

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS
AND RECREATION BOARD Monthly
Meeting Minutes September 2020**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at the Upper Macungie Township building. Recreation Board members present: Karla Trumbauer, Andrea Russell, April Navarra, Bret Spangler, Wes Schlauch, Matthew Bernard, Gwen McCurdy. Also present: Recreation & Events Coordinator, Lynn Matula; Friends members Jason Cryer, Jeff Lapp. Dave Kentner and Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis were absent.

Other members of the public in attendance: Peg Buss, Neeraj Sharma, Jaclyn Svetcov

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. Andrea made a motion was made by and seconded Gwen by to approve the August meeting minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none other than applicant introductions

REPORTS

Community Programs Scheduled - Lynn provided email updates

Proposed/New - See new business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Applicants for open Rec Board position
 - Peg Buss
 - Neeraj Sharma
- Open Friends position – Bret asked if anyone was interested. Meetings will be just before Rec Board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Matthew MacConnell – Honey Bee – Will be moved to a later time (won't be built until Spring)
- P&R Board Member on UMT Community Fund 501c3 Board – This person will be actively working to support the capital campaign for community center funds; will also have one Supervisor and other community stakeholders. This will be more of a commitment of time, may require assistance with fundraising. Bret highlighted his understanding of the position (reaching out, soliciting donations). Karla has interest but is concerned about the time commitment. April has some (minor) interest. Bret would not mind filling this role, but is also worried about the commitment. **Bret motioned that he would be the board representative, Andrea seconded – all approved.** April asked if we might have issues raising funds because of Covid. Bret did not get pushback for the pickleball tournament.
- New Ideas
 - Beer Fest – Bret feels this would be very successful in our area, especially with all the local breweries. Bret suggested that we pull more specifics together prior to presenting to BOS. Location would be Grange. Matthew asked if this would be free. Lynn indicated if we got a percentage of sales, we could do it as a free event. Andrea asked about food – trucks would require accessibility. Bret indicated we could have trucks and stands. Bret suggested going back toward the basketball courts. Lynn suggested having other activities for people to do (cornhole, quoits, etc). Proposed timeframe would be October

(specific date TBD). We will have a separate working meeting October 8 at 6:30 to develop more details around this (location TBD).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Pavilion Rental Update
 - August 2020- 44 bookings, \$5410.00
 - August 2019- 51 bookings, \$5875.00
- UMT Recreation fund balance – (see spreadsheet) \$1,983,584.19
- Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance - \$28,497.77
- Recreation & Events Coordinator Updates –
 - Lynn received a request to renovate/upgrade the Kaybrook playground. Lynn asked if we could look into it, to determine if we are interested in having the township do this. Lynn could research available grants/funding. This land is owned by the township but isn't a township park. Bret asked if the residents would be willing to put forth money to help fund this, as this isn't a township park. Andrea agreed that this doesn't seem like an appropriate township priority, given needs of other parks and programs. Bret also suggested the residents can use Ricky Park.
 - October Movie in the Park – These have been popular, but we haven't had the same level of sponsorship, and the events are costly. There are possible ways to offset the cost (lower cost film, ask for portion of food truck sales). This would be another drive-in. Bret suggested trying to get additional sponsorships. Andrea is concerned about cost and timeframe to get additional sponsors.
- Park Update:
- Officer Update – Bret would also like to discuss additional program ideas at the working meeting in October. People can email Bret with location ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:56 pm by Bret and seconded by Karla to adjourn the meeting, and all agreed. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Bret Spangler, Chairperson UMT
Parks and Recreation Board