

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting
Minutes October 17th, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, October 17th, 2024, at the UMT meeting room.

Recreation Board members present: *Neeraj Sharma, Jaclyn Svetcov, Wes Schlauch, Gwen McCurdy, and April Navarra*. Also present: *Recreation Manager Ryan Griffiths and Recreation Supervisor Emily Crosby-Piszczek*.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman Matthew Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Matthew to approve the September 2024 minutes, Jason seconded, all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

STAFF REPORTS:

- Barktoberfest 10/5/24 was a success with about 750 attendees.
- Trunk or Treat Movie Night will be on 10/18/24; there is a lot of interest and it should have an excellent turnout. There will be various giveaways, vendors, a movie, and lots of spooky fun!
- The rescheduled National Night Out will be on Sunday, 10/20/24, from 2-6 PM at Grange Park.
- Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan Public Meeting will be occurring on Monday the 21st at 7PM at the UMT building. A link will also be available on the UMT web page.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Video Streaming of Meetings Update-Resolution 2024-40

Matthew made a motion to allow the video recording of UMT Recreational Board meetings to be saved on the township's YouTube channel. Jason seconded, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

-**Pickleball WindBreak:** A resident has a request to install windbreaks at the Pickleball Courts. This accommodation will be looked into as a future project but currently trees are being used as a windbreak and more trees could be planted in the future as part of the Grange Park tree planting initiative..

-**Bathroom(s) in the wintertime for Upper Macungie Township Parks:** Bathrooms would need to be winterized but not all of the township bathrooms are able to accommodate this without extensive work and the cost effectiveness would have to be explored. The township could explore portable toilets in higher traffic areas. Route 100 Park does have a year-round bathroom. Winterizing park bathrooms could be explored as a future project.

-**Tree Coverage at Grange Park Dog Park:** A resident requested some tree or shade structure to be installed at Grange Park Dog Park. With current tree planting occurring at Grange Park this request will be explored in the near future.

-**Kaybrook/Russett Road Park Ribbon Cutting:** The Kaybrook /Russett Road Park update is nearing completion and the rec board was invited to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new playground. Members feel that a spring event coinciding with an UMT event would be a nice way to celebrate this newly refurbished community park..

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR: N/A

ADJOURNMENT -

-Matthew made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, Gwen seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 21st, 2024, at 7:00PM at the Township building.

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