

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 – 7 PM

**PART I**

Chairman Stavros Barbounis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Stavros Barbounis, Sharon Cerny, April Pinto, Cindy Beck, recording secretary, Liaison Marty Pinter, Manager Ed Nelson. Kari Hawkins arrived at 7:20 pm and Karyn Pinter arrived at 8:40 pm. Anthony DeFranco and Kevin Dillan were absent.

Guests present were Emily Keggan and Condition One Commercial.

**PART II**

1. Approval of Agenda-Stavros stated that Emily will give her Field Hockey update first.
2. Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2022 was tabled, there was not a quorum.

Emily provided the Board with an end of the year update for fall field hockey. The 2022 beginning balance was \$1,806.88 and with all receipts, purchases etc., the ending balance is \$2,663.65. There was a discussion of reviewing intermunicipal agreements. Emily stated that there were 79 registered players and out of that number, 3 were from Pen Argyl and 20 were from Stroudsburg. Registration for 2023 will open May 1<sup>st</sup> and will end June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Austin Sukanick, Condition One, gave a presentation on the proposed Community Park Barn and calf barn projects, with renderings. Austin stated their goal is to give the Township the best product as possible. This project will be constantly making money, having equity in what we are building. Austin spoke about lighting, parking lots, walkways, the little things outside the buildings. What they do will be based on township building codes. Marty stated he would like to see more windows, a commercial kitchen, and snack bar. There are many potentials to be considered in designing the barn, but getting the concept done first. There was a discussion on moving the pavilion to where the calf barn currently is. Marty stated he would like to see a business study, Austin stated they have been working on that. Keep all machinery and mechanicals on the ugly side of the barn. Joshua Coleman, Timber Frames, provided a slideshow of some of their projects and the types of barns they construct. Joshua stated he believes they will be able to use some of the existing elements of the barn. Marty would like to see numbers. Marty stated that we need to see the concept to show the catwalk, kitchen, etc., a conceptual look at what we'd like to see. Sharon will forward some pictures to Austin.

## PART III

1. Review plans for Barn/Bathrooms-presentation by Condition One Commercial, see above.
2. Announcements-Stavros commented on the availability of volunteers at the PJ Christmas Party.
3. Governance
  - a. Facilities Rental Agreement-This is on the BOS agenda for December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - b. Rules & Regulations-as stated above.
4. Recreation Fund & Budget
  - a. Fund Balance-Stavros stated he did get the information from Diann but did not have a chance to put it together.
  - b. 2023 Budget Planning-Stavros stated he met with Manager Nelson to discuss ParksRec budget for 2023.
5. Park Development
  - a. Bathrooms Project-on hold
  - b. Pavilion/Kitchen Project-There was a discussion on what to do with all the security equipment that was purchased through the Grow NORCO Grant, if they do decide to move the pavilion. This is on hold for now.
  - c. Capital Campaign Development-Stavros stated we need ideas and cost estimates. Marty will make some calls regarding business studies.
6. Sports & Recreation
  - a. Revenue/Expenses/Reports-All revenue and expenses will be going into rec desk, this will take the burden off Diann for printing reports, Stavros will be able to do it.
  - b. UMBT Softball-April is looking for approval of a sign in/sign out sheet for the softball clinic, which will be held at the Five Pts. Gym, parents are not allowed to stay. April stated she has a request for a new tiller (\$400) to maintain the softball fields. Manager Nelson stated that we could have Phil Poliskiewicz till the fields, there is no need to purchase one. There was a discussion on relying on someone else to maintain our fields. April will discuss with the softball board. There was a discussion on the East Bangor Fields and the Township possibly taking them over. Manager Nelson will reach out to Bonnie to discuss. April stated that all practices will be held at the Echo Lake fields. April stated that the registration opens up on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the fee for the 2023 season has been increased to \$70 and \$65 for sibling, which will be good until January 31, 2023 and beginning February 1, 2023 – February 15, 2023, the fee will be \$80 and \$75 for sibling.
  - c. UMBT Field Hockey-Emily discussed, see above.
  - d. UMBT Basketball-Karyn stated that basketball has officially started. There are 66 in-house registered players and 111 travel registered players. Karyn will send a recap of financials to everyone. There was a discussion on signing up on line only, no paper registration forms.

7. Community Engagement
  - a. 2022 Event Planning
    - i. Movie Nights-Stavros stated there is still one movie that has been postponed.
    - ii. Christmas Pajama Party-Scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at Allegheny Creek at 5 pm. Pictures with Santa, hot cocoa and cookies. Movie selection to be under 90 minutes.
  - b. 2023 Event Planning
    - i. Tentative Calendar for all events-Stavros stated that starting in January, all events will be scheduled in order for them to be advertised. Funding/grants are available for advertising. All registrations will be in rec desk.
    - ii. Date Night Dine & Donate-January 14, 2023, at 4 pm. Stavros stated that Top Gun is not available, so we will only be showing Top Gun Maverick. Allegheny has agreed to donate 10% of food sold to Parks/Rec.

**PART IV** (Public Comment) -None

**PART V** (Adjournment)

**MOTION** by April to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary*