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### UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 – 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, Orion Barbounis, Sharon Cerny, Karyn Pinter, Supervisor Cori Eckman-Liaison, and Manager Graziano.

Jen Giera and Mallory Casciole were in attendance on behalf of the UMBT Field Hockey.

Lana Quinn and Dave Baggett were in attendance on behalf of the UMBT Softball.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Orion to approve the agenda, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 4-0.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes-January 9, 2025-**MOTION** by Sharon to approve the January 9, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Orion. Vote: 3-1. Karyn abstained.
3. April Pinto Resignation-Stavros stated that April submitted her letter of resignation to the Parks/Rec Board, effective 1/31/2025. **MOTION** by Karyn to accept April Pinto's resignation, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-0. This will be recommended to the BOS for acceptance. Once accepted, the open seat will be advertised. Stavros expressed his gratitude and thanked April for her dedication to the Parks/Rec Board.
4. Treasurer Bond-Stavros stated that the Ordinance states that the treasurer (Karyn) should be bonded on funds that are accessible at anytime, \$57,000. A potential value should be considered. Manager Grazino will get a quote for \$250k.

#### PART III (Business)

1. Sports & Recreation
  - a. UMBT Softball-Lana Quinn gave an update on softball. Winter clinics have begun. They need ice packs and they will be sending the needed equipment list soon. Registration, 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 28 girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 19 girls, preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 29 girls. The softball committee

has come up with a work bond that they will be implementing, field prep/clean-up. The cost is \$50. Lana asked who would be assisting her with rec desk on refunds. Stavros stated himself and Karyn. Karyn will work with Lana on the Dick's Sporting Goods coupons. There was a discussion on no smoking signs at the Echo Lake ballfield. Although they cannot enforce no smoking, they are hoping that no smoking signs will deter it. Stavros stated that there is a program for this, call Young Lungs at Play. They will provide all the signs and assist in getting it in place. This has to be done by Ordinance. Dave Baggett discussed fundraising. Team photo's, they do receive a small amount back on these, selling merchandise, Manny's Pizza, having a contest where each grade level design a logo, Krispy Kreme donuts. Dave stated that the Iron Pigs host a community softball night.

- b. UMBT Field Hockey-Mallory Casiole and Jen Giera, Directors, were present to give a field hockey update. Mallory stated that the account balance, \$5,869.64. The 2024 numbers from the Township are missing a charge of \$515.77 and a credit of \$330.00. Mallory discussed pavilion rental dates and 2025 estimated key dates, registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>, practices start August 12<sup>th</sup>, home games, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration increased to \$125.00. Jen asked about disposing of old goal cages, Manager Graziano stated that he will take care of that. There was a discussion on the flyer, and the need for another uniform company. Karyn will send Jen vendor names.
- c. UMBT Basketball-Karyn gave an update on basketball. Karyn stated that they were imposed a \$100 fee after an incident at Pleasant Valley. There was a discussion on BASD police coverage on the few games left in the season. Costs range \$30.49 per hour - \$97.97 per hour. This depends on what officer is assigned to cover. This would be covered under basketball funds. There was a discussion on possibly having a Constable cover the games. Manager Graziano will look into this.
- d. UMBT Volleyball-Registration is open until March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. Park Development

### a. 2025 Initiatives

- i. Softball Fields-Stavros gave an update on the softball fields, parking, and dug outs. There was a discussion on the construction of the dug outs. Manager Graziano stated that a dugout kit is \$17k. Karyn would like to explore different types of dugouts. If cinderblocks are an option, Marty will see if they will donate them.
- ii. Dugout Banners Fundraising Update-Stavros stated they are working on collecting funds. Looks like late March for getting the banners up.
- iii. Pickleball Courts-Stavros stated this is something many would like to see at the Park. He received one quote, for the post system, \$2,176 (2 sets). Still need to get pricing for the rest of the material for them. Cori would like to see frisbee

- golf so she will get some information on it. These will be for next year.
- iv. Park Gazebos-Stavros stated these are very expensive. We need to get more options. This should be put on hold for now. Stavros is going to prepare a new aerial view of the park.
  - v. Large Barn Rehabilitate-Orion will be doing some research on Lafayette College doing a study on the barn. In the past, students of their engineering department offered to rehabilitate the barn as a college project. Ron Angle commented on the barn, stating that it looks nice as a red barn, but it is dysfunctional, why put any money into it.
  - vi. Trail/Walking Path-This has always been part of the master plan. This will need updated estimates.
  - vii. Park Lighting-Stavros discussed solar lighting at the Park, more lighting is needed. This is something he will continue to research.
  - viii. Food Trailer/Pavilion Storage Alternative-Discussed in the last meeting was getting a food trailer. Stavros stated that he already got a price for a commercial fitted food trailer, \$25k to \$35k. The pavilion area that was meant to be a kitchen would be converted into an additional storage area.

### 3. Community Engagement

#### a. 2025 Event Planning

- i. Beau's Festival- May 3, 2025. Cori discussed the planning for Beau's Festival. Cori asked if Parks/Rec would be interested in selling kid-friendly concessions, popcorn, cotton candy, slushies. The event is being held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, rain date is May 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion on parking, and vendor attending.
- ii. Movie Night in the Park-June 14, 2025, Stavros stated that he would like to put a survey out what movie the public would like to see, giving them options. Stavros will reach out to the Post Foundation, who has sponsored movie nights for the past 8 years.
- iii. First Responders Picnic-June 14, 2025-Stavros stated that we will need a head count of those attending.
- iv. July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks-July 5, 2025, Rain date July 6<sup>th</sup>, Fireworks have been secured. Vendors set up at 4pm, the gate opens at 5 pm, fireworks roughly 9:15 pm. Park/Rec will be selling cotton candy, slushies, popcorn, hot dogs, water, soda, glow sticks.
- v. PRIDE Festival-Jenn Freeby and President, Marc Sperling were present to give an update on the festival. There was a discussion on insurance coverage. Sharon stated that at last

year's craft show, some craft vendors had insurance and some didn't. She is not worried about crafters that do not have insurance who will be attending the PRIDE Festival. Jenn asked if the Parks/Rec would be interested in providing any food. Stavros stated yes. Jenn stated that they do provide free water. Jenn asked for clarification on the collection of parking donations. Stavros stated that it is their event, collect it for their purpose. Jenn stated that their Board agreed to give the Parks/Rec a donation. There was a discussion on vendor parking, (who will need electric), public parking (the need for volunteers), and having a petting zoo. The next meeting of the PRIDE Board is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Stavros will plan on attending and will bring an aerial map of the park. First responders who wish to set a table are free to do so at no charge. PRIDE provides their own private security.

- vi. Food Truck Festival & Craft Show-October 4, 2025, 11-5, vendors set up by 10am. Registration deadline, August 30. Flyer has been updated, planning has begun. Jenn stated that in 3 months she will officially be a UMBT resident, she will then be more than happy to help out wherever needed.
- vii. Veterans' Day Fireworks-November 8, 2025. Stavros will confirm the Post Foundation donation for the fireworks.

#### 4. Recreation Fund & Budget

- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Stavros stated the funds balance as of February 10<sup>th</sup>, \$57,625.22.
- b. DCNR Grants-Stavros stated that we will be applying for grants on a per project basis.
- c. UMBT Community Park Foundation Letter-Stavros stated that he prepared the letter, addressing the BOS for a formal clarification on the Park Foundation. Stavros read the letter into record. Stavros would like to bring awareness to the BOS that Parks/Rec needs funding. There was a discussion on salaries for Parks/Recreation positions, which there is a need for one UMBT Parks/Recreation. **MOTION** by Karyn for Stavros to make adjustments to the letter, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-0. This will be sent on to the BOS.

#### 5. Governance

- a. Sports Programs Rules & Regulations-Stavros stated that there are some additional issues that need to be addressed, more blanket statements need to be added. The Code of Conduct may need to be revisited. Stavros is still working on revising the ordinance and by-laws.

### **PART IV (Public Comment)**

Tyler, Slate Belt Soccer, wanted to confirm spring field usage.

Stavros stated CBL (UMBT Basketball) violation fine for \$100 was approved via email.

Ron Angle stated that if the Park Foundation ever gets straightened out, he would be willing to sit on that Board.

Stavros stated that he is preparing himself to start his own 501(c) 3 to raise money for the park.

**PART VI** (Adjournment)

**MOTION** by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, seconded by Sharon.

Vote: 4-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary*