

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
August 28, 2014**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on August 28, 2014 at the Municipal Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Rich Kiser, Andrea Russell, David Kentner, Sean Gill, Jim Adams, Jocelyn Pattishall & Katie Shade. Board members not in attendance: Linda Gorr and April Navarra. Also present at the meeting was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Jim Brunell, Dean Haas of Keystone Engineering and Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis.

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.

The July minutes were reviewed and a name correction was made. A motion was made by Jim Adams, seconded by Jocelyn, and all were in favor of approving the July meeting minutes.

Public Comments – Carolyn Reese of Twin Ponds Integrated Health presented materials for a low cost Injury Prevention Screening at Independent Park on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. The cost is \$8 and includes skeletal and neuromuscular screening by 2 physicians using observations made while children are performing fun activities. Twin ponds will pre-register a maximum of 30 people and the township will collect \$3 for each registration to cover facility use. A certificate of insurance naming UMT as an additional insured will be provided. Jim Adams made a motion, Jocelyn Pattishall seconded and all were in favor of approving the program. The program will be advertised on Twin Ponds and UMT's newsletter with Board of Supervisors approval.

### **Community Programs Scheduled**

Review First Tee Junior Golf – July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> – 3 participated with great feedback. The board feels we did not have enough time to promote this program. The First Tee is committed to making this program work and it will be promoted in the Spring Newsletter.

Review National Night Out – August 5<sup>th</sup> at Lone Lane Park. Jocelyn indicated that residents were interested in Yoga, First Strides and Tennis & Basketball at Grange Park. Upon speaking with residents, they indicated they attended last year and there was nothing different from last year's schedule of events.

Review Movies in the Park – Diary of a Wimpy Kid, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Grange Park. 400 people attended and this year's series was a big success. Residents liked the advance announcements on the Rt 78 billboard (courtesy of Tri-Outdoor) and the sign donated Solar Tech.

Review Family Fishing – August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Apple Ponds – 35 registered and 16 attended due to rain.

Pickup Volleyball – Outside Volleyball at Upper Macungie Park wraps up this Sunday. It's been a fun and interesting summer. 16 people attended last week and Rich counted 55 new people this summer.

Cardio Tennis - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> – No registrations to date. Brian Bleam is aware we did not have much time to promote the program.

Fall Tennis – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8 registered. Brian Bleam is pleased with the success of the program & our administration and great feedback was provided by participants.

Emergency Preparedness Day – 5 or 6 Board members will help at the Recreation table. Valerie will prepare handouts. Members are encouraged to give Rich ideas for a handout within the next week. A budget of \$500 was set aside for event.

Barktoberfest – Scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm at Upper Macungie Park. \$3650 was received to date and there are 27 registered vendors. Food Vendors secured. Need craft & pet related vendors and two judges. Deiter Bros became a Platinum Sponsor with a \$750 donation. An estimated \$1500 will be raised for the Friends account.

5K/1K Run/Walk for Parks – November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lone Lane Park. Changed time to 10am. Amazon indicated that a check was sent. Forms will be distributed once the presenting sponsor is in place. Directional signs were made and Williams signs is making a signs with the new logo. Shirts are \$7 apiece compared to \$3 last year. Need sponsors, donations and volunteers.

Recreation Board Recognition Dinner – Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park at 6pm. An invitation was made and a list of volunteers everyone is encouraged to send names and email addresses to Valerie to include in the invitation list.

Hunter Trapper – November 8<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park. 19 signed up.

Night with Laurie Moore – November 13<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park – 9 signed up.

Jingle Bells Holiday Show – Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at Independent Park. 5 signed up.

### **Community Program Proposed-New**

Fall/Winter Volleyball – Indoor Volleyball Program at Fogelsville Elementary School is in the planning stages.

Ventriloquist Show – February 27<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park from 6:30-7:30pm – Scott Wagstaff performed for the fire department and charges \$250 for the one hour performance. Set up like the Holiday Show and charge \$5 per person. Andrea Russell motioned, Katie Shade seconded and all were in favor of approving the program. The program will be advertised on UMT's newsletter with Board of Supervisors approval.

Boating Course – March 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-5pm at Independent Park. A free Basic Boating Course was set up through the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

Disc Golf – Andrea Russell contacted Denny Barr and they are working on a proposal to offer a free disk golf program at Upper Macungie Park.

Lego Club – Jim Adams introduced having a Lego Club at Independent Park. He would like to place an ad requesting Lego donations. The ad will cost \$75 and he wants to place a container in UMT lobby to collect the new/used Legos. A program will be developed once we have the Legos. The Recreation Board was in favor of this program and recommends the Board of Supervisors approval to have a collection container at the township building.

PA Dutch Classes – Tabled

Walk & Talk Series – Thursdays 6pm at Rt. 100 Park. Tabled

## **Old Business**

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flagpole – Dean, Sean & Jim met and decided on a Memorial at Grange Park using Boulders with Plaques on them, bushes and benches. The center piece will be an 80ft flagpole which Sean Gill will donate. Dean has the plans and a sketch and will work on a proposal for the Board of Supervisors. Linda is working on the name plates. Keystone will apply for a grant for this project.

Disk Golf – Jim Soltis researched adding 9 new Disk Golf Baskets at Upper Macungie Township and indicated an equal value product would cost approximately \$4000. Dean Barr could complete the work (agreed to volunteer the labor) with a signed waiver prepared by our solicitor. A few baskets would need to be relocated as discussed at the last meeting and Denny is encouraged to provide us with a new map and we will resubmit the proposal using Parks/Recreation fund for the improvement.

Independent Park Community Center – Reservations have doubled. 8 additional reservations since last month. Basement is out for bid and permit/plans are ready. Dean Haas shared the plans with the Recreation Board and said it may take a year to be completed and ready for use.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments – Valerie will resubmit the original contractor forms to Andrew with the Independent Contractors sub-committee notes for re-consideration.

Pavilion Rates – The Board of Supervisors will review the proposed rate increase at a subsequent BOS meeting. Rich Kiser expressed a need for larger pavilions at Grange Park.

## **New Business**

Wholesale Lacrosse – Application for use of the Lacrosse field November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> or Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> has been denied. The Lacrosse field is closed and under repair. It will not be utilized in 2015 either.

Community Programs – The board is exploring ideas for advertising and bringing awareness to our recreation programs. They are currently sent to the Go Guide at the Morning Call, to Parkland School Districts website as well as our Facebook and website. Jim Adams will contact SECTV and find out the cost for an advertisement on the Community Board. Tri-

Outdoor generously provided free billboard advertisement and Upper Macungie Township would like to thank them for their contribution to the township. Solar Tech also provided a free digital sign to help us promote Movies in the Park....thank you for helping the recreation board advertise our programs.

UMT Recreation Fund Balance - \$651,361.69. Rich requested a granulated breakdown of recreation funds from Keystone. Jim Brunell & Dean Haas explained a certain amount of recreation funds needs to be available to support the grants they submitted.

Park and Grant Updates – The 5-10 year recreation plans are on target according to Keystone Engineering. Pathways, a Memorial walkway, pedestrian crossing and speed bumps are in the works at Grange Park. Speed bumps are being built at Lone Lane. Breinigsville Park West is waiting on a grant for 4 ball fields as well as to extend a waterline from Breinigsville Park.

Public Comment – None

A motion was made by Sean Gill, seconded by Katie Shade, and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Next month's meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014 at 7:00pm at Independent Park Community Center.

Sean Gill  
Secretary  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board