

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
July 31, 2014**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on July 31, 2014 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Linda Gorr, Andrea Russell, Sean Gill, Jim Adams, Jocelyn Pattishall & Katie Shade. Board members not in attendance: David Kentner and April Navarra. Also present at the meeting was Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm 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 June minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Linda Gorr, seconded by Katie Shade, and all were in favor of approving the June meeting minutes.

Public Comments –Denny Barr volunteered his services to expand the disc golf course. Presently the township has a 9 hole course set up. According to Dean, it would take about 3,000 dollars to expand the course to 18 holes. The board will review the proposal as new business next month after gathering more information with regards to liability, user experience, and accurate cost estimate.

### **Community Programs Scheduled**

Review Movies in the Park – The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Lone Lane Park. Excellent turnout - over 500 people attended.

Review Movies in the Park - Walking With Dinosaurs, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Breinigsville Park. WLEV was present and offered handouts. This was estimated as the biggest crowd ever for this event with well over 600 people attending.

Review Geocaching - July 19<sup>th</sup> at Upper Macungie Park 11am-2pm – 40 people attended. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year this program has been presented, and the board agreed to continue this program next year.

Review Tennis – July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Thirty people attended the summer program. Now working on a proposed fall program. Cardio tennis was proposed as a program. It would begin in the fall with a cost of 100 dollars, and the program is for adults. The Rec Board voted to recommend this program to the Board of Supervisors.

Review Adult Basketball – Canceled due to court conditions at Ricky and Blue Barn Park. The organizers would be willing to start it back up if the courts are repaired. The organizers said the courts were in bad condition, therefore they couldn't play on them. Jim Soltis reported that there were no issues at Ricky Park, but there was a hole at Blue Barn Park and it will be repaired this fall.

Pickup Volleyball – Sunday Nights, June through August 31st from 6-8pm at Upper Macungie Park. 15 to 24 people attending weekly and the program is working out great.

First Tee Junior Golf – June 23 – July 16 – No one signed up but we only had one week of promotion. 3 registered for the July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> session. Ed Jachim is committed to making this program work in UMT. We need to make sure this program gets into the spring news letter.

National Night Out – August 5<sup>th</sup> at Lone Lane Park. Nothing to report at this time. The Rec Board will have a table at the event.

Movies in the Park – Diary of a Wimpy Kid, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Grange Park. Pass the word.

Family Fishing – August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Apple Ponds. 35 Registrations as of last communication.

Barktoberfest – Scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm at Upper Macungie Park. \$2860 was received to date and there are 23 registered vendors. Added Uncle Paul's Stuffed Pretzels in addition to Grumpy's. Need food, craft & pet related vendors. Excellent response by families, the event is going strong.

5K/1K Run/Walk for Parks – November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lone Lane Park. No update at this time

Recreation Board Recognition Dinner – Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park. A list is being maintained and an invitation and other details will be discussed later. Nothing to report.

Hunter Trapper – November 8<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park. 12 signed up. This program always fills up and another program may be proposed for this spring.

Night with Laurie Moore – November 13<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park – 9 signed up.

Jingle Bells Holiday Show – Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at Independent Park. Nothing to report.

### **Community Program Proposed-New**

Walk & Talk Series – Thursdays 6pm at Rt. 100 Park. Valerie & April are taking a look at a possible trail.

### **Old Business**

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flagpole – Dean Haas from Keystone has put together a plan for the memorial. The board requested to have Keystone make a formal presentation to proceed with a plan to present to the Rec Board. Members of the Board also believe some of the materials for the memorial may be donated by individuals or organizations within the community.

Independent Park Community Center – 6 additional reservations last month.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments – No updates.

Breinigsville Fireworks – Friends of Upper Macungie Township – Per Kathy Rader, Friends of Upper Macungie Township will not be asked to cover any future costs.

Pavilion Rates – The Board of Supervisors will discuss pavilion rates at a later meeting. The need for larger pavilions also exists and will be discussed with Keystone Consulting Engineers. Fees for pavilions were waived for The Veterans of Foreign Wars & the American Legion.

## **New Business**

Basketball Court Repair – Jim Soltis is working on a plan to repair this fall

Park and Grant Updates – The Rec Board did request that if Dean Haas from Keystone could not make a meeting that he could provide a written update on the parks, grants, etc. that could be added to the minutes for review.

Public Comment – Jim Adams updated the Board on the status of Friends of Upper Macungie. Jim provided a bank statement from 6/30/2014. The balance was for 15,379.02 dollars. Jim also told us that in the Friends of Upper Macungie by laws the Rec Board does not have final say on how this money is spent; there are only two Rec Board members that compose the five member Friends of Upper Macungie Board. It was also reported that a tent was bought to replace the broken one and this was donated to the township.

Katie Shade discussed programs for special needs children. This was discussed and tabled for future date for further review. Proposed types of programs are needed by the Board.

Lastly, Jim Soltis presented a South Whitehall mailer that was sent out to all South Whitehall residents. The mailer was about upcoming movie events in South Whitehall. The Board thought the advertising mailer was a good idea. The Board will review the mailer and other ways our programs can be advertised. This subject will be added as an agenda item for next meeting.

A motion was made by Linda Gorr, seconded by Andrea Russell, and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Sean Gill  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board