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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
PARKS/RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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

PART II (Parks/Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Orion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 5-0.
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- July 9, 2026-**MOTION** by Karyn to approve the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 5-0.

PART III (Business)

1. Governance
 - a. Parks/Rec Management Platform-Stavros stated this is in reference to replacing RecDesk.
 - b. Bid specifications for fireworks displays-Stavros stated that he took Marty's recommendation on the drafting on the bid specifications for fireworks. The previous vendor did not give any deliverables. This years' fireworks displayed cost was \$37,500 and ended up with a nine minute display. We are still waiting for a \$4,400 refund from Celebration. This will be sent to Solicitor Karasek for review and will be discussed at the September meeting.
2. Sports & Recreation
 - a. Softball-no update. They have not closed out the account yet.
 - b. Field Hockey-Account has been closed.

- c. Basketball-Account has been closed.
 - d. Volleyball-no update. They have not closed out the account yet.
 - e. Soccer-Tyler stated practices will begin August 3, M-F, 5:30-7:30 and games start after labor day.
3. Park Development
- a. Tribute Statue-Manager Graziano stated the dedication ceremony is on August 22, 2026 11am at the Park Pavilion. The statue is that of an osprey. It will be placed by flag.
 - b. Additional Park Benches-Manager Graziano stated that he and Cindy, will be applying for an LSA grant. We are looking to get the same ones/look. There was a discussion on the placement the additional benches and another gazebo.
 - c. Gazebo selection-already discussed.
 - d. Master Plan Update-Stavros stated the first meeting was held. Stavros loved the climbing wall idea. Karyn suggested including the sports programs for their ideas on the master plan. Karyn will reach out to them and ask them to have their ideas to her by 9/1.
 - e. Discussion on potential development in the I2/I3 zones-Stavros provided the board with a copy of the proposed MOU and Zoning Ordinance amendment. All other committees are talking about it, he wanted this board to talk about it. Karyn commented on protecting the view. Supervisor Erler commented on hearing and feeling the effects of a data center. Jenn stated that a lot of the issue is all the missinformation that is out there. The public does not want to hear the truths. There was a discussion on all the committees nominating someone to visit a data center. **MOTION** by Karyn to nominate Stavros to be represent Parks/Rec on a visit to a data center, seconded by Orion. Vote: 4-1. Stavros abstained. Stavros stated, "something is coming". In his opinion, the least environmentally impactful industries are data centers.
4. Community Engagement
- a. Gap View 5K-UMBT "2026 Race for the Gazebo" event update-There are currently 4 signed up.
 - b. Leash Law and Ban on Certain Motor Vehicles on Township Properties Ordinance-Stavros stated that he forgot to add this to the agenda for discussion. Stavros stated that an ordinance was already prepared (years ago) and reviewed by Solicitor Karasek. This needs to be revisited.
5. Recreation Fund, Budget & Finances
- a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Karyn stated that the balances are as follows: Basketball-\$0, Field Hockey-\$0, Softball-\$7,566.02, Volleyball-\$1,244.21, Rec Fund balance-\$59,700.06.

PART IV (Public Comment)

Charles Baltic thanked the Board for all they do and the support they give. Charles commented on and gave some key points on the proposed township wide dog-leash ordinance. His public comment will be part of the official record.

Jonathan Erler asked about the Farmer's Market. Sharon stated that due to weather and lack of interest, we have not had one yet. Jonathan asked about the banners. Stavros stated that part of the reasons this has been on hold is because they were waiting for softball season to be done. Stavros stated this has already been built out on rec desk, and they will be getting back on track with them. Karyn stated she likes the clean look of no banners in the dugouts at the park. Karyn stated that we are all volunteers on this board and we need to hire someone.

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded by Jenn. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary