

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting
August 29, 2013**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on August 29, 2013 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Sean Gill, Linda Gorr, Jim Adams, Jeff Pascoe and Andrea Russell. Board members not in attendance: Jenny Kidd, David Kentner and April Navarra. Also present at the meeting were UMT Board of Supervisors Ed Earley, UMT Board of Supervisors Secretary Kathy Rader, Jim Soltis, Dean Haas and Valerie Brosky.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm 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 Linda Gorr and seconded by Jeff Pascoe and all were in favor of approving the June meeting minutes.

Community Programs Scheduled

Review Tennis Clinics – July 9th to August 8th – 27 attended. August 20th to September 19th – class was cancelled - only 3 registered.

Review Summer Pickup Volleyball – Sundays in June-August – averaged 10 to 22 players and approximately 90 people are on the Volleyball email list.

Review Family Fishing – July 20th – Great turnout and comments. The weather was perfect and a lot of people caught fish.

Review Movies in the Park – July 13th Here Comes the Boom – About 150 attended before the movie was interrupted by a passing Thunderstorm. The August movie was moved last minute to Saturday due to another bad weather report and had a turnout of 100. **Sean Gill paid the balance to cover the expenses of Movies in the Park.**

Review National Night Out – August 6th – Great event and turnout – about 500 people attended.

Geocaching – Is scheduled for September 14th. Facebook status indicated a high interest. We will secure a GPS Loaner document from our Attorney and give it to the coordinator.

Junior Golf Lessons – July 22nd & August 5th – Parents were pleased and said our instructor was wonderful. Will work on a Spring & Summer, Beginner, Intermediate & Adult class.

Tree Care – October 1st – 3 signed up

Psychic Medium – October 10th – 26 signed up and need 12 more. Will advertise on facebook to generate more registrations.

Barktoberfest – October 19th RD 20th – As of this date, 43 vendors are participating & 3 sponsors contributed totaling \$1660. Need volunteers for parking and directing traffic. Girl

Scouts will take food orders and deliver to vendors. Vendors encouraged to have own relief. Ed suggesting getting vests from Station 56. The Recreation Board will have a table and a Dog Park donation box. Sean has a donation box we could use. Jim Adams & Linda Gorr will arrive early to help direct Vendors, Rich Kiser will be McGruff the Crime Dog.

5K Run/Walk for Parks – No updates. One registration and sponsor have been received. Will ask the committee for a periodic update.

Hunter/Trapper – November 10th – 14 signed up

AARP Safe Driver's Course – November 12th & 14th (8hr) and November 13th (4hr) – one sign up for the 8 hr course.

Proposed/New

Pro Martial Arts – Anthony Catino from Pro Martial Arts of Trexlertown Shopping Center would like to be more involved in the community. They are willing to hold 30-45 minutes classes on Anti-Bullying/Predator Prevention. He suggests a separate class for over and under 10 with a parent night. Emergency Preparedness Day would be a good opportunity for this or a program at Independent Park. Linda will contact him for Emergency Preparedness Day.

Puppet Show – Mock Turtle Marionette Theater offers different shows. A puppet show with a puppet making workshop is \$350. This is a program we could offer once Independent Park is completed.

Folk Festival – Lehigh Valley Folk Music Society offers a 1 hour children's sing- a-long for \$200. They provide instruments for the kids to play also. We could incorporate this into our Movies-in-the-Park.

Fall Winter Volleyball – A program is set up at Fogelsville Elementary School on Tuesdays, September 17th thru March 25th from 8-10pm. This info will be provided for inclusion in the newsletter.

Kids Crafts at Breinigsville Park – Linda is working on a ceramics class up for early spring.

Boot Camp in the Park – Full Circle Training. Tabled.

Penn State Extension Programs – Rich will work on this in the fall.

Bird Watching – Tabled

Fly Fishing – Program instructors will not be able to get enough volunteers for an October class.

Interior Design – Tabled

Ceramics – working on a program at the park for February or March of next year.

Old Business

Dog Park Completion/Status – Dog letter donations have totaled \$1685 (an additional \$1205 since the thermometer went up.)

Breinigsville Baseball Fields – Jeff addressed the needs at the Breinigsville Lower field. Jim will spray for weeds.

Sponsorship Signs – More funds are needed for Friends Liability Insurance. We could raise \$250 per sign per season. The vinyl signs can be placed on the ballfield fences. The sponsor would make their own with specifications from the township. Sean said a 3x8 sign cost about \$75. Jim could install them and they can be taken by the owner at the end of the season.

Amphitheatre – Tabled

Independent Park Community Center – 7 additional rentals since last meeting. Averaging 4 rentals a month. July and August weekends were booked and we were unable to accommodate a number of other requests.

A first floor plan fit out is under design and review for fall winter completion. We will do most of the work. The Recreation Board has requested to view the plans once they are approved. Versatile flooring is being discussed. Roof replacement under way. The parking lot and spray irrigation basin is to be bid on in the spring.

A wedding package was approved and will be prepared for the Board of Supervisors review and approval. This \$650 package would offer a total of 8 hours between two days to allow for set-up and a next day wedding. Additional hours can be purchased at \$50 and the deposit would remain \$200.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments - A sub-committee will be formed and held during the day at the municipal building to formulate all inclusive guidelines. Valerie will coordinate and email the board of the date & time. Rich would like to have this finalized at the next meeting.

New Business

Emergency Preparedness Day – The Recreation Board will have a table at this event. Dean will supply maps and easels. Valerie will prepare the recreation event handouts. Rich, Andrea, Valerie, Sean can help man the table. Kathy approved a small expenditure from the Friends account for a giveaway (glow sticks for the children?). Jim will purchase these items.

Memorial Garden/Walkway – tabled. Dean said we may be able to do a nice entrance at the playground and future splash park area with memorial brick walkway and we may need a committed garden club to maintain flower garden.

Park & Grant Updates – Grange playground has been completed. Currently completing the grading around the playground. Storm drainage, restroom, infiltration basin 5A, parking lot, pavilion, pad for SPYA future building and infiltration basin 5B up for bid for a late fall construction. The 700,000 grant is underway for an additional 3 ball fields plus NCAA field – expanded parking – tennis courts and splash park.

Breinigsville Park: Extend public water line through future park to existing park, create smaller baseball fields out of large field and add additional overflow parking on grass area.

Petting Zoo Request – One group renting Lone Lane for a Apraxia fundraiser requested a small petting zoo. The board feels it is important to adhere to our current policies or many others will want exclusions. The request was denied.

Library Update - could be started next spring – referendum to raise taxes for future building will be on the ballot.

A motion was made by Jeff Pascoe, seconded by Andrea Russell and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Rich Kiser
Chairperson
UMT Parks and Recreation Board