

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 2019**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Upper Macungie Township building. The following Recreation Board members were present: Katie Shade; Andrea Russell; Dave Kentner; Gwen McCurdy; April Navarra; Wes Schlauch; Bret Spangler, and Karla Trumbauer. Also present at the meeting was Recreation and Events Coordinator, Lynn Pigliacampi Matula, and Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis and Deb Soltis. Recreation Board member Matthew Bernard was absent.

Katie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. She asked all present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Bret and seconded by Andrea to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

T3 Lacrosse – Danielle Bay from T3 is looking for 4 fields to use on 10/27/19 for a tournament. They were at a smaller park last time but have outgrown it and are looking for a larger area. The event runs from 9-3 but will need the fields from 7-7 to account for setup/cleanup. Danielle did not have the registration fees for this tournament but said Team fees are approx. \$200/team at other tournaments they run, and the funds go to pay the people working the tournament. It is unclear if this would be a “for profit” event, will need to follow up with Bev. Dave indicated that the requested date overlaps with football playoffs. Danielle is willing to modify the date for the tournament, but would prefer not to go in to November. Dave confirmed there is no football scheduled for the weekend of the 19-20. Additionally, he would prefer to not have to change the lines. Danielle indicated they would not move the other lines but would put down temporary lines in addition. Dave indicated there are only 2 fields that would be the correct size, and they would need to overlap on soccer fields. There is some concern with time needed to line the fields if we attempt to do this the same weekend as football playoffs. Katie asked if they would be willing to continue using Grange for this in future years (assuming this year goes well). Danielle confirmed, and said they prefer to keep this local and relatively small. Danielle will provide detail around budget/fees to Lynn. Dave would like this to be open to local girls at the individual level, and the registration fee be reasonable so that local girls play in it. There is concern around the profit of this organization. Dave also mentioned there are other organizations looking to have similar tournaments. There is a fee structure for “for profit” tournaments in the park rules. The board would like to review the monetary information from T3 Lacrosse prior to any motion.

Mary Rose Feldman (Zentangle) – Mary Rose teaches these classes, which are relaxation/mindfulness based and involve pattern drawings. Classes don’t require any skill and involve repetitive pen strokes to allow people to fully relax and focus. Typical beginner class is 2.5 hours, with 2 tiles and 6-8 patterns. Attendees also usually get a kit. Mary Rose would be willing to adjust the classes based on needs. Kits are approx. \$15, and classes are approx. \$35. Number of attendees varies from 2-75 (primarily adults but can be done with kids as well). No special facilities are needed and could work in the township meeting room with just table and chairs. Cost to township would be minimal (unlock and lock – would need to determine if someone would need to stay on site). Lynn also suggested using a pavilion.

Lynn will reach out to confirm what her preferred day of week is, how frequently she would want to do classes, what her pricing requirements would be, and if she is willing to have a class at a pavilion.

REPORTS

Community Programs Scheduled

Get Prepared Parkland – Sept. 14 – possibly at Lone Lane, but not final

Photo Scavenger Hunt – Lynn added dates, rules have been updated, still expect Farmer's Market to go forward

Proposed/New

See public comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lemonade in the Parks

- May – weeknight at Breinigsville
- June – Potentially Ricky park while tennis is going on
- July – Lone Lane. All pavilions on Saturdays at Lone Lane in July are booked, so it will have people
- August – weeknight at Grange

We will discuss this further next month to finalize.

NEW BUSINESS

Grange Park Dog Park

Discussion has come up again to create a separate area for large dogs and small dogs at the Grange Road Dog Park, well as upgraded water fountain with dog bowl. Jim Soltis got quotes for the fencing costs.

- *6ft fence – \$8480*
- *4ft fence – \$7340*
- *Water fountain - \$3385 (plus concrete base with drainage)*

Quotes do not include labor. Lynn will pull together what Barktoberfest has raised to determine what a reasonable contribution from Friends would be to this project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Independent Park Community Center rental and building update

- Feb. 2019- 5 bookings, \$1,4202.00
- Feb. 2018- 5 bookings, \$2,575.00

Upper Macungie Township Recreation fund balance \$2,333,279.58

Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance \$30,827.87

Park and Grant updates: none.

Community Center: update below

Updates from Lynn:

- There is still discussion going on between the Farmers' Market and the Township around the insurance policies and the associated cost of them. Some contract language changes may be needed.
- The online booking/availability system is up and running for Pavilions, Splash Park, and Programs will be on it. Payments will need to be sent separately but may be available online at some point in the future.
- Community Center Campaign – The 501c.3 needs to be figured out in order to receive funding. A workshop is scheduled for 3/27 with the Supervisors to determine how to move forward and what the appropriate structure would be.
- Lynn is also working to schedule some events with the Library at the Township building.

Officer Report

Other Board concerns

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:58 PM by April and seconded by Gwen to adjourn the meeting, and all were in agreement. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Katie Shade, Chairperson
UMT Parks and Recreation Board