

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting
February 28, 2013**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on February 28, 2013, at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Linda Gorr, Andrea Russell, Dave Kentner and Sean Gill. Board members not in attendance: Chuck Thomas. Also present at the meeting were UMT Board of Supervisors Ed Earley, UMT Board of Supervisors Secretary Kathy Rader, Jim Soltis, Valerie Brosky and Dean Haas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm 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 Jim Adams and seconded by April Navarra and all were in favor of approving the January meeting minutes.

Public Comments – Nicole DeSelm of Legacy Christian Church would like to participate in children's activities at Movies in the Park. Jim stated that Life Church does it currently but can't do a raindate because they hold services on Saturday. They do face painting, spin art and a balloon game. They will finalize their plans this week. Nicole could do other games such as sack races and tug or war. Nicole was welcomed aboard and will be given dates of our activities.

John Andrews is interested in resuming our Junior Golf Program and presented a revised schedule. Discussed rain out make-ups and he is open to adult golf lessons possibly in the fall. A suggestion was made to put something in the newsletter for donated golf clubs. John can instruct from 8-10 people by himself. Dean Haas stated he was putting greens on the comprehensive plan for this year. Kathy Rader said she would bring in extra golf balls. The program will be placed on the newsletter and website. Board of Supervisors to review program at next BOS meeting.

Old Business

Dog Park – 2nd fenced area was completed. The grant was denied. We have the Girl Scout equipment and it will put out in the spring. \$2500 to \$3000 needed for water fountain. Jim Adams will construct a Money Thermometer. \$355 was raised due to the Donation Letter placed at the park. Kathy said she will call a Friends of UMT meeting. Decided against giving the Dog Park a name. Township Parks are named after the Street they are on.

2012/2013 Scheduled Fall/Winter Community Programs

Pick-up Volleyball - (Tue. 8-10 pm Sept thru Feb) – has ended and was well attended with 20 plus people per week (wide range in ages and backgrounds). Rich will try to extend the next season longer. Someone from volleyball expressed an interest in setting up a small quads or doubles league for the summer. Rich would help him set it up if he would run the league. He was instructed to come up with a plan (place, dates, cost, and structure) that could be presented to the Rec Board.

Basic Boating Course – February 9th was cancelled due to snow. 19 were registered and contacted. Could not reschedule for the spring. Registrants were emailed other course availability.

Game Night – February 22nd - 16 people attended. Discussed having another Game Night in the fall and put it in the fall Newsletter. Andrea recommended a mailing and Kathy stated we could put the Passport in the Authority billing. Jeff can distribute in Coldwater Crossing.

Tree Trimming Course – March 5th – 11 signed up.

Tennis Clinics – Two 5 week spring sessions will run from April 2nd to May 2nd and May 7th to June 6th – 3 signed up. George & Keith will be submitting their background checks shortly.

SAT Practice Test – April 13th from 9-1:30 with a result date of April 23 from 6-7pm. No sign ups yet, one phone call.

Pet CPR & First Aide – May 25th from 9-12:30pm – 3 signed up.

Family Fishing Program – June 8th & July 20th – no sign ups yet.

Program Evaluation Form – To be distributed and filled out during each program.

New Business

Additional programs & ideas for 2013 include: Movies in the Park, Geocache, 5K Run/Walk for Parks, Barktoberfest, AARP Safe Driving Class, Babysitting class & a Magic Show.

Geocaching – No date was provided and uncertain if Chuck is running it again this year. Rich will call Chuck. Kathy said she knows how to get caches. Looking for someone to take over this program.

Movies in the Park – Through a majority vote, the movies were picked. Captain America on June 14th at Lone Lane Park, Here Comes The Boom on July 12th at Grange Park and The Pirates Band of Misfits on August 9th at Breinigsville Park. Sponsorship letters will be sent out.

5K Run/Walk for Parks – No date secured. Usually held the Sunday before Columbus Day. Andrea said there may be a competing race around the same time. April could coordinate the race.

Yappy Hour – People can coordinate their own schedules for meeting others.

Barktoberfest – October 19th RD 20th - Discussed ideas. Give proposal to April.

AARP Safe Driving Course – Schedule in the fall and include in the October Newsletter.

Babysitting Course – LVHN didn't respond. Contact Red Cross.

Night of Magic – April 26th - 6:30-7:15pm – Al Grout will charge \$250, we can seat 100. We can cancel for lack of participation.

Independent Park Community Center – Installing electric & drywall in basement. Discussed heavy use flooring. 13 bookings to date and 12 more scheduled this year. Not open to public – get the word out more. Rich discussed making a fee schedule and regulations for program instructors; however, more discussion is needed. Place a sign “Taking Reservations” at property.

Update On Parks Projects – New DEP permit application process, Grange Park permit within one month, Requested from LCCD to Box Out Parking area before permit is approved. SPYA grant has a 5 year exp - initiate contact. Library plans to start construction later this year and NPDES permit is being resubmitted March 5th. Grange add parking. Start roof this spring on IP. Add more parking to lower level. Agricultural Spray irrigation is submitted to LCCD for approval of revisions to NPDES which will avoid excavating the golf course. DCNR Splash Park grant due April 10. Resubmit NAAA field or splash park. Apple Park Fishing Pier - extend berm into pond. Riparian Buffer projects will be done this spring on section West of Schaefer Run the area east is on hold until the old roadway is removed by the developer. Spring Schaeffer Run Hassen creek – second grant denied - have meeting to schedule with DEP regarding the Dam permit and the Haasen Creek restoration grant previously received. Open Space Comprehensive Plan - 10 year plan on schedule - update to focus on what the needs are. \$25,000 for synthetic practice green is included in the Capital Improvements plan that was done with the recreation plan. Discussed need for additional parking in Breinigsville Park and need for smaller and more ball fields that could be provided in the outfield of the current large field. Discussed Breinigsville using the new ball field in Grange and Township proposes to complete the second field with Township resources.

Recreation Board Open Position – Jeff Pascoe & Jenny Kidd both expressed interest in becoming members. All were in favor of Jeff Pascoe as a voting member replacing Rob Corba.

Public Comments – Andrea suggested a Trail proposal through use of volunteers. They are encouraged to attend the next meeting.

All in favor of Jim Adams becoming a member of Friends of Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation, Inc. Item to be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

A motion was made by Sean Gill, seconded by Andrea Russell to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Rich Kiser
Chairperson
UMT Parks and Recreation Board