

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting
Minutes May 18th, 2023**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 18th, 2023, at the UMT meeting room.

Recreation Board members present: *Matthew Bernard, Jaclyn Svetcov, Wes Schlauch*. Also present: *Recreation Manager Mike Kukitz, Recreation Supervisor Kyleene Gill, and Jim Soltis*.

Other members of the public in attendance: *Deb Soltis, Steve Walck*

Chairman Matthew Bernard 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.

No motion was made to approve the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Steve Walck from the Parkland School District came to introduce himself to the board. He is a liaison for non-district activity requests at the Parkland schools. He is happy to assist us in our township program location needs and we should contact him soon with any plans for the fall/winter season that might need a Parkland facility.

REPORTS:

● **Staff Reports**

- Thank you to the 30 volunteers for Earth Day- 40 trees were planted and the playground at Grange was fully mulched.
- Disc golf tournament was a success (25 participants). Winners received concert tickets.
- Free Community Concert on June 2nd at Grange Park. Volunteers are needed from 6-9 PM.
- Newest Sponsorship company is Whitetail Disposal.
- Sponsorship Saturdays on social media for UMT
- Counselors were all hired for the UMT playground camps
- Pickleball and self-defense classes underway
- Yoga and Zumba to start later this month.

● **Other news**

- Fall/Winter programming is coming together. Ideas are always welcome.
- Upper Mac Community Day- Saturday June 24th, free to enter from 12-8. Volunteers are welcome.
- Grange Park wayfinding signs have been ordered. Some new recycling cans will also be ordered.
- Fields at Grange need some maintenance- meetings with landscapers are in the works.
- \$10,000 grant accepted from Lehigh Valley Greenways to help with tree planting at Grange Park. Over 100 trees at Grange Park will be planted in 2023.
- A Lehigh County Tourism Development grant was completed with an ask of \$15,000 to help to offset the costs of purchasing and installing an electronic message board in Grange Park.
- The department submitted a Keystone Communities Additional Appropriation Grant proposal for 250,000 to help offset the costs for the construction of the future Community Lifestyle Center. These

funds are in addition to the \$250,000 Local Share Account grant previously awarded.

-The department submitted a \$2,000 grant application through the Chamber of Commerce Main Street program to match the Greenways grant for Grange Park improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

OTHER BUSINESS:

none

PUBLIC COMMENT-

none

ADJOURNMENT

-Matt made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm, Wes seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 15th, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

Matthew Bernard- Chair

April Navarra- Vice-Chair

UMT Parks and Recreation Board