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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM

PART I

Stavros Barbounis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Stavros Barbounis, Sharon Cerny, April Pinto (via phone). Anthony DeFranco and Karyn Pinter were absent. Dave Baggett was also present.

PART II (Parks & Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by April to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 8, 2024-**MOTION** by April to approve the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.

PART III

1. Announcements-Stavros announced that the Post Foundation has agreed to the following donations, Fireworks-\$24,500 (\$13,500 for 4th of July-\$11,000 for Veterans Day), and \$450 for movie nights. Mr. Post will be dropping off a check. Stavros stated that the new shed was broken into at the Park, the tractor keys seem to be the only thing missing. Sharon announced that BioSpectra will be having their corporate event at the Park on August 11th 11-4.
2. Governance
 - a. Fields & Facilities fee schedule-There was a discussion on Commercial/Corporate rates for renting the Park Picnic at the Park. Rates as follows: \$250 (3hrs), \$500 (6hrs), \$750 (9hrs) and \$900 (full day). Security deposit, regardless of length of time, is \$450. **MOTION** by April to accept the Commercial/Corporate rates as defined, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.
3. Recreation Fund & Budget
 - a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting- April stated the fund balance as of 3/11/2024 is \$140,124.97. April would like to ask Nick if there are other

statements that would give more of a breakdown, line items. Stavros will work with Diann in creating different reports.

4. Sports & Recreation

- a. UMBT Softball-Dave Baggett stated that there are 164 registered and of that number, one chose to withdraw, and the junior level grades 7,8,9, there are only 8 girls, no pitchers/coaches, so they will be getting refunded, April will be working on that. Dave said he put in a request for supplies for the year, totaling \$1,104.96. There was a discussion on field maintenance. Dave said they will be taking care of the infield at Echo Lake, new infield mix will be delivered to Echo Lake and the Park. Dave asked about the banners. Stavros stated that he has 4 different pricing options. The one that is coming in closest to the cheapest has a 5+ years of life expectancy. There are 40 spaces available, \$75 per space. Print Moz is the name of the printing company. Brochures will going out to all local businesses.
- b. UMBT Field Hockey-Stavros stated that feedback was given at the last meeting on the flyer, putting a QR code on it, cleaning up the field hockey FB page. Registration is not open yet.
- c. UMBT Basketball-Stavros stated the current balance is \$2,995.07. The season officially came to an end. They are having an end of the year celebration on March 22nd. Karyn will be bringing equipment down to the Township to store. April stated, for the record, March 2, email approval of \$4,047.79, which may change after the receipts are officially reconciled.
- d. UMBT Winter Softball Clinics-no update, still going on.
- e. UMBT Volleyball-April stated they started on Monday and have 138 players. Their carryover balance from 2023 is \$252.93, total revenue is \$2,460.93, two players have not paid yet. April stated she was made aware that the Men's baseball team will not be using the park fields.

5. Park Development

- a. Park Bathrooms- Stavros stated we are moving forward. He spoke with Scott Policelli on the needs of the bathrooms. Stavros asked Scott to reach out to Anthony on the sweeps. Stavros spoke with Justin Coyle about the electrical discrepancy on the plans, he agreed, and the plan will be updated.
- b. Park Pavilion quotes-no update from Anthony.
- c. Dug-out banners/Echo Lake- Print Moz will be printing the banners, \$1,837.20 (tax & shipping). All costs should be covered by the sponsors, 40 businesses x \$75. There was a discussion on the images sent in from the sponsor. Timeframe for completion of the banners, 2-3 weeks. There was a discussion on having a cut-off date for submission date from the sponsors. We will allot 30 days to see where we are with sponsors.

6. Community Engagement

a. 2024 Event Planning

- i. Movie Nights-Stavros stated this was initially scheduled for June 8th, but due to a prior reservation, the date will have to be moved. **MOTION** by Sharon to move both the movie night and First Responders Picnic to June 15th, seconded by April. Vote: 3-0.
- ii. First Responders Picnic-To be moved to June 15th, due to a prior reservation. Stavros will update flyer with new date. RSVP by June 8th.
- iii. July 4th Fireworks-All set for July 6th, rain date July 7th, commitment on the donation for the fireworks display, \$13,500. No reservations at the park for that weekend. Stavros will work on the vendor forms for the 4th. Fixed rate for food vendor, \$125 (\$25 non-refundable deposit). If they need electricity an extra \$25 and Internet an extra \$5.
- iv. Food Truck Festival/Craft Show- August 24th. Time 10-4. Set up 9am. Deadline for registration, July 31st. Stavros will provide background music and Parks/Rec will be selling popcorn/cotton candy, slushies. To be shared from the Township FB page.
- v. Veterans Day-November 9th, fireworks displayed commitment of \$11,000.

PART IV (Public Comment)

Amanda Moyer-Moonlight and Magick Market, discussed the possibility of using the park for the event. Discussed was space needed for vendors and parking. Parks/Rec organizing food trucks. Tentative dates-September 7th and October 5th. Event 5pm-9-10pm, set up 2pm.

Ideas-Kite Festival, Lantern Festival.

April will print out the rental contract and email to Sharon.

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by April to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary