

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND  
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting  
Minutes April 20th, 2023**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday April 20th, 2023, at the Fogelsville Fire Department building. Recreation Board members present: *Matthew Bernard, Jaclyn Svetcov, Neeraj Sharma, Wes Schlauch, Gwen McCurdy*. Also present: *Recreation Manager Mike Kukitz, Recreation Supervisor Kylene Gill, and Jim Soltis*.

Other members of the public in attendance: *Deb Soltis*

Chairman Matthew Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, Gwen seconded and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - none**

**REPORTS:**

- **Staff Reports**
  - Bunny Hop was a success, 26 registered cars and about 2,500 people came through the event that day.
  - Millepore Sigma Curiosity Cube was a success and they would like to continue to work with us.
  - Pickleball instructor was hired for classes
  - May 13th Disc Golf tournament at Route 100 Park
  - Tennis and Velodrome classes are filled up
  - The sponsorship levels are the following: \$2,500 Visionary Sponsorship, \$1,000 Partnership Level, and \$500 Trojan Level. So far we have \$8,500 total from sponsors such as Amazon, Ace, Silgan, etc.
  - The Playground Summer camp waitlist is up to 342 children, so there is a huge need for this summer camp program and more locations will be examined.
  - About 40-50 volunteers are coming out for Earth Day from 9-12 on 4/23. All are welcome to come out and join.
  - Grants were submitted for Russett Park, UMT future growth study, tree planting. More grants are in the works for an led sign for Grange Park and many other projects.
  - Replacement of Grange Park playground surface is being assessed. Mulch may be used for a temporary safety replacement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Breinigsville Park Review:** Photos were taken for assessment and shown at the meeting. The park is in good and safe condition but definitely needs some updates in the near future. The playground was built in 2001. Matt recommends the next park assessment to be the Route 100 Road Park, specifically Hassan Creek Trail.
- **Earth Day/ Keep PA Beautiful:** See Staff Reports. We registered as a Keep PA Beautiful site.
- **Artsquest Events-UMT P & R Tent:** Volunteers are needed to help out at many of these events.
- **Fall/Winter Event Discussion:**

- Barktoberfest 10/14/23
- Possible-Trick or Treat Trail event at Lone Lane (end of October)
- Possible-Candy Cane Hunt at Grange Park
- Noon-Year's Eve-possible location change for a bigger venue outdoors (December 31st)
- New event ideas are always welcome

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-Matt asked if Mike and Kylene could look at our by-laws to see if anything is outdated or needs to be changed. *Neeraj made a motion to have the UMT Parks and Rec board by-laws be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation staff. Matt seconded. All were in favor.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Unauthorized use of the pickleball courts will be looked at by the Parks and Rec department

### **PUBLIC COMMENT-**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

-Matt made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, Gwen seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 18th, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Matthew Bernard- Chair  
April Navarra- Vice-Chair  
UMT Parks and Recreation Board