

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting
June 26, 2014**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on June 26, 2014 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Linda Gorr, Andrea Russell, Sean Gill, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Jocelyn Pattishall & Katie Shade. Board members not in attendance: David Kentner. Also present at the meeting were Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis, Recreation and Events Coordinator Valerie Brosky, Ed Early and Jeff Vitelli.

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

Public Comments –None

Community Programs Scheduled

Review Tennis - May 6th to June 5th Spring Clinic – 40 participants. 12 pee wee's were enrolled and Brian Bleam suggested limiting that class to 8 and making a second time frame of 3:00-3:30pm for the summer clinic.

Review Night with Laurie Moore – June 4th - 29 registered and 27 walked-ins. \$210 was raised for Friends. The board suggested having this program yearly in the fall.

Review Family Fishing – June 7th at Apple Ponds. 8 out of 10 families participated, it was a great day and all had fun.

Adult Pickup Basketball –Thursday nights June 12th through September from 6pm until dusk. June 19th had 13 participants. There were some issues with the court and a move to Breinigsville Park maybe necessary. Those interested should email UMTBasketball@gmail.com to be put on a list in case of updates or cancelation.

Pickup Volleyball – Sunday Nights June through August 30th from 6-8pm at Upper Macungie Park. 26 came out the first night and 22 the second, but only 7 last week. Rich will send out an email for this Sunday.

First Tee Junior Golf – June 23 – July 16 – No one signed up but we only had one week of promotion. 5 registered for the July 21st to August 13th session. Ed Jachim is committed to making this program work in UMT.

Movies in the Park – The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, June 27th at Lone Lane Park. \$5000 raised. Was rescheduled because of rain. The Recreation Board will be there and have a

table with current programs. Childrens programming is being offered by Legacy Christian Church, Life Church, St Johns Church and Active Learning Center.

Tennis – July 1st to July 31st Summer Clinic – 19 sign ups. Added a second time slot for Pee-Wee's from 3-3:30pm with limited enrollment of 8 in each class.

Movies in the Park - Walking With Dinosaurs. July 11th at Breinigsville Park. WLEV will be present and will help promote the event.

Geocaching - July 19th at Upper Macungie Park 11am-2pm - Valerie will contact Jennifer Trumbore to see if GPS units will be supplied and get the appropriate letters from our solicitor.

National Night Out – August 5th at Lone Lane Park.

Movies in the Park – Diaries of a Wimpy Kid. August 8th at Grange Park.

Family Fishing – August 23rd at Apple Ponds. 35 Registrations taken, a few more spots are available. Register through the link provided on our website.

Barktoberfest – Scheduled for October 11th 11am-3pm at Upper Macungie Park. \$2720 was received to date and Keystone Consulting Engineers is the presenting sponsor! Scooby Doo Costume ordered. Have 14 registered vendors. Need food, craft & pet related vendors.

5K/1K Run/Walk for Parks – November 2nd at Lone Lane Park. Jeff Vitelli will check on the presenting sponsorship check from Amazon. The 5K forms have been prepared and are waiting on the Amazon check before circulating. Sean will give Andrea contact information for Nestle Waters for a water donation.

Recreation Board Recognition Dinner – Wednesday, November 5th at Independent Park. A list is being maintained and an invitation and other details will be discussed later.

Hunter Trapper – November 8th at Independent Park. 6 signed up.

Night with Laurie Moore – November 13th at Independent Park – 5 signed up.

Jingle Bells Holiday Show – Friday, December 5th from 6-8 at Independent Park.

Community Program Proposed-New

Walk & Talk Series – No updates.

Old Business

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flaggpole – Sean Gill and Jim Soltis will meet with Dean Haas at Keystone on July 8th at 1:00pm to review Walkway designs. Sean was given the original design.

Independent Park Community Center – 4 additional reservations last month. 82 rentals to date. Architectural drawings are near complete. HVAC reviewed by building inspector.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments – No updates. Rich will email the supervisors.

Breinigsville Fireworks – Friends of Upper Macungie Township - Cost have increased for the fireworks show. An additional \$3,500 was needed to operate the event this year and was paid out of the Friends account. The \$3,700 payment from Laxpalooza tournament not be used towards the fireworks. Future tournaments are tabled. Funding for the fireworks should be sought outside of Friends. Friends have designated fundraiser monies for the trail system in the township.

New Business

Pavilion Rates – After analysis of Pavilion rental rates in the Lehigh Valley, the recreation board voted to increase Lone Lane's rates. Emmaus pavilion seats 250 and rents for \$275. Lone lane seats 300 and currently rents for \$125 residents and \$175 non-residents. 3 members voted on raising the rates to \$175 for residents and \$225 for non-residents. 4 members voted on \$200 residents and \$300 non-residents. **The Recreation Board recommends the Board of Supervisors raise the pavilion rate for Lone Lane to \$200 residents and \$300 non-residents for 2015.** Rich Kiser made a motion and Jim Adams seconded to adopt a resolution to add **The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization to the Parks Rules and Regulations list of no-pay organizations.** Rich suggested destroying security deposit checks instead of mailed them back in lieu of adopting a fine. The need for larger pavilions also exists. This is tabled to discuss with Keystone Consulting Engineers.

Park and Grant Updates – Grange Road 5b stormwater facilities are near complete. Applications for act 13 grants for Breinigsville Park and Grange Road Parks are under review. Grading and seeding of athletic fields and Grange Road Park is underway and should be completed this fall.

Public Comment – Linda Gorr stated that the Earl Adams Memorial Park sign has been removed. Jim Soltis will check into it as the township did not remove the sign.

A motion was made by Sean Gill, seconded by Katie Shade and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Sean Gill
Secretary
UMT Parks and Recreation Board