

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2018**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on June 21, 2018 at the Upper Macungie Township Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Karla Trumbauer, Katie Shade, Bret Spangler, Andrea Russell, Wes Schlauch, April Navarra, and Dave Kentner. Also present at the meeting: Jim Soltis and Deb Soltis. Recreation and Events Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi-Matula was absent due to maternity leave.

Public attendees were: Jarell Bobb, Krissi Godusky, Gwen McCurdy, Michele Fragnito, Matthew Bernardo

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Katie Shade. She invited all present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Bret motioned to approve the May minutes, Katie seconded – all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Basketball – Jarell Bob attended with interest to run a pick-up basketball program. He saw a posting that there was interest for someone to run the program, and Jarell has interest and availability. He indicated that there are multiple people with interest in playing. He's run basketball programs in the past (clinics, volunteer opportunities for kids) while in college. He had not been aware of the program previously but had participated in the pick-up volleyball program at Fogelsville. There is some paperwork that would be needed for the school district, and Jarell indicated that he would be willing to be the primary point of contact for that. The current proposed dates and times (Thursdays at 6:30) likely would work at this point, and Dave can work around it for the SPYA league. Dave indicated that he might be able to provide equipment. Jarell will get background checks/clearances done in the meantime.

Rec Board Applicants –

- **Krissy Godusky** – Involved in SPYA currently – cheering/secretary – be vocal to clarify rumors, represent township
- **Gwen McCurdy** – has recreation degree; semi-retired – involved in multiple running/walking programs – wants to be more involved in the community
- **Michele Fragnito** – retired elementary principal – wants to be more involved in the community
- **Matthew Bernardo** – product mgt/brang mgt; volunteer firefighter – wants to develop/enhance programs for kids

Dave stressed the importance of not having personal agendas. Michele indicated that she was willing to remove herself from consideration since there are only 2 spots available, and would still be willing to volunteer. Gwen asked what is involved in being on recreation board – we explained that we help develop and coordinate programs/events for the community, and gave examples.

REPORTS

Community Programs

- Tennis – 38 registrants for Session 2, \$3,720 for Session 2
- Movies in the Park – 23 sponsors, 7 banners sold, \$7,508 in revenue

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- There will be no fishing program in 2018 due to resource constraints; will potentially be able to pick up again in 2019.
- Pickleball – neighborhood is complaining about the port-a-potty – this is a BOS issue
- Approx. 30 people signed up for Splash Park passes at Lemonade in the Park.
- Jim will post Facebook invites for the remaining Lemonade in the Park events. Jim will coordinate the Coke trailer with Katie for the next Lemonade event.
- June 25th session of Safe Sitter is cancelled due to lack of sign-ups

Unfinished Business

- **Photo Scavenger Hunt** – need to incorporate Bob’s feedback and resubmit; will change dates to 8/15-10/15, will swap out Fireworks photo with Barktoberfest; will select winner at October board meeting
- **Farmers’ Market bid** – need to incorporate Bob’s feedback and resubmit
- **Bylaws update** – Karla suggested to simplify that 3 absences are permitted for any reason, and anything more than 3 will allow the board to review for potential removal, taking into account good cause reasons. Bret motioned to amend by-laws (Article 4 Section 4) to allow 3 absences as noted above. Karla seconded. Vote Results: Dave – Approve, Katie – Approve, Karla – Approve, Wes – Approve, Bret – Approve, Andrea – Approve, April - Abstain
- **Friends Structure** – Chuck needs to call reorganizational meeting, need to vote on chairperson (and other roles), need to review/reapprove by-laws (all current members must be presents). Jim Brunell, Kathy Rader, Chuck Thomas, April Navarro are current members. Currently looking for dates.
 - **Due to the delay in Friends re-convening**, Bret, Karla, and Dave will each contribute \$150 towards the Scavenger Hunt prizes; Katie will find out if the dentist is willing to partially sponsor as well.
- **Capital Campaign** – Had kick-off call; will start in July and go through mid-September. May need recreation board to reach out to key people to set up meetings.
- **Tree Donation** – no discussion - need more information from Sean. – carried over from last meeting
- The township needs to update the pamphlets for the township parks.

New Business

- **New Banner** – Jim designed a new banner and would need \$99 to get it made. The board offered input on design. Friends will pay for this.
- **Popcorn Machine** – Old popcorn machine broke; Jim found a used one for \$375, new for \$500. SPYA will pay for this with the ability to use.
- **Splash Park cards for businesses** – A question came up about daycares potentially using this. Everyone agreed this is not a good idea.

Other Business –

- Independent Park Community Center rental update – 7 bookings in April, \$4,075
- Upper Macungie Township Recreation fund balance - \$1,368,941.23
- Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance – \$29,414.79

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- **Park and Grant updates** – None
- **Chairman updates** –
 - Bob provided contact information for Parkland SD Director of School Services to attend a meeting to provide insight into programs happening at schools as well as new elementary school.
 - Bob may attend July/September meetings
 - Bob prefers to funnel all recreation-related activities to board. We would like the township to be more specific about what the Rec Board is required to do for each item that is sent to us.

Public Comment – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:48PM by Karla and seconded by Andrea to adjourn the meeting, and all were in agreement. July's meeting will be held on 7/19 at 7pm at the Upper Macungie Township Building.

Katie Shade, Chairman

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