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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 – 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, Anthony DeFranco, Karyn Pinter, Sharon Cerny, Manager Graziano, and Liaison Cori Eckman. April Pinto was absent. Emily Keegan was present as well.

PART II (Parks & Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Karyn to approve the agenda, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes-**MOTION** by Anthony to approve the May 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 4-0.

PART III

1. Announcements-Stavros stated that Simone Collins, who is working on the Preserve, is looking for feedback from the community and asked if they could set up a table at the 4th of July event. Stavros stated that a vendor who attended the event last year and did not pay the 10% of their sales, would like to attend again this year. They are looking at their sales from last year and will pay what is owed. The security cameras that he installed at the Park are phenomenal. The cameras are \$300 apiece and \$20 a month. There was a discussion about someone driving at the park in a black convertible mustang with a dog running beside it.
2. Governance
 - a. Facility Rentals Oversight-nothing to report, other than the security cameras and holding people accountable.
3. Recreation Fund & Budget
 - a. Revenue/Expenses Reporting-Stavros stated he did not receive a report from April, current balance \$36,904.73.
4. Sports & Recreation
 - a. UMBT Softball-no update

- b. UMBT Field Hockey-Emily Keegan gave an update on field hockey, which included 90 players registered, (13 unpaid), fund balances, proposed future spends, proposed future receipts, FH FB page, field layouts, equipment storage, practice/game schedules, end of season estimated balance just under \$6,000.
 - c. UMBT Basketball-Karyn stated the goal is to have registration open by August 1st.
 - d. UMBT Winter Softball Clinics-no update
 - e. UMBT Volleyball-no update.
5. Park Development
- a. New Softball Fields-Manager Graziano discussed the plan for 2 softball fields to be installed at the park. They will be tailored to youth softball. There was a discussion on parking spaces/lot, fence sizes, dug outs, mesh banners. The Board decided to eliminate the parking lot, remove bleachers and add dug outs. Get clarification on the fence height. Karyn will do some research on field layouts.
 - b. Park Bathrooms Update-Manager Graziano stated that Supervisor Birmingham arranged for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the bathrooms on June 28th at 12pm, all members of the Board are invited. There is still some minor housekeeping to be done but they will be open. There was a discussion on preserving the bathrooms, keeping them clean.
 - c. Park Pavilion Update-Manager Graziano gave an update on the pavilion. Siding will be up over the T111.
 - d. Dug-out banners-no update.
6. Community Engagement
- a. 2024 Event Planning
 - i. Movie Nights-June 15th-Stavros stated the movie Kung Fu Panda 4 has been secured.
 - ii. First Responders Picnic-June 15th-Stavros stated the head count is 30, with 10 volunteers. Cori stated that Johnsonville Inn will be donating chicken tenders/fries. Estimated cost of food/supplies, \$500.
 - iii. July 4th Fireworks-July 6th, rain date July 7th-Everything is moving forward. Stavros is focusing on vendors. Next year Stavros would like to do a carnival day, maybe Friday and Saturday. Stavros will be working on where to put the vendors.
 - iv. Food Truck Festival/Craft Show- August 24th. Time 10-4. Sharon is still working on vendors.
 - v. Moonlight & Magick Market-Oct. 5th-Stavros stated that they do most of the work. Parks/Rec will help promote. There was a discussion on having bands at events.
 - vi. Veterans Day-November 9th-Funds have been secured for the Fireworks display. There was a discussion on shortening the event, starting a little later.

- vii. Farmer's Market-Sharon stated she put out a poll, the towns people were in favor (100+ said yes), September and October, two weekends a month. September 21st, October 5th. 9am-3pm.

PART IV (Public Comment)

Manager Graziano stated that a tree fell down at the Park and Ginder will be replacing it.

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by Karyn to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, seconded by Anthony. Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary