

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting
March 27, 2014**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on March 27, 2014 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Linda Gorr, David Kentner, Jim Adams, April Navarra, Andrea Russell, Jocelyn Pattishall & Katie Shade. Board members not in attendance: Sean Gill. Also present at the meeting were Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis, Recreation and Events Coordinator Valerie Brosky and Dean Haas from Keystone Engineering Consulting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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.

Rich Kiser and the Recreation Board extended a welcome to the new members; Katie Shade & Jocelyn Pattishall.

The February minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted. A motion was made by Linda Gorr, seconded by Andrea Russell and all were in favor of approving the February meeting minutes.

Public Comments – Bob Ashcraft representing Color Run for Autism spoke about the details of a possible Color Run in UMT and hopes to utilize Grange Park for a Spring 2015 run. His events usually attract between 1000-1400 people, use 4-5 color stations (20-30 yard radius of biodegradable colored starch) and shuttle parking maybe necessary. The board will review his request and get back to him in September or October.

Hannah Killian of Parkland Community Library requested use of Independent Park Community Center's meeting room for story time and other such programs, 8 consecutive Tuesdays, 9:30-12:30 between June 17 and August 12. Rich Kiser made a motion to grant their request, Linda Gorr seconded the motion and all were in favor of the request barring any heavy physical use or messy arts/crafts activities. The Recreation Board recommends approval by the Board of Supervisors. The library was also help us promote our activities and a package will be prepared and Jim Soltis will drop them off at the library next week.

Jeff Vitelli & Matthew Russell were present in support of our 5K Fun Run.

Ed Earley stated that he would continue to be supportive of the efforts of the Recreation Board and attend meetings. He also suggested utilizing the \$673,088.81 (as of January) in the Recreation Account.

Community Programs Scheduled

Fall/Winter Volleyball – Tuesday nights through the end of March. An average of 26 people attended throughout the season. Rich Kiser is securing a lockbox for equipment for a summer program. He also needs 2 sets of lines.

Tree Care – Rescheduled to Thursday, April 17th. The program was advertised in the Parkland Press.

Night with Laurie Moore – May 2nd 7-8:30pm at Independent Park. 8 signed up.

Tennis – May 6th to June 5th Spring Clinic - 11 sign ups. Many registrations are coming in from the Parkland School Districts website.

Pet CPR/First Aide Class – Sunday, May 18th at Independent Park from 9-12:30pm. 1 sign up.

Family Fishing – Two programs this year; June 7th and August 23rd at Apple Ponds. Registrations will be on Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission website this year. A link is provided on our website for easy enrollment.

Movies in the Park – June 13th at Lone Lane Park, July 11th at Breinigsville Park and August 8th at Grange Park. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Walking With Dinosaurs and Diaries of a Wimpy Kid (all rated PG) will be the 2014 movies. Jim Soltis hopes to get our 2nd movie in 3D and glasses can be purchased 20 for \$4.75. Sponsorship letters were mailed and \$2,200 was received to date.

Geocaching - July 19th at Upper Macungie Park 11am-2pm

National Night out – August 5th at Lone Lane Park. This event is organized by Upper Macungie Township Police Department. The Recreation Board will have a table at this event.

Barktoberfest – Scheduled for October 11th 11am-3pm at Upper Macungie Park. \$1620 was received to date in sponsorships.

5K/1K Run/Walk for Parks – November 2nd at Lone Lane Park. The committee is designing a new logo. They are concerned about having a logo that can adapt with different themes. Katie contacted Pretzel City about doing the timing. Andrea Russell & Chuck Thomas are co-chairing this event. The 2014 Run will raise money for the development of paths and trails in the township.

Recreation Board Recognition Dinner – Rescheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at Independent Park.

Hunter Trapper – Scheduled for November 8, 2014 at Independent Park. 5 sign-ups.

Night with Laurie Moore – Scheduled for November 13th.

Jingle Bells Holiday Show – Friday, December 5th from 6-8 at Independent Park. The show will be performed by Gigggle Magic and Santa Claus will be present for pictures. The cost is \$5 per person.

Proposed/New Programs

Summer Volleyball – Rich Kiser is securing a lockbox for a summer program.

Library Programs - 8 consecutive Tuesdays, 9:30-12:30 between June 17 and August 12 at Independent Park.

Adult Basketball – Brian Kreske & Ryan Heffelfinger would like to start an adult pick-up Basketball program at Ricky Park. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

Previously Proposed-Under Construction

Basketball, Beginning Birding, Folk Festival, Golf, Penn State Extension Programs, Boot Camp in the Park, Full Circle Training, Interior Design, Zumba, Snow shoveling for seniors– Tabled.

Old Business

Upper Macungie Park Dog Park Completion/Status – \$1940 was collected from donations, the 2012 5K Run raised \$4,315.58 and 2013's run brought in \$4,043.55. In addition, the Girl Scouts raised \$464.38 last year. Jim Soltis will check on available funds in the Friends account to order the water fountain. No word on the status of the grant.

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flagpole – Sean Gill is working on the project. The board would like to see other design options.

Independent Park Community Center – 6 additional reservations last month. No updates on the completion of the first floor.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments – No updates. Rich Kiser suggested contacting the Solicitor in an effort to finalize the contracts.

Open Space Development –

New Business

Park and Grant Updates – Grant Support Forms are being distributed and collected for a April 5th due date. The township intends to seek Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grants for matching funds for four projects. 1. Splash park at Grange Road Park which will provide summer heat relief 2. Four multiple-use athletic fields for football, soccer, lacrosse and hockey at Grange Park to meet the needs of the Youth Associations 3. Up to Eight Youth baseball fields and two all purpose fields to meet the demands of the Growing Breinigsville youth population and 4. Trails along the Schaefer Run to connect the residential developments to the Breinigsville Parks. ACT 13 CFA Grants are due July 21st and match is 15% for the Township and 85 % for the State. Dean Haas also needs a name for the park area to be developed behind the Breinigsville VFW.

Public Comment

Rich Kiser requested we check with the Board of Supervisors to see if members of the board should have a child abuse check. Kathy Rader will check with our Solicitor and if need be place it on the Board of Supervisors Agenda.

A motion was made by April Navarra, seconded by Andrea Russell, and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Sean Gill
Secretary
UMT Parks and Recreation Board