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UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARKS/RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024 – 7:30 PM

PART I

Karyn Pinter called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Karyn Pinter, Sharon Cerny, April Pinter and Liaison Cori Eckman. Emily Keegan was present as well.

PART II Open Discussion

Karyn Pinter stated that she wanted to start the meeting with an open discussion regarding the 4th of July event and everything that has transpired over the past week. Karyn stated that two vital members of the Parks/Rec Board resigned, Stavros Barbounis and Anthony DeFranco. Karyn addressed Supervisor Birmingham with some questions that the Board has. What was the cost of the band that he secured for the 4th of July event and who paid for it? Supervisor Birmingham stated that the cost was \$600, which he and Supervisor Friedman donated. Karyn asked him about the additional \$400. Supervisor Birmingham stated that they needed the band for additional time due to Stavros resigning. Supervisor Birmingham stated that Manager Graziano gave the approval. April stated that her and Manager Graziano discussed this and that the money would come out of the Rec fund. Karyn stated that her issue is that the flyer stated that they were to play from 5 to 7:30 but they did not start until 6:30 and done by 8:30 and does not feel as though they should be paid the additional \$400. Karyn stated that Manager Graziano said that Supervisor Birmingham handled all the details with the band. April stated that this should be discussed further with Manager Graziano present. There was a discussion on the time frame the band played. April stated that they did play the allotted time, if not a little longer. Karyn stated that in order for this Board to be successful and to move forward, there needs to be communication. April asked if this should be brought forward to the BOS that the \$400 was not approved the Park/Rec Board. Supervisor Birmingham stated that he does not know the correct procedure, maybe Solicitor Karasek can answer that question. Karyn stated that this is not the first time that Supervisor Birmingham has undermined this Board. Supervisor Birmingham stated that all he is trying to do is help. Stavros stated that he did not take his decision lightly, and that it was not just about the 4th of July, it was about other things and he refuses to be dismissed. There was a discussion on the park bathrooms/engineering

and being made a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony. April asked Supervisor Bemingham has much the Township saved by having the road crew do the septic system, thanks to her husband Todd, who knows how to do them. There was a discussion on the pavilion project and that it is still not completed correctly. Supervisor Bemingham stated that from now on he will communicate any thoughts/ideas with Supervisor Eckman (Park/Rec Liaison), then she can bring it back to the Board. Supervisor Bemingham would like the Board to think about having a summer concert at the Park and have the Bangor Band play, Concert Under the Stars. Sharon stated that maybe they could play during the food truck festival.

There was a discussion on appointing members, as per the By-Laws.

PART III (Parks & Recreation Board Administration)

1. Approval of the Agenda-**MOTION** by Karyn to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.
2. Resignations-No action
3. Appoint Interim Chairperson-**MOTION** by Sharon to table, seconded by April. Vote: 3-0.
4. Appoint Interim Vice Chairperson-**MOTION** by Sharon to table, seconded by April. Vote: 3-0. There was a discussion on accepting letters of interest to be reviewed by the Board, then submitting their recommendations to the BOS.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 13, 2024-**MOTION** by Sharon to approve the June 13, 2024, seconded by April. Vote: 3-0.

PART III

1. Announcements
2. Sports & Recreation
 - a. UMBT Softball-April stated that they ended their season, grades 3-4 won the championship, they will be receiving t-shirts, ending balance \$3,655.53. Karyn asked why the girls did not get t-shirts last year after winning the championship.
 - b. UMBT Field Hockey-Emily Keegan gave an update on field hockey. Emily stated that they added another director, Jaclyn Goffredo. Emily discussed the financials, 89 registered players, funds raised, proposed future spending, remaining funds \$11,921.96. April stated she showed a balance of \$11,889.46, which did not include the gear fundraiser of \$32.50. Emily stated that the field layout looks fantastic. Reminders: practice Tuesdays/Thursdays from 8/13-10-29 5:30-7, pavilion reservations 8/13 4-7:30 and 10/29 4-9, game schedule, Sunday afternoons 9/8 – 10-27.
 - c. UMBT Basketball-no update
 - d. UMBT Volleyball-April stated their remaining balance is \$1,018.13.
3. Park Development
 - a. New Softball Fields-This will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - b. Park Bathrooms Update-no discussion.
 - c. Park Pavilion Update-There was a discussion on the color choice of

the new siding. Who made the decision on the color. Stavros stated that the problem has not been fixed, the siding did not fix the problem. The gutters have not been installed yet. Sharon would like the Board to think about enclosing one side of the pavilion, due to the rain coming in.

- d. Dug-out banners-Karyn will work on this.
- 4. Community Engagement
 - a. 2024 Event Planning
 - i. Movie Nights-good turnout.
 - ii. First Responders Picnic-Karyn thanked everyone who helped out. Well attended.
 - iii. July 4th Fireworks-There was a discussion on advertising for next year, securing a date for the fireworks company. Fund totals, concession stand, \$688 and parking donations, \$3,754. April suggested giving a donation to the Portland Fire Company for doing the parking. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - iv. Food Truck Festival/Craft Show- August 24th. Time 10-4. Sharon will update everyone as to how many food trucks/craft vendors she has. She would like more craft vendors.
 - v. Moonlight & Magick Market—Oct. 5th- no update.
 - vi. Veterans Day-November 9th-will confirm fireworks with Nick.
 - vii. Farmer's Market-Sharon stated this is probably going to happen next year, the township people want it. Sharon will start working on this in January. Start time, June-end of October, twice a month.

Karyn recapped the meeting: Supervisor Bermingham is going to check with the BASD band for the 8/24. Supervisor Eckman will talk to Nick about the siding on the pavilion. Karyn will work on getting softball field dimensions. Sharon will provide an update on the food truck festival/craft show attendees. Cindy will post the open seats on the website, accepting letters of interest. Stavros will add Cori to the ParksRec board email list. There was a discussion on bands, maybe a battle of the bands event.

PART IV (Public Comment)

PART V (Adjournment)

MOTION by April to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, seconded by Sharon. Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary