

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes March 2021**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at the Upper Macungie Township building. Recreation Board members present: Karla Trumbauer, Andrea Russell, April Navarra, Wes Schlauch, Gwen McCurdy, Bret Spangler, Matthew Bernard, Jackie Svetcov. Also present: Recreation & Events Coordinator, Lynn Matula; Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis; Deb Soltis.

Other members of the public in attendance: Jason Krier (Friends Treasurer), Neeraj Sharma (Friends President), Sawyer Svetcov

Chair Bret called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. April made a motion and was seconded by Gwen to approve the January meeting minutes (the February meeting was cancelled due to snow). All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Bret made a motion to table the Karate Program because of incomplete paperwork/ clearances. All agreed.

REPORTS:

- Community Programs Scheduled - Lynn provided updates via email.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Karate Program

Bret motioned to table the karate class discussion as instructor is not available. April seconded; all were in favor.

- Pop-up Ice Skating Rink and Sports Equipment Swap to be further discussed at the April 2021 Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There is interest in Beerfest and a sports equipment swap, but planning might be for 2022.
 - Lynn mentioned we could do the equipment swap using a spray sanitizer

Bret motioned to table discussion on Sports Equipment Swap and Beerfest to allow for review of past discussion/minutes since it had not been discussed in a few meetings. Wes seconded; all were in favor.

- Ice rink- presented by Lynn as a piece of a larger winter event at Grange with decorated trees by organizations/sponsors, food trucks, the ice rink. There would be an admittance charge for the ice rink (poss. \$10). The Allentown Rotary is interested in being a Co-Host. Sponsors would be sought after.
 - The board suggested a snowmen contest from cardboard boxes, keeping the ice rink for a weekend or a full week, there was discussion on what it would entail to own a seasonal ice rink or fake ice rink
 - Pricing and funding research is needed
 - Bret mentioned having it as a stand alone weekend or week long offering due to the high cost and time to set up the rink.
 - Matthew and Jason Krier commented on current ice rink pricing (\$8 open skate)
 - Bret mentioned researching grants, and Friends soliciting sponsors and donations. Clarification is needed regarding Friends doing more of the fundraising
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- Research will be done on the pop-up ice skating rink and shared via email prior to next meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- UMT Recreation fund balance – (see spreadsheet) \$1,984,666694.25
- Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance - \$28,312,77
- Recreation & Events Coordinator Updates –
 - Online payments just went live today on the RecDesk website. There is currently a 3 percent fee for now. There is still the ability to pay with check/cash.
 - The Newsletter was posted digitally on Facebook and the website
 - Lynn mentioned that the September Movie “Playing with Fire” will tie in well with Fire Prevention month and will be Fire themed, and eventually a movie would end Community Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jason asked about the size of the pop-up ice rink because that would determine the number of people on at each time which could affect the cost.
- Jim mentioned the idea of possibly buying a liner and wood and making a frame to build our own rink instead of renting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:36 pm by Bret and seconded by Wes to adjourn the meeting, and all agreed. Next month’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Bret Spangler - Chair
UMT Parks and Recreation Board