

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

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday June 17, 2021, at the Upper Macungie Township building. Recreation Board members present: Lynn Matula, Andrea Russell, Wes Schlauch, Bret Spangler, Dave Kentner, Jackie Svetcov, Matthew Bernard.

Other members of the public in attendance: Deb Soltis, Neeraj Sharma

Chair Bret called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. A motion was made by Bret to approve the minutes, Andrea seconded, all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NEW BUSINESS:

-Grange Park Splash Park Dog related event or program was proposed. A fee would be charged and dogs would be segregated by size. Price ranges from \$15-20. Proof of vaccination needed. Food trucks, vendors, etc, could be invited and could be charged a fee like Barktoberfest. Possible date would be for the end of the season. Lynn had a question for Jim about dog hair. Jim said there is a catch basket in the splash park. Bret thinks having it at the end of the season would be best in case there is some issue with the hair. Lynn said there would be a structured time frame for different activities. Splash park would be closed to other residents during that time. 2 hours was proposed as a length of time. Andrea feels the event should be on a small scale for the first time to gauge interest. Dave mentioned that the splash park would need to be cleaned and sanitized after the event. The splash park is normally cleaned on Friday morning so Bret suggested Thursday night. September 12th is the last night it is open for the season. **Bret made a motion for a dog splash night on August 26th and September 2nd from 5-7 PM.** Jackie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Lynn said there will be limitations on the capacity and can be controlled by having advanced registration. Lynn asked where the profits would go, for example, to a pet-related charity. Andrea felt that would be a nice idea and that it would encourage attendance. Lynn believes the event will require very little output of money.

-Summer youth camp partnership between UMT and SPYA for a Multi-sport camp at Grange Park was proposed. Dave contributed that more discussion needs to be had with SPYA. Lynn likes the idea of kids having the opportunity to try out different sports and also doing some arts and crafts activities. Bret is concerned that seasoned SPYA players will be present and that it will get too competitive. Age categories would need to be determined, Lynn feels that it should be on the younger side. This event would be for next summer, 2022. Bret recommends Lynn to attend the next SPYA board meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month to talk about her vision. This will be moved to unfinished business to be discussed more at a later date.

-Pickleball Ladder league- Bret is recommending 6 weeks at \$10 starting the 3rd or 4th week of July on Wednesdays. 13 years old and above. 6 games a night. **Bret made a motion to approve the Pickleball ladder league at \$60 for 6 weeks on Wednesday nights at 6 pm.** Andrea seconded, all were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Pop-Up Ice rink needs further research
- Beerfest tabled until we can get Artsquest involved
- Sports equipment swap tabled until more talks with SPYA

-OTHER BUSINESS:

- UMT Recreation fund balance –
- Friends of Upper Macungie Parks and Recreation, Inc. fund balance - \$33,365.77
- Lynn's updates- gathering info for the Fall newsletter. Girls on the Run was a big success.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neeraj had questions about the cricket pitch update. Bret commented that it was approved by the Board at Route 100 park. Details still need to be ironed out.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:59 pm by Bret, seconded by Andrea, all agreed. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15th, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Bret Spangler - Chair

Andrea Russell - Vice-Chair

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