

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND  
RECREATION BOARD Monthly Meeting  
Minutes August 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:**

The monthly meeting for the Upper Macungie Township Recreation Board was held on Thursday, August 21st, 2025, at the UMT meeting room.

Recreation Board members present: *Matthew Bernard, Jaclyn Svetcov, Neeraj Sharma, Wes Schlauch, Mike Sicinski*. Also present: *Recreation Manager Ryan Griffiths*.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

-Chairperson Matthew Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 June 19th 2025 minutes, Wes seconded, all approved.

-**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

-**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

-**Programming and Event Updates:** There were high numbers of participation for UMT Summer Programs including: Fur, Feather, and Franks on 7/12, Kids Self Defense 7/12, Mighty Kicks Soccer 7/13, Summer Camp, Zumba Outdoor Summer Session, and Movies in the Park at Breinigsville Park (200 people). Some upcoming events include: Grub and Groove Grange Park every Saturday through the end of September from 6-10 PM, Concerts in the Park at Grange Park 8/30 from 6-10 PM, Movies in the Park (Sonic the Hedgehog 3) at Grange Park at 5:00 PM on 9/12. There will also be a Luck of the Draw Doubles Pickleball Tournament at Grange Park on 9/13 at 5 pm, and a Teen Self-Defense class on 9/6 from 12-1 pm.

- **Recent Event Debrief:** National Night out was a huge success with over 4500 participants. It was a great night with a lot of fun activities for local residents young and old. The traffic worked out smoothly during the event with the two entrances to Grange Park working well for traffic flow.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Design Standards Discussion:** There are plans to slowly introduce new signage at the parks, as well as new waste receptacles, park benches, and pavilion structures. The goal is to make updates to our parks moving forward that will make UMT Parks more identifiable in the future. The recreation board would like to have input into the new designs chosen.

**-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. Recreation board members will review the draft and report back at the next meeting with any comments.

**-Various Project Status Updates:** The ball walls are up and completed at Grange Park and are currently being used. The lighting in Grange Park is soon to be completed on the south side of the parks. Kaybrook Park new signage has been installed. Summer camp is looking toward adding an extra site next year as well as obtaining parent feedback to make future improvements.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**-Fall/Winter Newsletter:** The fall newsletter will be arriving in September to residents with fall and winter programming.

**-Upcoming Events and Programs:** Barktoberfest and Trunk or Treat Trail are some popular upcoming fall events. The recreation department is looking to avoid the bottleneck during the Trunk or Treat event from 2025 and feel confident that this year will be the best yet.

**-2026 Budget Preparations:** The budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR:** None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

-Matthew made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm, Mike seconded, all agreed.

-Next month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 25th, 2025, at 7:00PM at the Township building.

Matthew Bernard- Chair

April Navarra- Vice-Chair

Jaelyn Svetcov- Secretary

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