

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Monthly Meeting  
January, 2015**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on January 29, 2015 at Upper Macungie Township Building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Jocelyn Pattishall, Linda Gorr, Jim Adams, Katie Shade, and David Kentner. Board members not in attendance: April Navarra, Andrea Russell. Also present at the meeting was Supervisor Jim Brunell and Sean Gill, Keystone Consulting Engineer Dean Haas, Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis and resident Edward Earley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by UMT Recreation Vice-Chairperson David Kentner, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ were in favor of approving the December meeting minutes.

**Public Comments:**

**Community Programs Scheduled**

Interior Design –January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 6-8pm at Independent Park. Two registered. Jim called instructor letting her know about the low sign-ups,, have not received a response.

Ventriloquist Show – February 27<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park from 6:30-7:30pm. 7 registered.

Indoor pickup basketball – March 19<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 7-9pm at Jaindl Elementary. Township insurance needs to be provided to school district. A waiver for attendees to be posted on township website.

Hunter/Trapper Course – March 15<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park 9am-4pm, 17 registrants at this time.

Boating Course – March 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-5pm at Independent Park. 3 registered.

Cardio Tennis – April 6<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> at Blue Barn Park, no registrants at this time.

Tennis Clinics - April 6<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> at Ricky Park, 2 pee wee registrants at this time.

Advanced Tennis – April 7<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> at Blue Barn Park, no registrants at this time. Will be posted in spring newsletter

Movies-in-the-Park:

June 19<sup>th</sup> Lone Lane Park

July 10<sup>th</sup> Breinigsville Park

August 7<sup>th</sup> Grange Park

Each showing will cost \$2200 total of \$6600 – Start sponsorships in February

Hunter/Trapper Course – November 8<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park 9am-4pm, no registrants at this time.

Night with Laurie Moore – November 12<sup>th</sup> at Independent Park 7-8:30pm, no registrants at this time.

### **PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS**

Disc Golf – No time table set yet with Denny Barr. Jim will contact Denny Barr to restructure course and set up a beginner's clinic in May.

Lego Club – Jim Adams reports that Lego donations are coming in, bin is placed at entrance of building

PA Dutch Classes – Linda Gorr

Food vendor fair – Andrea Russell – Tabled

Ashmar memorial request – Local Government Award, This award recognizes an elected or appointed individual or group of individuals for outstanding and significant contribution(s) or leadership in support of some facet of the profession. Recreation Board is going to submit an application in Sam Ashmar's honor.

Sabina and Nawelle (Ashmar) contact Rich Kiser and requested that the board recommend renaming Lone Lane Park to Sam Ashmar Park. April Navarra suggested naming the Grange Road dog park after him. Other suggesting was naming Lone Lane Pavilion in his honor. Station 56 will also be doing something to honor him.

Jim Brunell made a recommendation that he has no problem with the suggestion and supports this endeavor.

Jim Adams suggested a committee be put together and come up with a plan.

Go Get Outdoors PA – (Community Partner) entity that provides programming for the community event.

A community Partner acts as the “host” of the Get Outdoors PA program and is the primary liaison for citizens regarding the partner’s Get outdoors PA programming.

Such activities as Target Shooting (bow & arrow), Backpacking, Biking, Bird/Wildlife Viewing, Camping, Rock Climbing, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing, Geoching, Hiking/Walking, Paddling, Nature Photography, Orienteering, Snowshoeing, Wilderness Survival and Hunting.

How does it work:

Select an activity to teach

Identify an audience and program purpose

Apply to be a partner online

Select an instructor

Market and promote

Carry out the program

Evaluate outcome and report on its success

**Recreation reviewing information on the program and will revisit at the January meeting.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Grange Park; Memorial Walkway/Wall and Flagpole – Tabled. Next step is for a proposal to be supplied by Keystone. Sean Gill will contact Dean Haas for price and layout.

Program Instructors, usage, fees, payments – No progress

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Community Programs – April – Tabled

Pickleball Courts – Dave Kentner shared a resident letter that stated 25 people had regularly played pickleball on the one court at Blue Barn Park. Jim Soltis reported that it would cost approximately \$300 per court to put down pickleball lines on the other two courts at the same park. Installing additional lines will be considered for the spring after trying to gauge additional interest in the sport. Discussed painting courts at Ricky and Blue Barn, tabled until next month.

Dog Park at Grange Park – New large off leash area is completed with trash can and waste dispensers. Still need rules sign and picnic tables. **Jim Adams will work on having a sign made.**

Barktoberfest-

5K race-

## **New Business**

Caterer licensing Fee –

Recreation Board Ethics Forms -

## Monthly Update

Independent Park Community Center – 6 additional reservations since last month. Discussing opening the rentals to non-residents. Board will look at last year's rentals and decide if its reasonable number of open weekend date that can be filled. **Starting a new reservation calendar system, we have to go check all the paper applications for data**

UMT Recreation Fund Balance – The balance is \$496,907.59

Friends of Upper Macungie Township Fund Balance – The balance is \$14,326.88

Park and Grant Updates – Tree grant has been completed at Grange Park. About \$350,000 dollars granted to Grange Park for a splash pad and parking. Dean Haas presented plans for 2015. Dean also spoke of connecting the sidewalks around the park.

## Public Comment – No Comments

A motion was made at \_\_\_\_\_ PM by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting, and all were in agreement. Next month's meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015 at 7:00pm at the municipal building.

Chairman  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board