

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
April 25, 2013**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on April 25, 2013, at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Linda Gorr, Sean Gill and Andrea Russell. Board members not in attendance: Dave Kentner, Jeff Pascoe and Jenny Kidd. 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 7:05pm 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 March meeting minutes.

**Community Programs Scheduled**

Junior Golf Lessons – May 1-29 Spring session - 6 children registered.

Tennis Clinics - April 2 to May 2 and May 7 to June 6 – 21 participated in the April 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 10 are registered so far for the May 7<sup>th</sup> class. Check into Summer Clinics.

Night of Magic – April 26<sup>th</sup> – 61 signed up.

Pet CPR & First Aide – May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:30pm – 5 signed up.

Family Fishing - June 8<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup> – 17 signed up. Pier may be in by June 8<sup>th</sup> .

Movies in the Park – June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – \$3,000 raised. Still need more sponsors. Mommas Italian Grill, Ocean Spray, Rascals & Bimbo should be contacted. Trying to locate a bugle or trumpet player for Flag day.

Geocaching – Date changed to September 14<sup>th</sup> – still need GPS units. Jennifer Trambore will help with the program.

Barktoberfest – October 19<sup>th</sup> RD 20<sup>th</sup> – emailing and sending vendor & sponsorship forms.

Hunter/Trapper – has been scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed/New**

Tree Care – October 1st – Our tree trimming course scheduled again with a new name.

Psychic Medium – October 10th – well attended thru Parkland Library & Hanover Township. Kathy will check with Andrew on by-laws governing this kind of programing.

Peddler's Village Bus Tour – November 2nd – A decision was made against bus tours because there are many available elsewhere.

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

Easter Egg Hunt – Decided against holding an Egg hunt as there are lots of churches that offer free Egg hunts to the public.

Kids Crafts at Breinigsville Park – Tabled, possible 2014 program. Jim is gathering information about free kits from Crayola & Just Born.

Interior Design Course – April spoke with Kay McLane. Kay will attend our next meeting. She is willing to break her courses down into segments. Program tabled for possible February classes.

Fly Fishing – April is still checking into this and is attending a meeting next week. She also picked up class schedules from Cabella's "Women in the Outdoors" whose instructors are willing to do programs with us. She also introduced a scavenger hunt which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Penn State Extension Programs – Discussed a Spring or Garden Fest next year with 5 classes offered in the morning and afternoon. Rich Kiser will organize the event and check into what programs are the most popular.

Summer Pick-up Volleyball – Sundays, June 2nd to August from 6-8pm at Upper Macungie Park.

5K Run/Walk for Parks – Chuck has scheduled a meeting with previous volunteers for the following week and will advise if there is enough participation to continue this event.

## **Old Business**

Dog Park Completion/Status – Jim Adams had a Money Thermometer made thru Williams signs. Rich has been unable to connect with the girl scouts to receive the check. April suggested honoring the girl scouts at Barktoberfest.

Breinigsville Baseball Fields – Tabled

Grange Road Splash Park – \$205 in donations and about 40 letters of support. Huge Facebook response. Grant has more public support this time around.

## **New Business**

Independent Park Community Center – Readdress Wedding Package next month. 4 new bookings last month. Supervisors to address a charge for excessive cleaning. Program instructors fees/contract should go before the Supervisors reorganization meeting the first Monday of the year. Jim will check with other townships for usage, fees and payment structures.

Grange Park Amphitheater – Discussed a natural amphitheater for Grange Park. Corp of Engineers can do it for free but it may take years. Get price estimates and a site plan. Rich or Kathy will check with Dean Haas if it is feasible at Grange Park.

Update On Parks Projects – Waiting to hear from South Parkland if they plan on going forward with building. Playground surface at Grange being installed Wednesday and additional swings were ordered. Should be ready in one week. (As of 5/9/13 still not ready.) A new park sign was placed at Rt 100 park with the help of the boy scouts.

Public Comment – A fisherman at Apple Ponds wanted additional hours and fish to be relocated from the dam to Apple Ponds according to Ed Early. To be consistent with the rest of our parks, fishing hours will remain dawn till dusk. Bringing bigger fish from other areas will be harmful to the fish in Apple Pond.

A motion was made by Linda Gorr, seconded by April Navarra to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Jenny Kidd  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board