

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
June 27, 2013**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on June 27, 2013 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Sean Gill, David Kentner, Linda Gorr, Jim Adams, April Navarra and Andrea Russell. Board members not in attendance: Jenny Kidd and Jeff Pascoe. Also present at the meeting were UMT Board of Supervisors Ed Earley, UMT Board of Supervisors Secretary Kathy Rader, Jim Soltis and Valerie Brosky.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm 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.

A motion was made by Linda Gorr and seconded by Jim Adams and all were in favor of approving the May meeting minutes.

**Community Programs Scheduled**

Review Family Fishing - June 8<sup>th</sup> - All who registered attended and others came after the class to fish. Jim reported that it was even better than previous years.

Review Movies in the Park – June 14<sup>th</sup> – 200-250 people attended. Some thought the movie may have been too violent for children and the volume was high. The field was wet and it was a cool night.

Tennis Clinics – July 9<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> - 16 registered. August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup> - 0

Junior Golf Lessons – July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 signed up. August 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – 5 signed up.

Summer Pick-up Volleyball – June 2<sup>nd</sup> to end of August from 6-8pm at Upper Macungie Park. Rich needs a backup for this Sunday for vacation. Jenny will do the following week. Jim will work on finding a replacement. April stated her Uncle runs a beginner volleyball clinic at Lehigh University. Information is available on the Bob Bertucci Volleyball website.

Family Fishing - July 20<sup>th</sup> – 10 registered.

Movies in the Park - July 12<sup>th</sup> & Aug 9<sup>th</sup> - The next movie is “The Boom” at Grange Park on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Geocaching –September 14<sup>th</sup> – still need GPS units. Kathy will try to find info from previous years.

Tree Care – scheduled October 1<sup>st</sup>

Psychic Medium – scheduled October 10<sup>th</sup> – 5 signed up.

Barktoberfest – October 19<sup>th</sup> RD 20<sup>th</sup> – 25 vendors participating & 2 sponsors contributed totaling \$1100. Have a full agenda with shows and demonstrations. Still looking for more vendors and sponsors.

5K Run/Walk for Parks – No updates. Rich to give the committee information on who to contact for a water sponsorship.

Hunter/Trapper – has been scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> – 3 signed up

AARP Safe Driver's Course – 8 hr. course scheduled on November 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and the refresher course on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Programs Proposed/New**

Adult Golf Lessons - A program will be put together for the Spring.

Kids Crafts at Breinigsville Park – Valerie suggested contacting The Baum School of Art and teaming up with them for summer camps. Linda will contact them for additional information.

Boot Camp in the Park – Full Circle Training. Tabled.

Penn State Extension Programs – Rich will work on this in the fall.

Bird Watching – Tabled

Fly Fishing – A program will be submitted in August for an October Fly Fishing program.

Interior Design – Tabled

Ceramics - Tabled

### **Old Business**

Dog Park Completion/Status – Dog letter donations have totaled \$1215 (an additional \$735 since the thermometer went up.)

Breinigsville Baseball Fields – Tabled

Sponsorship Signs – Friends Of Upper Macungie Township could raise money selling vinyl signs for the ballfield fences. The BVETS could also raise money with this program. A commemorative walk selling engraved pavers was another suggestion and more information will be obtained. Kathy will talk to Dean about the feasibility of a commemorative walkway at Grange Park. The pavers may be easier to sell/implement.

Amphitheatre – No updates on the splash park. Jim Adams to look into Amphitheatre.

Independent Park Community Center – 3 additional rentals last month. Several more residents wanted dates that were already booked. Jim Soltis will put a “Taking Reservations” sign at the facility for people to see. Linda suggested putting info in the Wedding Guide and the Parkland Press. Basement is spackled and painted and the roof will be fixed next.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments - A Contractor Contract will be prepared and reviewed by the township solicitor setting forth terms for instructors who want to use our parks/facilities for programs. The board decided on a 70/30 split with payments being released at the end of the program. All instructors will need to sign the form at the recreation board meeting and the supervisors will vote at the next board meeting to approve the program. Sean suggested we check liability & release forms. Kathy will check on this as our insurance is renewing shortly.

### **New Business**

Park Updates – Grange playground completion has been delayed due to the rain. The swings will be installed when the surface is completed. The playground bathrooms will be going up for bid. Independent Park ground floor work will be on rainy days or in the winter.

A motion was made by Linda Gorr, seconded by Sean Gill to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Jenny Kidd  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board