

## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 26, 2016

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Township of Upper St. Clair was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: Roger Hartung Chairman  
Kelly B. Bakayza  
William O. Barnard  
Thomas Browand  
Timothy Stouden  
Gary Schafer Forestry Administrator  
Tara Fox Secretary to the Director

EXCUSED: Jennifer Schuler Vice-Chairman  
Diane Morris  
Paul Besterman Director of Recreation and Leisure Services

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016**

Mr. Thomas Browand made a motion, seconded by Mr. Timothy Stouden, to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2016. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Jen Dalke, 715 Bluff St., Bridgeville, PA 15017 offered to volunteer with Public Works with the clean-up process at the parks. Public Works will send an email once dates are finalized. If interested, please contact Public Works with an updated email.

Ms. Molly Brown, 1811 Tyris Drive, inquired about the status of the pickleball requests and paddleball courts. Ms. Brown expressed that the paddleball courts need some attention and mentioned there is a company in the area that inspects the courts. Public Works explained that the paddleball courts are inspected every year.

Mr. Subhojit Roye and Mrs. Madhumita Mukherjee, 768 Thornwick Drive, expressed concern about dogs not allowed at Brynwick Park with or without a leash. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board explained that none of the township neighborhood parks permit dog walking, with the exception of Boyce Mayview Park. Mr. Roye and Mrs. Mukherjee also expressed concern about the amount of garbage left at Brynwick Park and that teenagers frequent it at night as a place to “hangout.” Public Works advised to report it to the police so they can patrol areas more often.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Neighborhood Parks**

Baker Park is on the schedule for improvements this year which include the fence, cracks on the courts and adding lines for a total of four (4) pickleball courts – two (2) on the tennis courts and two (2) modified courts on the basketball courts. These additions provide a total of five (5) outdoor pickleball courts in the township, including the one (1) at Hays Park. Timeline on the improvements will be weather dependent. Players are

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### **Neighborhood Parks (continued)**

encouraged to bring their own portable nets. Providing a lock box with nets is still in the discussion stage. The township recognizes that pickleball is in high demand, however, these are neighborhood parks and are not intended for tournament play.

All of the neighborhood parks are open. Water features are expected to be on at the beginning of May – weather pending.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The P&R Advisory Board discussed tennis bubbles and the cost of replacements.

They also encouraged residents to go the Board of Commissioners meetings because it gives them an opportunity to speak about their concerns.

Discussion took place about why the JV Baseball Team does not play at Boyce Mayview Baseball Fields. Prior to Boyce Mayview Fields, Big Baker Field was the home field for both Varsity and JV Baseball Teams. To help keep Big Baker and Boyce Mayview Baseball Fields at a successful level, the fields need time to rest. If there are any concerns about the safety and maintenance of the Big Baker Field, please contact the USC school district.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37pm.