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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
PARKS/RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM

PART I

Sharon Cerny called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Sharon Cerny, Orion Barbounis, Jenn Hughes, Recording Secretary Cindy Beck, Township Manager Graziano, and Liaison Cori Eckman. Stavros Barbounis and Karyn Pinter were absent.

Soccer Representative-Tyler Brescancine

PART II (Parks/Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Orion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 3-0.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- May 14, 2026-**MOTION** by Jenn to approve the May 14, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Orion. Vote: 3-0.

PART III (Business)

1. Sports & Recreation
 - a. Softball-no discussion.
 - b. Field Hockey-no discussion.
 - c. Basketball-no discussion.
 - d. Volleyball-no discussion.
 - e. Soccer-Tyler stated practices will begin August 3 and games start after labor day. Tyler wanted to make sure there are no big fall events that he should know about. Sharon stated the farmers markets are on the last Sunday of the month and then the 5k run/mile fun walk on October 3rd. Tyler will provide the Board with their soccer schedule.
2. Park Development
 - a. Softball Field Dugouts Update-Manager Graziano dugouts are here, it's a matter of installation, which we are waiting for softball to finish their

season then they will get installed. There was a discussion on fencing around them. Manager Graziano stated that we need more cameras at the Park. There was a discussion on having speed humps in the park.

- b. Pickleball Courts Update-Manager Graziano stated they will be putting in the fences tomorrow (Friday), then the actual court will be put down and should be done by July 4th. Fence slats are Redwood.

3. Community Engagement

- a. Gap View 5K-UMBT 2026 Race for the Gazebo event-We're waiting for the flyer to be posted on the website so registrants click the QR code which will take them directly to the site to sign up. We'd like to have a poster at the 4th of July event. There was a discussion on t-shirts, having too many colors in the logo increases the cost, maybe just one or two colors. Orion stated that he will work on that and the poster. Cori suggested getting the small signs and place them throughout the Park. Parks/Rec will have a partial menu. Those that will be able to work, Orion, Sharon should be able to work, Jenn and Cori, Nick will also be able to help out.
- b. July 4th Fireworks-The flyer has been updated. Smokey Bear has been confirmed. There was a discussion on the proposed setting up schedule. There was a discussion on having enough ice, due to last year's high demand. Orion will talk to Sam at Mt. Bethel Beverage on what options there are to have enough supply of ice available.
- c. June 27th Farmer's Market-Sharon will be there. As of right now, Sharon and her sister are signed up (baked goods) and two others. Sharon stated that there is a girl that wants to set up her jewelry. There are concerns about the availability of produce/fruit, it is early in the season, and the lack of availability due to the late frost. As the season progresses, we should get more vendors.
- d. June 28th MBFC Wet Down-ParksRec will be operating a full booth. Everything will need to be cleaned and prepped on Saturday, June 27th. Orion will be there, Jenn and Cori will not be available for the event but will be able to help get set up in the morning. Sharon has to check her calendar. There will be a couple of food trucks there, Pizza and Empanadas, music, games, beer/wine, bouncy house, and a 50/50 raffle.

4. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances

- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Nick stated the current bank balance, as of 6/11/2026, is \$76,549.14. Volleyball did get approval for \$325 for their tournament food.

5. Governance

- a. Review Park Rental Fee Schedule-Sharon stated this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

There was a discussion on the BOS approval of the Master Plan. Parks/Rec will be matching the verbal donation of \$5,000, and the township will be covering the balance of \$9,365.

PART IV (Public Comment)

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by Orion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary