

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes | February 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The monthly meeting of the Upper Macungie Township (UMT) Recreation Board was held on Thursday, February 19, in the UMT meeting room.

- **Board Members Present:** Mike Sicinski (Chair), Jaclyn Svetcov (Secretary), April Navarra (Vice-Chair), Wesley Schlauch, Kathleen Baker, Carol Facchiano.
- **Also Present:** Ryan Griffith (Recreation Manager), Jim Soltis (Public Works Team Leader), Deb Soltis (Community Resident), Gary Thornton (Local Business Director)
- **Absent:** Matthew Bernard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Mike Sicinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wesley Schlauch motioned to approve the November 20, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Facchiano and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Thornton, the new Director of the Valley Preferred Cycling Center, introduced himself to the Board and expressed interest in future collaboration.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

- **Recreation Report:** Ryan Griffith presented February event and program attendance data.
- **Grant Announcements:** Successful grant applications were announced for:
 - A new Public Works leaf truck.
 - Replacement of playground equipment at Earl Adams Memorial Park.
 - Basketball court improvements at Grange Park.
- **Park Maintenance:** Jim Soltis reported on winter maintenance, including snow plow damage repairs and bid preparation for summer services (fertilization, splash park chemicals, and tree trimming). He noted that recent snowfall has impacted the

timeline for some minor repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ordinance Updates:** Ryan Griffith presented the final draft of the **Mobile Food Ordinance**, which moves to the Board of Supervisors for review this month. The Board will now begin recommending updates to general park rules to include the new **Community and Lifestyle Center**, aiming for clearer language and stronger policy positioning.
- **CPROSP Recommendations:** The Board reviewed the four vision pillars of the **Comprehensive Park Recreation and Open Space Plan (CPROSP)**:
 1. Accessible, safe, and inviting park spaces for all.
 2. Innovative recreational programming.
 3. Abundant, high-quality open space.
 4. Premier parks for future generations.

Members ranked specific recommendations within these pillars to prioritize future implementation.

- **Sponsorship Packages:** Growth in township sponsorships continues. The department is shifting focus toward long-term partnerships with local businesses rather than one-time donations.
- **Communications:** UMT continues to utilize a "digital-first" approach while maintaining print newsletters to ensure all residents are reached.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Official Park Naming:** New signage is being phased in to create aesthetic continuity across the township. The Board will collaborate on a final list of park names to present to the Board of Supervisors for a single, comprehensive approval to streamline the process.
- **Facility Improvement Plans:** Beyond the construction of the **Community and Lifestyle Center**, no major capital projects are currently underway. However, a long-term improvement plan is in place to ensure equipment and facilities remain in good condition.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Sicinski motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM; seconded by Kathleen Baker. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM** at the Township Building.

Minutes Submitted By: *Jaclyn Svetcov, Secretary*