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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 – 7 PM

PART I

Chairman 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, Anthony DeFranco. Kari Hawkins arrived at 8:30 pm. Karyn Pinter and Liaison Marty Pinter were absent. Other attendees: Joann Dentith, Emily Kline, Jennifer Kornberger, Matt Smith and sons.

PART II (Parks & Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of Agenda-**MOTION** by April to approve the agenda, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 9, 2023-**MOTION** by April to table the March 9th meeting minutes, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0.

PART III

1. Governance
 - a. Standing Committee Reports-no discussion
 - b. Sports Program Policies and Procedures-no discussion
2. Park Development
 - a. Barn/Bathrooms Project Update/Pavilion/Pavilion Kitchen Project/Park Video Security/Park Internet Project-tabled, more information is needed.
3. Sports & Recreation
 - a. UMBT Softball-Emily Kline discussed the request for league fees and umpire fees. League fees, \$360.00 (Majors-\$100), (Juniors/Seniors-\$260). Umpire fees, home games, Minors \$45 a game (12 games \$540), Majors \$55 a game (12 games \$660), Juniors/Seniors \$60 a game (12 games \$720). Emily stated she is not sure how many home games there are. Total umpire fees are \$1,920. **MOTION** by April to approve softball league fees of \$360

and softball umpire fees of \$1,920, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0. Dave Baggett will take care of Potomac fields. Jen stated she dropped off the fundraising money for the pizza fundraiser and is asking for a check to be cut for \$2,870. Jen will email the updated financials to the Board. Stavros stated an email vote will be done for approval of the pizza check.

- b. UMBT Field Hockey-Field hockey flyer, which starts the 2nd week of August, practice actually starts the 3rd week of August, Monday and Wednesday. **MOTION** by April to approve the flyer, seconded by Stavros. Vote: 4-0.
- c. UMBT Basketball-no update
- d. UMBT Winter Softball Clinic-Clinic is over. Remove from agenda.
- e. UMBT Volleyball-Stavros stated Joann's email indicated her request for approval of \$360 for prize money and \$275 coordinator fee. April asked Joann to validate what revenue she shows. April stated she shows \$1,620.00. Joann stated it might be a little higher, she does not have the figures in front of her. **MOTION** by April to approve the \$360 for volleyball prize money, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0. Stavros discussed the request for the coordinator fee. Joann stated the reason for her attending tonight's meeting was mainly to give an overview of the program. The program has been in existence for about 40 years and is pretty much self-sufficient. She would like clarification on what her role is and the Townships role. Stavros stated her role is to coordinate the program, the Township's role is to collect and manage the funds. There was a discussion on paid positions for programs. Stavros stated this is a big program and wants it to grow. Stavros stated that if she chooses not to take the coordinator fee, it stays in volleyball. The plan is to have volleyball courts at the park. Stavros will look into the costs of nets. Stavros stated she needs to have access to RecDesk.

April stated she needs to make an amendment to the softball league fees that was approved tonight. The fee for league fees is \$460 instead of the \$360. **MOTION** by Stavros to approve the amended amount of \$460 for softball league fees, seconded by April. Vote: 4-0.

- f. Baseball Fields-Usage outside of UMBT sports programs-fee scheduled needed. The Board is trying to find out what other municipalities charge. Sharon will reach out to East Bangor, since they have an adult league.

4. Community Engagement

- a. First Responders Picnic/Movie Night (Sonic the Hedgehog2)-June 10-April stated she is in need of a budget. Stavros updated the flyer. April will send out to NB, MB, East Bangor, Portland, Belvidere, and Columbia Fire Companies, and Suburban EMS.

Stavros needs a head count by May 27th. An ice cream truck will be there 5:30-7:30 on behalf of Fidelity Bank, movie starts at 8. April will look into getting prices for 2-corn hole sets and 2-quoit boards. Stavros stated that the budget is currently at \$400, but should be \$1,000, donation from each of the BOS. Food, hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, water and if the budget permits, possibly some brisket/pulled pork.

- b. July 4th Fireworks-June 1-Stavros stated vendors currently signed up are, M & M Vineyards, Chill on wheels, Allegheny Brewery, Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce and Hardball Cider.
- c. Food Truck Festival-August 26
- d. Harvest Festival/Craft Show-September 23
- e. Veterans Day-November 11
- f. Christmas Pajama Party-December 16

5. New Business

- a. Bangor Boys Soccer-Matt Smith, President of the Slater Boys Soccer (high school team), stated they would like to use the fields at the Park do a clinic on August 12th, 8-12, and would also like to use the Pavilion, 12-2. April stated the fields are available and recommends to the Board to waive the fee, Stavros agrees. Matt will provide the Certificate of Insurance. **MOTION** by April to allow Slater Boys Soccer to use the fields for their clinic on August 12th, 8-12 and utilize the pavilion, at no charge, with a rain date of Sunday, August 13th, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0. Matt stated that the field at the school is not playable. If the field is not ready to be played on, would they be able to use the fields at the park for the fall season. This is just in case the fields are not ready at the school. Tyler, representing Slate Belt Youth Soccer, stated they use the fields each year and as long as they can coordinate their schedules so they don't conflict, that should work. Matt stated he will need electric for scoreboards. Stavros stated the only place there is power is at the pavilion, he will need a generator. Matt would also like to have a concession stand. Stavros stated that is fine as long as they clean up. There was a discussion on the maintenance of the fields.
- b. Park Revenue Opportunity-Stavros stated the Township was approached by a cellular tower provider. The company (Rise Up) did an analysis on the Marshfield side of the Park and found it to be an ideal location for a cell tower. It is a 150 ft pole tower, at the highest amount it would yield \$40,000 (4 carriers at \$10k) a year, \$2 million over a period of 30 years. Kari expressed her opinion on the Parks/Rec having a say in what goes in at the Park. Stavros stated there are projects that have to get completed at the Park before the barn gets addressed, the pavilion and the bathrooms.

Stavros stated he would like to charge \$3 a car for parking for the 4th of July, for parking. The Park needs revenue.

PART V (Public Comment) -None

PART VI (Adjournment)

MOTION by Kari to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary