (out for bid-February 13th results), however, the Act 13 grant for the ballfields and the DCNR grant for the Splash Park were denied. Dean stated a DCNR seminar is upcoming that may help us with direction on the splash park grant.

Recreation Board Update – 4 applications were reviewed and the applicants (listed above) were present and interested in the 2 open positions. Sean Gill suggested we ask our solicitor if we can increase the board to 11 to accommodate all applicants. All were in favor of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Jim Adams, seconded by April Navarra, and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Sean Gill
Secretary
UMT Parks and Recreation Board