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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM

PART I

Stavros Barbounis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Soccer Representative-Tyler Brescancine

Softball Representatives-Krista Schaarschmidt and Jamie Goffredo

Field Hockey Representative-Jen Giera

PART II (Parks/Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Jenn to approve the agenda, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- June 11, 2026-**MOTION** by Orion to approve the June 11, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 5-0.

PART III (Business)

1. Governance
 - a. Review Park Facility Rental Fee Schedule-Stavros discussed the proposed Park Facilities fee schedule. Rates discussed for the Baseball Field and Softball Fields, the Pavilion, and Picnic Area. Manager Graziano quoted rates from other Park Facilities. Manager Graziano suggests fields (per field) rates to be \$50 an hour for practices, \$200 a day for tournaments. There was a discussion on security deposits. \$250 for practices, \$500 for tournaments. There was a discussion on the concession stand/shed, would softball have control over it. Would the Township lease it to softball? This should be reviewed by the Solicitor. **MOTION** by Jenn to approve the rates of \$50 an hour, per field, for

practices, with a \$250 (per field) security deposit, and \$200 a day, per field, for tournaments, with a \$500 (per field) security deposit, seconded by Karyn. Vote: 5-0

- b. Public Statement-July 4th -Stavros stated that he prepared a statement requesting a partial refund and gave a summary of concerns and sent it to Celebration Fireworks. They responded stating that they will respond within 10 business days. After working with them for 10 years, this is the first time they did not meet the expectations established by our history together. Ron Angle commended all the volunteers of the Parks/Rec Board and their families for doing such a great job.

2. Sports & Recreation

- a. Softball-Jamie stated that they are in the process of collecting donations for the plaque naming the softball fields after Ariel Beltrano. Jamie thanked the board for installing the cameras.
- b. Field Hockey-Jen stated practices will be starting the week of August 17th, Mon. & Wed., fields remain the same.
- c. Basketball-no discussion.
- d. Volleyball-no discussion.
- e. Soccer-Tyler stated practices will begin August 3 and games start after labor day.

3. Park Development

- a. Softball Field Dugouts Update-Manager Graziano stated the same guy that put the fences in for the pickleball court will be putting the fences around the dugouts, should be done in August.
- b. Pickleball Courts Update-Manager Graziano stated the pickleball courts are done. Solar light post will be installed as well as a walkway from the parking lot.
- c. Master Plan Update-Stavros stated that three meeting have been set, 7/28, 9/30, and 10/26. Manager Graziano discussed putting in more water spickets at the pavilion. Manager Graziano discussed the water testing that was done at the Township, Eastern, and the Park, he will follow up with the test results. The Liberty Tree has been planted at the Park. We are looking to add more shade trees around the playground, donated by Lou Pektor.

4. Community Engagement

- a. Gap View 5K-UMBT "2026 Race for the Gazebo" event update-Stavros stated the flyer has been posted. Karyn asked if the QR code can be made clickable. There was a discussion on t-shirts. Stavros stated that anyone who registers by September 1st gets a free t-shirt.
- b. July 4th Fireworks update-Stavros stated that aside from disappointment in the FW display, it was a successful event. Between the wet down and the FW, Parks/Rec collected \$48,152.78, expenses between the two events, including proposed donations to Suburban EMS (\$250), MBFD (\$500), NBFD (\$500), Portland FD (\$500), reimbursements for supplies, replacement costs for damaged equipment (\$410) and event refunds (\$400), total \$43,168.26, ending balance of \$4,984.52. **MOTION** by Orion

to approve of the refunds, reimbursements, and donations, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 5-0. Depending on the outcome of Celebration, whether we receive a refund or maybe plan an end of the year celebration event.

- c. June 27th Farmer's Market Update-Stavros stated that the June date was cancelled due to rain. The next one is scheduled for July 26th, Sharon needs a flyer.
- d. June 28th MBFC Wet Down Update-Stavros stated that after CC processing fees, we netted \$750 in sales, with the addition of the Fireworks event \$3,358 in concession sales, donations/parking \$4,845.08.

5. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances

- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Karyn stated that the balance as of June 30th is \$70,934.18, softball balance \$7,566.02, basketball balance \$10,182.06, Volleyball balance \$1,244.21. Manager Graziano stated that a Square deposit and cash deposit went into the account bringing the balance to \$78,937.23.

PART IV (Public Comment)

Jon Erler asked about the partial refund we are asking from Celebration. Stavros stated that the letter he formally wrote to them he was asking for a 75% refund. Jon suggested using a local FW company. Stavros stated that we are going to wait until we get a response back from Celebration before we do anything going forward.

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Orion. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary