

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes August 2020

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, August 21, 2020, at Grange Park. Recreation Board members present: Dave Kentner, Bret Spangler. Also present: Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis. Gwen McCurdy, Matthew Bernard; Wes Schlauch; Andrea Russell. Recreation & Events Coordinator, Lynn Matula.

Other members of the Public in attendance: Jaclyn Svetcov, Chris Hughes, Denise Kelly, Deb Soltis, Jason Krier, Jeff Lapp

Chair Bret Spangler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Bret did a roll call to confirm attendance. Dave made a motion which was seconded by Gwen by to approve the July meeting minutes. All were in favor.

REPORTS:

- Community Programs Scheduled - Lynn provided email updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Cricket Pitch:
 - Discussed after Lehigh Valley Cricket Club attended a previous Parks & Rec meeting to talk about the feasibility of UMT building a cricket pitch.
 - Bret walked the proposed area with Scott Faust from UMT. Possible locations are Grange Park and Rt. 100 Park.
 - Rt. 100 issues may be recreational adult softball conflicts and space
 - Grange park has several locations but ideal is back corner past pickleball courts. Need to measure area after farmer cuts down field which is owned by the township.
 - Jaclyn Svetcov asked what cricket was. Bret explained.

Bret motioned to approve seconded by Gwen. All in favor. Andrea abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vacancy Vote:
 - Moved to the end of the meeting
 - New Member discussion
 - The idea of adding more members to the P & R Board was raised due to the dislike of turning people away. "No more than X members, no fewer than X"
 - Lynn mentioned Friends will need members, so applicants can be directed their

Bret made motion to move to Unfinished business for next meeting seconded by Andrea and all in favor

- Next 5 Events:
 - Arts in the Park – April
 - April gave an example: 3 week competition, paint, draw, photograph in UMT parks (Representing our Parks)
 - Art Show with Baum School of Arts judging possibly
 - Combine Art Competition to include local wineries/food trucks
 - Discussion on when to hold event

April made motion to hold event called Art in the Park September 2021 at Grange Park (specific date TBD), seconded by Andrea. Unanimous in favor.

- Concern: Fall Sports schedules: Bret plenty of time to notify

- Post/Advertise Park Profiles for UMT Parks
 - Parks: use drone to take video/aerial pictures of parks
 - Interview with Parks & Rec members – put on website and social media
 - Lynn – tech/marketing in the UMT budget for this, try to get into 2020 budget year

Bret motion for Parks and rec to post parks media (pics, video, amenities, contact info, events) seconded by Matt. Unanimous in favor.

- Trivia Night:
 - Discussion on whether this event should be a stand alone or combined with another event
 - Decision to combine with another event, preferably Movies in the Park
 - Show Trivia/Game on the big screen (better for UMT resources – one event vs. setting up and tearing down multiple)
 - Specific ideas TBD before trivia night but a 2021 initiative
 - Ideas: Trivia on movie, theme of movie, Disney, etc
 - Use technology (apps) to record answers – make fun for adults and kids

Wes made a motion to approve Trivia night in conjunction with Movies in the Park with questions related to the movie. Seconded by Bret. Unanimous in favor.

- If a success look to expand as its own stand alone event possibly in future

- New Applicants for Board:
 - Denise Kelly: Nurse at LVHN Cedar Crest. Moved into township and wants to meet new people and be involved in her backyard
 - Jaclyn Svetcov: From Long Island, moved here 13 years ago, loves Breinigsville
 - Active all year long, 7th grade son and 5th grade daughter
 - Very involved in PSD PTO. Was a teacher FT but now subs for Parkland
 - Chris Hughes: Sales Director at Uline – 15 years, lived in township for 11. From central PA and wife 3rd generation Parkland grad. 3 daughters – 12, 9, 7
 - Active in SPYA sports – softball, field hockey, cheer; Parkland Swim Club
 - SPYA Softball commissioner and board member. Make an impact in community for the present and future
 - Peg Bus- resident 30+ years and owns a business in Township since 1984

- Has children and grandchildren active in various sports utilizing our parks
 - Enthusiastic about growth of UMT and possible growth of recreation
- Upper Macungie Community Fund 501c3
 - The P & R Board was given an update on the 501c3 created to fundraise for the future community center regarding mission, and composition of board

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Bret made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm which was seconded by Andrea. All in were in favor. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Township building.

Bret Spangler, Chairperson UMT
Parks and Recreation Board