

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
November 29, 2012**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on October 25, 2012, at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Andrea Russell, Chuck Thomas, Linda Gorr, Dave Kentner and Sean Gill. Board members not in attendance: N/A. Also present at the meeting were UMT Board of Supervisors Ed Earley and UMT Board of Supervisors Secretary Kathy Rader.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by UMT Recreation Board Chairman 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 Andrea Russell and all were in favor of approving the October meeting minutes.

Public Comments – Lynn Serfass of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society wanted to bring bird watching and “bird counts” that are done locally to the Rec Board’s attention, as well as ask if the vegetation around the quarry at Route 100 Park could be trimmed to allow better viewing into the pond to assess the wildlife. Jim Soltis will get the trimming on the to do list for the maintenance crew. The Christmas bird count is an important task to assess the health of the bird populations in the Valley. Ms. Serfass was also asked to get in touch with Kathy Rader about possibly scheduling a community birding class for next year and maybe even helping with the bird counts.

**Old Business**

Dog Park – To date, \$195 was raised due to the Donation Letter placed at the park. We need to obtain details from the girl scouts on how to get the \$500 check. Still no word on the Grant we applied for.

2012/2013 Scheduled Fall/Winter Community Programs

Pick-up Volleyball -(Tue. 8-10 pm Sept thru Feb) – continue to have great turn out every week, 20 + people. A few new people every week.

Women’s Self Defense - November 28<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled from 7<sup>th</sup>)– Leading Edge Martial Arts provided class. Two attended and loved the class. Low turnout could have been due to date change. Info was placed on website, Patch and Facebook.

AARP Safe Driver Class (November) – Nine people attended the 8 hour course and eight attended the refresher.

SAT Practice Test - January 19<sup>th</sup> – no sign ups yet. Kathy R. emailed information to Parkland High School.

Game Night – January 25 from 6-9 at Independent Park – No registration needed.

Basic Boating Course – February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm at Independent Park – 8 signed up.

Tree Trimming Course – March 5<sup>th</sup> – no sign ups yet.

### 2012/2013 Community Program Ideas

Independent Park Grand Opening – Chuck Thomas proposal – on hold until building renovations are complete.

Golf Program – there were some issues with the instructors last year but the class was well received. A few Rec Board members will try to contact a new instructor for 2013.

Chamber of Commerce Mixer – no update

Babysitting Class – no update

Pet CPR/First Aid – no update.

Other ideas? – be ready to discuss other ideas at the December meeting.

Community Programs – Board discussed usage charges and fees for instructor led programs. Some ideas were: hold half of the fees until class is complete; use Township resident if possible; need a policy on what to charge. Board will discuss again at next meeting.

Independent Park Rentals - Can someone other than the applicant hold the liability rider? No update.

### **New Business**

Independent Park – there were requests from renters of the facility to be able to add half hour increments instead of a full hour to the beginning/end of their rental. The Board feels this is not a good idea. Also discussed the idea of cancellation, reschedule and refund policies – Board felt it was best to keep as is.

Program Evaluation Form – Andrea prepared a form to get input from attendees at events. Form was well received. A few changes were discussed including making the font larger (but keeping to one page) and adding a space for number of participants. Andrea will update and email back to everyone for discussion at our next meeting.

Update On Parks Projects – The grant for the splash park at Grange was not approved. Township will discuss with DCNR to see what could be done differently with the application and whether or not we will resubmit. Parking lighting is being installed at Independent Park. Playground at Grange Park is still being installed. Rubber safety surface will be installed in Spring.

Lacrosse Clinic – Sean Gill discussed the plans for an 8-week clinic which will be held at the Velocity Sports facility on Nestle Way starting January 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be for U-9 and under. This age was decided on so skills can be taught early and to get coaches up to speed so other

age groups can be included. The Township does not currently have a program. Gill to send info to Valerie for inclusion on the website and Facebook page.

Recreation Board Open Position – still searching to fill empty position. Some interest but parties may think it is a paid position. Board will continue to look for candidates.

A motion was made by Sean Gill, seconded by April Navarra to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Charles Thomas  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board