

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

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday May 20, 2021, at the Upper Macungie Township building. Recreation Board members present: Lynn Matula, Karla Trumbauer, Andrea Russell, April Navarra, Wes Schlauch, Gwen McCurdy, Bret Spangler, Dave Kentner, Jackie Svetcov.

Other members of the public in attendance: Boy Scout Troop 29 members, Marlana Betesh, Neeraj Sharma (Friends President), Jason Krier (Friends Treasurer)

Chair Bret called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The April minutes were approved, all were in favor, none abstained

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

-Marlana Betesh presented her idea for a Pilates exercise class in the parks for ages 14 and up, for a length of 50-60 minutes. She is open to location as to which park, she is currently finishing up her certifications and licensing. Her plan for time is Tuesdays around 6 but she is flexible. There is a 20 dollar fee per class but she would also offer monthly rates. She would love to offer products after class like post-workout shakes, etc, some of which would be included in the cost. A pavilion would be ideal for all kinds of weather. The rec building would be ideal for the winter but this would need to be discussed further to see if it is feasible. Participants would just need a yoga mat and water bottle. LLC, insurance, and certification is needed before final approval. Bret made a motion to approve Plank Pilates for Tuesday nights at 6 pm at \$20 per class, on a rotating park basis for a 6 month window to then be reviewed. Gwen seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion, except April, who voted against approval.

-Troop 29 Scout leader had a question about if a Bike path or walking trail would be integrated at Grange Park. Lynn announced that this was in the plans for the near future.

**REPORTS --**

-Movies in the park on May 21st at Grange Road. Pre-movie activities include guests from Wildlands, LV Martial Arts, Concerned Foster Care, Friends, etc. Andrea had a concern about layout for traffic and food trucks and was concerned about the danger of people walking to food trucks across the parking lot. Lynn said there is a new layout and the traffic situation has been addressed.

-St. Luke's classes wrap up: The classes were light in attendance but we would still like to continue and also look into different options.

-Sign-ups for summer classes are going really well. Many of them are full or are filling up fast.

**Proposed/New** - See new business

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-Pop-up ice rink still needs research to be done

-Beerfest is tabled until next month. We would like to partner this with Artsquest.

-Sports equipment swap: discussion still needs to be had. Andrea mentioned a partnership with SPYA and timing needs to be discussed. Everyone seems interested in the idea and feels that it would be a useful event. Bret and Dave would like to bring it up at the next SPYA board meeting. Dave has the names of organizations they have donated sports equipment to in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Question was raised about if the UMT Wildlands Conservancy camp was limited only to Upper Macungie Township residents. Lynn said the programs and camps were open to anybody.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- UMT Recreation fund balance – \$1, 984, 837.82
- Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance - \$ 27,676.86
- Lynn had no updates

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:40 pm by Bret, seconded by Andrea and Dave, all agreed. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Bret Spangler - Chair

Andrea Russell - Vice-Chair

UMT Parks and Recreation Board