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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
PARKS/RECREATION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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, Karyn Pinter, Recording Secretary Cindy Beck, Township Manager Graziano, and Liaison Cori Eckman. Sharon Cerny was absent.

Softball Representatives-Jamie Goffredo, Krista Schaarschmidt

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

1. Approval of the Agenda-Stavros is adding Master Plan Update to Part III, section 2a. Adding Chairs to the table to Part III 5a. **MOTION** by Karyn to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-0.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- March 12, 2026-**MOTION** by Jenn to approve the March 12, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-0.

**PART III (Business)**

1. Sports & Recreation
  - a. Softball-Jamie and Krista were present to discuss with the Board their concerns over the safety of the softball fields. They are mostly concerned about the mesh, tearing it up with their cleats. The other concern is where are the parents going to be. Jamie would like to suggest moving the bleachers to the bank behind the backstop. Manager Graziano stated that we will do whatever they would like, he just wants to see them using the fields. They are looking to start games at the park on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They would like to have a dedication ceremony of the fields, no date has been set for that. Karyn stated that their current balance is \$8,870.66, not including two missing expenses.
  - b. Field Hockey-no update. They received the funds in their account.

- c. Basketball-Karyn stated their current balance is \$11,002.06. Karyn asked who is paying for their insurance this year since it was not factored into their registration. James Ohland paid it out of pocket and was reimbursed for it, but should UMBT BB or the Township be paying for it. The insurance was \$1,606. Manager Graziano will talk to James and report back to the Board the outcome.
  - d. Volleyball-Karyn stated their current balance is \$1,576.65.
  - e. Soccer-no update.
2. Park Development
- a. Master Plan Update-There was a discussion on Simone Collins and the updated Master Plan. The cost was \$19,365. It was left off that PnR was going to raise half the cost. Karyn stated that she will get half the cost. The cow barn is a separate estimate. Alloy5 did the feasibility study for the township building at the park. Stavros would like know what the cost would be for them to revise that study by adding a rec center (2 BB courts) on the back of the township building, with extended parking. Manager Graziano asked what their vision of the park is. Stavros stated ambient lighting, walking trails (which was included in the feasibility study for the township building), an amphitheater, an additional pavilion, and parking, which was part of the original plan. **MOTION** by Orion to match our existing verbal donation of \$5,000 with funds available in the rec fund, and ask the BOS if they would contribute the other half to have Simone Collins update our Master Plan, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 4-0. Manager Graziano stated that we should have funds left over for the pickleball courts. This will be on the BOS agenda for June 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Softball Field Dugouts Update-Dugouts are here, it's a matter of installation, which we are waiting for softball to finish their season then they will get installed.
  - c. Pickleball Courts-They will be starting next week.
3. Community Engagement
- a. Gap View 5K-UMBT 2026 Race for the Gazebo event-RunSignUp is handling the entire event. All proceeds go to the park. ParksRec will sell concessions (water, bananas, pretzels, etc).
  - b. July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Planning-Stavros went over the vendors registered. Cindy is working on getting "Smokey the Bear" to attend. DCNR would like to have a table set up.
  - c. Wetdown-June 28<sup>th</sup> , ParksRec will doing food.
4. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances
- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Karyn stated the current bank balance is \$80,288.33, as of 4/30/2026.
5. Governance
- a. Chairs to the Table Meeting-This is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Stavros will be there, Sharon may not be able to attend. The meeting is to see what each committee would like to see in the CBA. Stavros would like to see a combined township building/rec center.

- b. Update on power report from Met-Ed-Stavros stated the transformer can support more power.

Stavros stated that there is a company looking to have a corporate event at the park. There was a discussion on rental fees and inspecting the grounds after the event.

**PART IV** (Public Comment)

**PART V** (Adjournment)

**MOTION** by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary*