

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting
Minutes May 16, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, at the UMT meeting room.

Recreation Board members present: *Matthew Bernard, Jaclyn Svetcov, Wes Schlauch, Neeraj Sharma, Gwen McCurdy, and April Navarra (via phone)*. Also present: *Recreation Supervisor Emily Crosby-Piszczek, Parks Team Leader Jim Soltis, and community member Deb Soltis*.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman Matthew Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made by Gwen to approve the April 2024 minutes, Wes seconded, all approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Summer Camp has sold out of registrations.
- Spring programs include: Community Art Classes, Beginner Pickleball Program, Small Group Pickleball Lessons, Yoga in the Park, Tennis Lessons, Let's Make Guacamole, Zumba in the Park, and more.
- Upcoming Township events include: Movie in the Park: Migration on 6/7/24, Sangriafest on 6/15/24, ArtsQuest Concert on the Grange on 7/12/24-7/13/24, Grub at the Grange Food Truck Festival on 7/27/24, Sports Equipment Swap on 8/3/24, and Movie in the Park: Kung Fu Panda 4 on 9/13/24.
- **General Update:** Staff will finish completing a DCED grant to help offset the costs of constructing a perimeter walking trail around the phased-out section of Grange Park.
- **Grants:** Lehigh Valley Greenways grant was awarded for \$4,600 to plant 19 trees at Lone Lane Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Action Items Update:** Matthew would like to create a shared document of Action Items on the township rec board Google Drive. Jackie will create a document to share with other members.
- **By Law Change Feedback:** (in regards to Rec Board booth requirement) Feedback from the Township Manager was that the change may put an unnecessary pressure on the board members to have to attend events. Most rec members felt that changing it from a requirement to a recommendation without penalty would be a better idea moving forward. **Matthew made a motion to change the verbage of the By Law from "required" to "strongly recommended" concerning the member**

requirement to work at one UMT Booth per year. Neeraj seconded the motion. Majority agreed except for Matthew who opposed. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Ch. 16 Parks and Recreation: Ordinance Change Recommendations

Emily presented some small changes she added to some of the Ch 16 Parks and Recreation Ordinances in order to match some of the new updates and provide clarification concerning the rules. Rec members also recommended some additional signage near pavilions concerning important/dangerous items on the ordinances.

-Volunteers in the Park (VIP) Rejuvenation

Emily presented a flier for a sign-up sheet to encourage volunteers to sign-up to help out at our events. She would like to grow and rejuvenate the volunteer program so that they could make a difference in the community. She would like rec members to brainstorm ideas on how to get people excited about volunteering (Ex: how can we get volunteers to feel more involved, feel appreciated, etc)

-Final Push for Sponsorships

Emily would like to do a final push for sponsorships and is asking each board member to hand out 5 sponsorship forms to local businesses.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: none

ADJOURNMENT -

-Matt made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm, Gwen seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 20th, 2024, at 7:00PM at the Township building.

Matthew Bernard- Chair

April Navarra- Vice-Chair

Jaelyn Svetcov- Secretary

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