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### UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 – 7:00 PM

#### PART I

Stavros Barbounis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Stavros Barbounis, Anthony DeFranco, April Pinto, Sharon Cerny and Manager Graziano. Karyn Pinter was absent.

#### PART II (Parks & Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by April to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. March 8, 2024-**MOTION** by Sharon to approve the March 8, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.
  - b. April 11, 2024-**MOTION** by Sharon to approve the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.

#### PART III

1. Announcements-Stavros stated that some things were stolen from the building site, so he temporarily installed security cameras at the park, until the pavilion is completed.
2. Governance-Stavros stated that there was an oversight in booking the Pavilion. Sharon stated that this was an error on her part, she does not remember talking to that person, but she must have. Everything worked out. Stavros stated this could be resolved by setting up a "set up" and "tear down" time in Rec Desk. And amend the language in the rental agreement, to include rental violations, that if someone impedes on someone else's time, they could potentially lose their security deposit.
3. Recreation Fund & Budget
  - a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-April read the current balances for the sports programs. Softball-\$5,100.42, Volleyball-\$2,148.93, Field Hockey-\$3,709.69 (this does not include registrations), and Basketball-\$4,150.10. The current bank balance is \$141,038.44. April stated that she would like to see more detail in the profit & loss statement.

#### 4. Sports & Recreation

- a. UMBT Softball-The was a discussion on the bees at the LMBT field. Manager Graziano is taking care of it.
- b. UMBT Field Hockey-no update
- c. UMBT Basketball-no update
- d. UMBT Winter Softball Clinics-no update
- e. UMBT Volleyball-no update.

#### 5. Park Development

- a. Park Bathrooms Update-Manager Graziano stated that everything is moving along and is very happy with the progress. They should be completed by mid-June. The road crew guys are doing a great job with the septic.
- b. Park Pavilion Update-Manager Graziano stated the road crew guys are doing a great job on the pavilion. The siding will be here in about two weeks. There was a discussion on the storage/utility area, a divider wall is needed. Stavros stated that we have to revisit the kitchen plans.
- c. Digital Signage-Stavros stated that this was something discussed in the past, an electronic billboard, to advertise the events at the park and would like to revisit it. Stavros would also like to put a smaller digital sign in the pavilion to show the schedule. Stavros will prepare a proposal.
- d. Park Internet-Revenue Potential-Stavros stated there is a potential for internet revenue. Once the internet is enabled at the park, a paid hot spot can be created. There is no cost to enable it, but there may be a cost to pay pal. Stavros will look more into this.
- e. Field Maintenance-There was a discussion on replacing homeplate. Manager Graziano stated that there is a lot of supplies at Eastern. Stavros will that we should do inventory of everything that is being stored at Eastern.

There was a discussion with Tyler Brescanine (SB Soccer) on the use of the fields at the Park. Any scheduling is to go to April and field maintenance is to go to Manager Graziano.

- f. Dug-out banners/Echo Lake- April commented on the layouts on the diagram, she doesn't think it is correct because there is only one side. Stavros will adjust.

#### 6. Community Engagement

- a. 2024 Event Planning
  - i. Movie Nights-June 15<sup>th</sup>-Stavros stated that he would like to do a FB poll on what movie to show.
  - ii. First Responders Picnic-June 15<sup>th</sup>-April stated that she does not have a head count yet, deadline is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Stavros stated that he had not heard back from Supervisor Eckman, who was going to check to see if local businesses/restaurants would be open to donating food

and/or funds for the event. Stavros will follow up with her. Stavros will be reaching out to Fidelity Bank for the Ice Cream Truck.

- iii. July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks-July 6<sup>th</sup>, rain date July 7<sup>th</sup>-Everything is moving forward. Stavros will reach out to Hardball Cider and Allegheny.
- iv. Food Truck Festival/Craft Show- August 24<sup>th</sup>. Time 10-4. Stavros stated that they are co-mingling this with 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Sharon continues to work on getting vendors. Stavros will create a spreadsheet for the vendors that have already committed. Registration fees will be used for advertising.
- v. Moonlight & Magick Market-Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-Stavros stated that the idea was for Parks/Rec to be there as well.
- vi. Veterans Day-November 9<sup>th</sup>-no update
- vii. Farmer's Market-Sharon stated she put out a poll, the towns people were in favor (100+ said yes), starting in July, two weekends a month, open to crafters as well. Stavros stated logistics just needs to be figured out.

April wanted to discuss outside teams using the fields. Travel teams would like to use the fields which they have already advertised for. Fees need to be set for non-UMBT sports teams, the Park needs to benefit. Stavros is going to create an updated aerial map of permitted uses areas and list what is off limits. There was a discussion on the fees to charge, \$250 for a whole day, \$500 security deposit per event. They must provide us with a COI, with the Township named insured. Baseball field rental does not include the pavilion. No grills permitted. **MOTION** by April to set a baseball field rental fee schedule \$250 per day, \$500 security deposit per event, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0.

Sharon stated that Luke Hoff, Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League, contacted her about using the park next year, practices and games, he is willing to pay. It would depend on the availability of fields, UMBT sanctioned sports take priority.

There was a discussion on the need for more fields, especially softball fields.

**PART IV** (Public Comment)

**PART V** (Adjournment)

**MOTION** by April to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary*