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### UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 8, 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, Jenn Hughes, Karyn Pinter, Sharon Cerny, Recording Secretary Cindy Beck, and Supervisor Cori Eckman-Liaison. Jen Giera and Mallory Casciole were present to discuss Field Hockey.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda- **MOTION** by Karyn to approve the agenda, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes-April 10, 2025. **MOTION** by Orion to approve the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 5-0.

#### PART III (Business)

1. Announcements-
  - a. Beau's Festival-Stavros announced that Parks/Rec will be making a donation to Beau Kelley's family in the amount of \$2,291.00. **MOTION** by Karyn to make a donation of \$2,291.00 to Beau Kelley's family to build a playground at the Mt. Bethel Church in memory of Beau Kelly, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0. Stavros drafted a letter to the Kelly family for all to sign.
  - b. Electronic Recycling Event-Stavros announced the electronic recycling event generated \$1,848, which will be a donation to the Parks/Rec fund for future park development. Shout out to all that volunteered their time, in the rain, and to Nick and Orion who made it look fun. Parks/Rec will be looking to have more events like this in the future.
2. Governance
  - a. Sports Program Oversight-Stavros stated that he would like to develop run books for sports programs, there is a need to apply more oversight.
3. Sports & Recreation
  - a. UMBT Softball Update-Stavros gave an update on softball. Pictures were held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, will provide fundraiser amount asap, 791 pizzas were

sold which profited \$1,582, the Echo park snack stand generated \$130, coordinating Iron Pigs night out for teams, games are underway, thank you for the “no smoking” signs at Echo Lake field, there was a question about adding lights to any of the fields, Stavros stated it is very expensive and not on the priority list as of now.

- b. UMBT Field Hockey-Mallory gave an update on Field Hockey. She is showing a current balance of \$5,869.64, \$3,750 paid registrations. They are seeking approval to buy 7 dozen field hockey balls for \$280, and 80 mouthguards for \$140. They still have not decided on the jerseys. They have two remaining spots open before they move to a wait list, payments are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mallory provided an invoice for \$763 for field hockey expenses. **MOTION** by Jenn to approve the FH invoice of \$763, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0. There was a discussion on viewing coach clearances.
- c. UMBT Basketball-no update. Karyn stated that they held their end of the year party, a great crowd, fun had by all.
- d. UMBT Volleyball-Karyn stated the prize money was approved, t-shirt invoice of \$1,186, more expenses will be coming up.

#### 4. Park Development

- a. Softball Fields Update-Stavros stated that the bids for the fence were received. Bids ranged from \$91,857.60 to \$173,800.68. Stavros did some research on the fencing material based on the Engineers specs and concluded that the price is not as bad as he thought. There was a discussion on the gauge of the fencing material. The dugouts and in-field mix still have to be factored into the project cost. Karyn will reach out to the school to find out what fencing they have. Stavros stated that we still need to get confirmation on the cinder blocks from Marty.
- b. Dugout Banners Update-Stavros stated that he created a new program in rec desk called “Dugout Banner Advertising”, where businesses can sign-up, pay, and upload their images.
- c. Proposed Equipment Purchases-Stavros stated that based on the success of Beau’s Festival and 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up, he discussed the need for Parks/Rec to expand concession equipment and foods. There are SALDO funds available to purchase equipment. Equipment includes 2-generators, hotdog warmer, 4- KDS (kitchen delivery system) screens, canopy tents, and misc. concessions equipment. The cost is roughly \$16,000, for everything. Stavros prepared a proposed budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, total revenue of \$34,744, includes fireworks donation, total expenses \$19,168, leaving a profit of \$14,976. There was a discussion on the color of the canopy tent. Approvals as follows: **MOTION** by Jenn to approve the expense of 2- “Gold” 20ft. endeavor sheltered canopies at the price of \$1,785.70 each, along with 4- link light systems at \$154 each, and 2-canopy countertop kits at \$412.30 each, for a total amount of \$5,012, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0. **MOTION** by Orion to approve the expense of 4-KDS systems/expansion of the square system at \$1,082.86, seconded by

Jenn. Vote: 5-0. **MOTION** by Karyn to approve the expense of 2-Generators at the price of \$5,155.48 each, seconded by Orion.  
Vote: 5-0. **MOTION** by Orion to approve the expense of various concession equipment in the amount of \$4,229.38, seconded by Jenn.  
Vote: 5-0.

5. Community Engagement

- a. Community Survey-no discussion.
- b. Movie Night in the Park-June 14, 2025, Stavros stated this event will need to be rescheduled. Potentially in August. **MOTION** by Orion to postpone until another date is scheduled, seconded by Karyn.  
Vote: 5-0.
- c. First Responders Picnic-June 14, 2025-Stavros stated this event will need to be rescheduled. Potentially in August. **MOTION** by Orion to postpone until another date is scheduled, seconded by Karyn.  
Vote: 5-0.
- d. July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks-July 5, 2025, Rain date July 6<sup>th</sup>, Funding for the fireworks has been secured. Stavros stated that we have 11 food vendors, and 3 alcohol vendors. Parks/Rec proposed food concessions total \$3,168.
- e. Vendor @ Slate Belt PRIDE Festival—July 12, 2025-Stavros stated that Parks/Rec will be participating as a vendor, selling hamburgers, hotdogs, slushies, popcorn, cotton candy, and all proceeds go towards park development.
- f. Food Truck Festival & Craft Show-October 4, 2025, 11-5, Parks/Rec will be selling everything, still looking for more crafters. Sharon stated that she would like to open it up to Farmers Market as well.
- g. Veterans' Day Fireworks-November 8, 2025. Stavros has confirmed funding has been secured by the Post Foundation.

6. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances

- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Karyn stated the current balances of the sports programs are as follows: All approximate. Softball-\$7,109.24, Field Hockey-\$9,619.64, Basketball-\$5,195.05, Volleyball-\$1,753.79, and the bank balance as of 5/7/2025 is \$69,141.21. Discretionary budget \$48,168.33.
- b. Fundraising Events-Stavros stated that because of the success of the electronic recycle event, he would like to have another recycling event as well as a shredding event. Cindy will reach out to her contact for the shred event for available dates/cost. All donations will go towards park development.

**PART IV (Public Comment)**

Jon Erler stated that he spoke with a vendor at the PSATS event about "Instant Pickleball Courts". Jon commented on Farmers Markets, the residents would really benefit from having them. Jon would like to get the EDC involved. Stavros discussed the advantages of using survey monkey, let the public decide what they would like to see in

the township. All committees should have some input as to what questions they would like to ask the residents.

**PART V** (Adjournment)

**MOTION** by Jenn to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary*