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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2026 – 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, Sharon Cerny, Karyn Pinter, Recording Secretary Cindy Beck, and Liaison Cori Eckman.

Softball Representatives-Jamie Goffredo, Krista Schaarschmidt

Field Hockey Representative-Mallory Casciole

Soccer Representative-Tyler Brescancine

PART II (Parks/Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-Stavros is adding MBFH event to Part III, section b. Mt. Bethel Fire Department event. **MOTION** by Orion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 5-0.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- February 12, 2026-**MOTION** by Jenn to approve the February 12, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0.

PART III (Business)

1. Sports & Recreation

- a. Softball-Jamie stated that registration ends tomorrow (March 13th). Currently there are 110 registered. Evaluations will be held on Sunday, March 15th, make-up day March 22nd. Now that football will not be using the fields/concession stand at the Park, they hope to have a conversation regarding having concessions. Karyn provided them with their financial numbers. Carryover from last year-\$4,645.10, with registrations-\$12,130.10, insurance-\$897.10, balance-\$11,233.
- b. Field Hockey-Mallory stated she has no update since it is currently off season.
- c. Basketball-Karen stated that Basketball is officially completed. They had their championship games. Fourth grade girls and fifth grade girls won the championship and fourth grade boys and eighth grade girls were runners-up. End of season party is tomorrow night.

- d. Volleyball-Karyn stated there are 131 registered players, and 16 subs. Games have started.
- e. Soccer-Tyler stated they looking to get started at the end of the month. Practices only at the park, Mon-Fri til the middle of June.

2. Park Development

- a. Softball Field Dugouts-Manager Graziano discussed the quote he received from JayPro, pre-fab kits, and 15 ft aluminum benches. Stavros stated the road crew will be pouring the slabs. There was a discussion on the banners, funded by advertisements. Karyn stated that she likes the dugouts to have a clean look. There was a discussion on the colors of the steel and roof of the dugouts. **MOTION** by Jenn for the color of the steel to be black and the roof barn red, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0. Outfield banners, 3x9, cost is roughly \$100. Park dugouts, plain, UMBT Parks/Rec logo. **MOTION** by Jenn to proceed with pursuing adds for Echo Lake dugouts, with advertisements, proceed with outfield fence ads at Potomac St. park, community park dugouts, pursue black banners, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0. **MOTION** by Jenn to set the ad cost for the outfield fence banners at \$500, and the dugout banners at \$200, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0.
- b. Simone Collins-Updating Community Park Master Plan-Stavros stated he spoke with the two representatives from Simone Collins about updating the community park master plan. Their proposal was \$19,365. Stavros stated that we need a plan to go for donations. This is not in the budget. Manager Graziano stated that he will talk to the BOS to see if they can find some funds in the budget. Stavros said they need to push selling the banner ads, they could possibly generate about \$8000. Karyn stated that she will commit to \$5000. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when they have a solid idea of funding.
- c. Park Pavilion Kitchen/Utility Room Buildout/Food Trailer-There was a discussion fixing the kitchen/utility room or consider a food trailer. Stavros stated the problem is there is not enough power and to upgrade the cost will be \$30+K. There is still no water/drain to the pavilion. The cost of a food trailer is about \$30k, less expensive than fixing up the kitchen. There are more issues with the pavilion that would need to be addressed.
- d. Pickleball Courts-Manager Graziano stated that 4-5 bids have been submitted and we'll get the numbers next week.
- e. Dugout Banners/Outfield Fencing Banners-Fundraising-previously discussed.

3. Community Engagement

- a. Sponsored 5k in the Park-Manager Graziano announced that Justin Coyle, Carroll Engineering, would like to sponsor a 5k run at the Park in September. He would donate \$1,000 to the Park. Stavros stated we will wait to hear what they need from parks/rec.
- b. MBFD Wet Down-Stavros stated that the Mt. Bethel Fire Department asked if they could do a wet down at the Park. They will be providing a COI. Manager Graziano will discuss the dates with them and get back to

Sharon. Stavros stated that Parks/Rec would be available to sell food if needed. Stavros stated that Bob Teel booked the pavilion for September 19th for a class reunion.

- c. July 4th Fireworks-Stavros stated that the FW contract has been confirmed and signed, with the upgrades discussed at the last meeting. The radio stations will not be able to attend. Stavros will be working with Lindsey on the IAP (Incident Accident Plan). Parking logistics will have to be worked out. Stavros will be reaching out to Dustin Flyte to see if he is interested in signing again. Stavros stated that he is not opposed to non-food vendors at the event. Manager Graziano stated that the Constables will have a table set up. Fire Police and traffic control will need to be discussed as well.
- d. Veteran's Day Celebration-Date is scheduled for November 8th, and we have verbal approval on the FW.
- e. Volunteer Appreciation Day-Date is scheduled for June 13th, movie night to follow. All volunteers and their families are invited. Parks/Rec will be serving food.
- f. Movie Nights in the Park-At this time, only one is planned for June 13th.
- g. Farmers' Market-Dates scheduled for the last Sunday of the month, beginning June through October, 10-2. No charge, they just need to register. Stavros will get this set up in rec desk and work on a flyer.

4. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances

- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Sharon wanted to mention that some families using the playground suggested having an area that is covered. There was a discussion on putting in a gazebo and possibly shade trees. Karyn stated the current balance in the rec fund is \$82,644.53. Softball's current balance is \$11,233.00, Field Hockey's current balance is \$7,563.24. Karyn will be sitting down with James to go over basketball's balance and Volleyball's current balance is \$3,283.15.

5. Governance

- a. Power Report from Met-Ed-Manager Graziano is working on this, with options and related costs.

PART IV (Public Comment)

Manager Graziano stated that Justin is good with October 3rd for the 5k event. He suggested that donations go towards a gazebo.

Mallory commented on the discussion about Parks/Rec being a separate entity. Stavros stated that there is no update on that. There will be more discussion on, mostly legal. The potential for fundraising is through the roof, if Parks/Rec was a separate entity.

Manager Graziano stated that during his call with RecDesk, she recommended going to another program. Sports engine is an option at \$995 annually. Stavros would like to look more into this.

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary