

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting
Minutes June 19th, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, June 19th, 2025, at the UMT meeting room.

Recreation Board members present: *Matthew Bernard, Jaclyn Svetcov, Neeraj Sharma, Wes Schlauch, April Navarra, and Gwen McCurdy.* Also present: *Recreation Manager Ryan Griffiths, Parks and Recreation Public Works Lead: Jim Soltis, and township resident Deb Soltis.*

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

-Chairperson Matthew Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. He asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

-A motion was made by Matthew to approve the May, 17th 2025 minutes, Gwen seconded, all approved.

-PUBLIC COMMENT: None

-PRESENTATIONS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

-Programming and Event Updates: There are high numbers of participation for UMT Summer Programs including: Lil' Athletics (full), Tennis Lessons, Beginner Pickleball, Mighty Kicks Soccer, Summer Camp (Full), Zumba Outdoor Summer Session, and Movies in the Park at Ricky Park (300-400 people). Some upcoming events include: Grub and Groove Grange Park every Saturday from 6-10 PM, Concerts in the Park at Grange Park on 6/28 and 7/26 from 6-10 PM, Movies in the Park (Dog Man) at Lone Lane at 5:30 PM on 7/11 and Zootopia at Earl Adams Memorial Park at 5:30 PM on 8/8.

- Recent Event Debrief: Working on rescheduling a "Concert in the Park" due to rain in May. Movie in the Park (Moana 2) had great feedback and no issues with parking, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

-**Design Standards Discussion:** Ryan provided photos to board of potential new signage for the parks, as well as new waste receptacle choices, park benches, and pavilion structures for future parking planning purposes. The goal is to slowly make updates to our parks moving forward that will make UMT Parks more identifiable in the future.

-**Mobile Food Vending in Parks Discussion:** Ryan presented a draft ordinance of UMT governing mobile food vending in township parks. The reasoning is to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and preservation of public spaces for recreational use. The main points he wants included are: necessity of a permit, application process that may or may not include a fee, regulations on when and where they plan to set-up, and enforcement capabilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

-**Member Resignation:** Matthew made a motion to accept Gwen McCurdy's resignation for June 19th, 2025. Jackie seconds, and all approved.

-**Reminder NO July Meeting:**

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR:

-Jim Soltis brought up a recurring issue of certain daycares using the park facilities all day long, often taking over the pavilions and fields and how members of the board felt about it. Ryan stressed the importance of organized groups and companies following the rules of applying to UMT to use fields and granting pavilions, but emphasizing the openness of the parks to all residents to enjoy with their families and friends. Further discussion needs to be had concerning the topic and it will be revisited at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

-Matthew made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm, Wes seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 14, 2025, at 7:00PM at the Township building.

Matthew Bernard- Chair

April Navarra- Vice-Chair

Jaclyn Svetcov- Secretary

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