

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on May 14, 2019. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: Douglas Krauss, Secretary
 Michael Brody, Member
 Patricia Bunn, Member
 Bryan McNamara, Member
 Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director
 John B. Lewis, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: David Gordon, Park & Rec Chair
 David Malinowski, Park & Rec Vice Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. McNamara seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2019 as written.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER PROJECT

Ms. Angelina Tyler was present to discuss her Girl Scout Silver project which is to add two planters in front of the Pool. She stated one would be blue and one would be gold with a few accents. She stated they would be made out of plywood with an outdoor sealer. She will put plastic containers inside for easy clean up so that the wood does not rot. Ms. Tyler stated she could plant vegetables, and people could take them to eat or she could plant flowers. She stated she would like to do the vegetables since it could introduce children to new vegetables. She stated she would agree to re-plant them every year until she goes to College.

Mr. Krauss asked if she is talking about having them at the main entrance, and Ms. Tyler agreed. Mr. Krauss asked exactly where she would put them, and Ms. Tierney stated they had discussed putting them in front of the bike rack. It would be outside the Pool. Ms. Tyler was asked why she chose blue and gold, and Ms. Tyler stated those are the Pool Swim Team colors.

Mr. Wysocki asked about the plan for building the planters, and Ms. Tyler stated she does have a plan for their construction. Mr. Wysocki asked if there will be drainage in the bottom, and Ms. Tyler agreed. Ms. Tierney asked if she will be able to help maintain it throughout the summer, and Ms. Tyler agreed.

Mr. Wysocki stated if it is outside the Pool fencing, it may be impacted by deer and rabbits. Mr. Krauss stated signs should be included so that the Pool members know what is planted. Mr. Wysocki stated marigolds would be a good border plant to keep animals away.

Mr. Brody stated he is concerned with the proposed location, and he would prefer that it be near the painting inside the fence possibly on the opposite wall. He stated there would be security for it by those at the front desk so that there is less chance of it getting ruined. Mr. Krauss suggested that Ms. Tyler work with Ms. Tierney and measure the space so that whatever is built will have flexibility in case it has to be moved. Ms. Tierney offered to meet Ms. Tyler at the Pool so they can discuss the locations.

Mr. Krauss asked Ms. Tyler when she hopes to have this built, and Ms. Tyler stated it would be six weeks. Ms. Bunn asked Ms. Tyler if she has filled out her paperwork yet, and Ms. Tyler stated it is pending.

Mr. Brody asked Ms. Kristen Tyler if she had any concerns with liability of someone eating the vegetables, and Ms. Tyler stated she did not. Ms. Tyler stated her daughter wanted to tie it into nutrition. She added that possibly they could leave a watering can there for children to help water the plants. Ms. Bunn suggested they do herbs, and Mr. Brody suggested cherry tomatoes. Ms. Bunn stated she feels it should be either all edible or all non-edible since they would not want someone to accidentally pick something that they should not eat. Mr. Lewis stated he feels herbs would be a good idea.

It was the consensus of the Park & Recreation Board that they were in favor of the proposed project subject to working with Ms. Tierney on the size and location.

Ms. Tierney thanked Ms. Angelina Tyler for all the volunteer work she has done this year.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Review of Cost Analysis

Ms. Tierney stated at the last meeting they discussed putting together a financial report for a few years to discuss the different Leagues and organizations and what their requirements were versus how much they were paying in fees. Ms. Tierney stated generally speaking, everything "is a wash," with the exception of Tennis which seems to be paying a little more than they cost.

Mr. Krauss asked that Ms. Tierney explain the Senior expenses and the manpower projections. Ms. Tierney stated the Seniors require a lot of set up, tear down, and a lot of photo copying. She stated the Seniors require a lot of effort from the staff on a day-to-day basis. She stated Jack Pepper works at the Community Center 80% of the time, and he does a lot of tear down and set up. She stated sometimes they also need the assistance of other maintenance staff for bigger events for the Seniors. She stated the office staff does a lot of work for the Seniors as well. Ms. Bunn asked if the staff fills out time sheets separating their time, and Ms. Tierney stated what she has shown is the minimum amount and she tried to be reasonable. She stated they did not include the facility expenses such as electric and cable as that would be difficult to monitor compared to all the other activities that take place at the Community Center.

Mr. McNamara asked if the Seniors are physically able to break down and set up themselves, and Ms. Tierney stated she would not have the Seniors do that. Ms. Tierney stated the Seniors expect everything to be set up, and the Township set up for them when they were using the Municipal Building.

Mr. Krauss asked if the other groups are subsidizing the Seniors' expenses or are the funds coming from a General Fund. Ms. Tierney stated looking at the other Leagues' expenses compared to how much they are paying, they are not really subsidizing anyone. Mr. Wysocki asked where the money would come from, and Ms. Tierney stated it comes from the Park & Rec Budget from taxes. Mr. Lewis stated there is a Park & Rec millage, but it seems that there is a mild subsidy on lights which seems to be going up significantly from 2017 to 2018. Ms. Tierney stated light maintenance is included in that expense so it is the electric and the light maintenance. She stated this year there was \$17,000 at Macclesfield Park alone in repairs on the lights, and every year there is \$10,000 to \$15,000 in repairs on lights.

Ms. Bunn asked when the lights are on at Macclesfield Park and there are different user groups on the fields, do they all pay a portion of the cost; and Ms. Tierney agreed adding that since it is shared usage, it would be hard to break that out. Ms. Tierney stated she has shown what they charge each League based on their hours.

Mr. Brody asked what goes into the ball field total, and Ms. Bunn stated there are dedicated manpower hours which are logged. She stated there is also the diamond dirt, the seed, the lime, and the equipment including the bases. Ms. Tierney stated they do not buy baseballs that the Leagues use during their games, but they buy things that are required for the fields. Ms. Bunn asked if the Township buys the soccer nets; and Ms. Tierney stated she has not purchased any since she has been with the Township, but she knows that in the past Ms. Liney had done so in the past. Ms. Tierney stated they buy volleyball nets, basketball nets, and anything that is required for the facilities. Ms. Bunn stated she feels bases should not be paid for by the Township, and that should be on the Leagues. Ms. Tierney stated they will not need them for a number of years after this year.

Mr. Brody asked if this would include the backstop repairs that were needed, and Ms. Tierney stated the Township did not have to pay for those as they were reimbursed by insurance.

Mr. Brody stated he would like to see more of the details, and Ms. Tierney stated she could provide that. Mr. Brody stated when they changed the doors at the Community Center because the Seniors could not open the doors, that was not shown in the information provided. Ms. Tierney stated it is not just the Seniors who use those doors. Mr. Brody stated everyone else was able to get in the doors, and they replaced the doors for the Seniors. Ms. Tierney stated that is incorrect since the doors did not operate properly and could not be secured.

Mr. Brody stated he would like to see the information that has been provided broken down more, since he feels the Leagues are getting charged for every aspect of maintaining the fields. Ms. Tierney stated what is not included is anything not related specifically to League use such as the playground, the sand for the volleyball courts, and all the other general space areas. She stated labor for mowing the fields is included. She stated it takes them three days to mow Macclesfield, and then they go back on Thursday and Friday to touch up the fields for Saturday and Sunday. She stated manpower is a huge part of the cost due to the Leagues.

Mr. Wysocki asked why the Seniors Revenue is projected to go up so much, and Ms. Tierney stated it is because the first year, they were only charged \$5 per person. Ms. Bunn stated the set up for the Seniors is not for their room, it is when they use the bigger room. Ms. Tierney stated they set up and tear down their room as well. Ms. Bunn stated she felt that they wanted their tables left up in their room; however, Ms. Tierney stated they are now doing other activities so things have evolved over time. Mr. Wysocki stated the Seniors are probably the single biggest subsidy, and Ms. Tierney agreed. Mr. Wysocki stated it may be good to point this out to the Seniors.

Mr. Brody stated he has a real issue with the amount of work that the Leagues put into the fields and how much still needs to be done after what the Township does. Ms. Bunn stated there would be much more that the Leagues would have to do if the Township did not do what they are doing. Mr. Brody stated he finds it “ridiculous” what the Township charges. He stated he feels it is “ridiculous” that Patterson Farm pays a fraction of what the sports leagues pay for the land that they are using. He stated he feels it is “ridiculous” that BrightFarms is paying a fraction of the money for a for-profit business compared to what the sports leagues are paying. He stated he sees how much time and effort that people are putting into the fields, and no one puts any effort into fixing the playground, and those families are not getting charged for that. He stated he understands that this is not going to be resolved, but he finds it is “ridiculous” the way we charge. He stated if a child plays four different sports a year, they have to pay User Fees four times a year. He stated Seniors from a different Township pay less for golf than a resident pays which he feels is “a joke.” He stated an out-of-town Senior pays \$49 compared to a resident who has to pay \$59 during the week.

Mr. Lewis stated he assumes Mr. Brody feels costs should be related to fees, and that is a generally-accepted Government accounting practice. He stated as it relates to the ones that Mr. Brody has picked out; he was not on the Board when BrightFarms was there, and he publicly said that he would not vote to renew; and they are paying below market rate. Mr. Lewis stated with regard to the Farm itself, as a farming property as well as the Farmland Preservation properties, they pay market rates for what farmers are willing to rent. Mr. Lewis stated with regard to the Golf Course, they want to maximize revenue. He stated they feel they would rather have the Senior day rate even if they are not residents so that they can get that revenue. He stated the average revenue per golfer is higher than neighboring Courses.

Mr. Lewis noted Mr. Brody’s concerns about Seniors and what they pay, and Mr. Brody stated it is more about “sports” and what they pay and not necessarily the Seniors per se. Mr. Lewis stated other Municipalities have taken different approaches to this, and there are other Municipalities where “the kids” do not pay anything; but that is not how Lower

Makefield has traditionally operated. Mr. Lewis stated with regard to inter-generational equity at the local level of Government, a disproportionate amount is actually spent toward the youth if you consider the local taxes paid since over 80% goes toward the School Tax.

Mr. Lewis stated this changes when you consider the State and Federal levels.

Mr. Lewis stated if the policy is to match fees with costs, which he thinks has been the tradition of Lower Makefield, there should be an examination of what they are charging at the Community Center.

Ms. Bunn stated when the volunteers walk onto the ballfields in the late afternoon to groom the fields, they do not see the time that went into the fields prior to that which was done by the Township. She stated there is a significant amount of manpower that goes into getting the fields ready for the volunteers to go in and groom them the way they want them groomed. She stated if the Township were to “back off” and let the volunteers do all of the work required, no one would do it since the volunteers would not have the time to do all of that work. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel the Township is being given the credit that it deserves for doing all the work they do at all the Township parks.

Mr. Brody stated this has nothing to do with the personnel, and he is talking about the cost allocation. He stated he is saying that maybe they should not be doing “twenty-five different bike paths all throughout the town, up steep roads, or expanding Memorial Park.” He stated we have assets that he feels are being “under cared for,” and maybe they should not be allocating some of the funds that they are allocating to other projects in that case. He stated maybe we should be taking the money we have and rather than continuing to expand our Park & Rec offerings, we should be making sure that we are maintaining our current offerings to the proper levels. Ms. Bunn stated she feels that they are maintaining them. Mr. Brody stated if there were no baseball leagues, “they would just end up selling them.” Ms. Bunn stated if they did not have baseball leagues, they would be soccer fields or football fields. Mr. Brody stated it would be the same thing, and he is talking about all the Leagues.

Ms. Bunn stated with regard to Mr. Brody’s comments about the bike paths, some of the money related to the bike paths is from Liquid Fuels, PennDOT, and U.S. Highway, and that money cannot be used for ball fields. Mr. Brody stated the Township always matches Grants with money that could be used for something else. Ms. Bunn stated there are no matching Grants for mowing, and they are specific Grants for the bike paths, etc. Ms. Bunn stated she feels we are doing the

best we can with the resources that we have. Ms. Bunn stated the Leagues are using the fields exclusively so they should be paying the “lion’s share of the complex.”

Mr. Brody stated when they are getting a sheet that shows what the costs are across a number of different things and there is just one line item, he wants to know what the underlying data is. Ms. Tierney stated she has that information that she can provide to Mr. Brody. Mr. Brody stated he will always want more data if they are ultimately responsible for running the Township and Park & Rec like a business, since they need the data in order to do that.

Mr. Lewis stated the next bike path will be around the baseball fields which will allow kids who may not be in Leagues to use the fields at off times. He stated all of the Park & Rec offerings “go to different people in different places in life;” and some of them are chargeable and some of them are not. He stated they could not charge people to go to the Secret Garden at Memorial Park, but they still need to maintain it. He stated the Township’s philosophy has been matching fee revenue with cost the best they can. He stated a change to that philosophy would be open for discussion. He stated he is a strong supporter of bike paths.

Mr. Brody stated for him it is about the data.

Mr. Lewis stated the bike path Mr. Brody noted has been in the Bike Path Plan for nearly twenty years, and was promised to the members of the community who paid for that when the developer paid escrow for that property; however, that money was taken and used for the General Fund. Mr. Lewis stated the bike path has been in plan after plan since 2003, and he does not feel Mr. Brody should be taking offense at it. Mr. Lewis stated he is an advocate for that path as well as the bike path that encircles the ball fields. Mr. Lewis asked if Mr. Brody would want them to “toll” people who are going on the bike paths. Mr. Brody stated they could do a Township Park Fee, and Mr. Lewis stated that is what the millage is.

Mr. Brody stated he does not feel they will resolve this issue tonight, but he will always disagree on this topic. He stated when he is handed numbers, he wants to see “real numbers.”

Mr. Lewis noted Mr. Brody’s “diatribe against bike paths.” Mr. Brody stated the reason he does not like the bike paths is because the people who ride bikes never ride on the bike paths. He stated there are walkers on Roelofs Road where there are bike paths, and no one ever rides on them; and no one ever rides on the ones on Edgewood.

He stated with regard to the bike path being discussed, while he understands the reasons why they want to connect it, it is the steepest road in the Township, and he does not see that anyone could safely ride their bike up there except for the people who are going to ride in the street anyway.

Mr. Lewis stated in that particular case, it is something that would benefit the entire community; and there was a discreet tax increase to pay for the match, and that is an honest approach. He stated that is an honest, transparent way of doing the process. Mr. Brody stated he agrees that it has been very open and honest.

Ms. Bunn stated she does have a real problem with the bikers not using the bike paths. She stated she knows that they passed an Ordinance to share the road; however, it is so dangerous she does not know why we passed that Ordinance. She stated it is dangerous for the driver and it is dangerous for the biker because the law in Pennsylvania states you must give the biker 4'; and in order to do that, you have to cross the yellow line, and it is against the law to cross a double yellow line. She also stated it is unreasonable to have to drive behind a biker for any length of time to get to a broken line.

Ms. Tyler stated with regard to many of our amenities, exclusivity has a price; and that is where User Fees come in. Mr. Brody stated he is not saying they should do away with User Fees, but he wants to see the detailed data so that he can understand it more fully. He stated he sees the manpower and the hours that the baseball leagues are putting into the fields. He stated he is seeing these numbers and he knows all that they are doing for the Seniors, but he wants to understand when looking at the Budget the details of the numbers. He stated he also feels the same way with regard to the Pool numbers. He stated if they are up a certain percentage at the Pool, but if they lost members and gained a different group of new members that does not speak to why they lost members.

Mr. McNamara stated the Park & Rec Board had been provided the breakdown in the past by Ms. Liney who used to show them everything. Ms. Tierney stated she did do a breakdown; and while she was trying to keep it easy, she will provide the breakdown.

Ms. Tyler asked about Township-run leagues; adding they could look at it from PAA's perspective, the Township's perspective, and non-sports peoples' perspective and try to be fair with User Fees.

Mr. McNamara asked Mr. Brody if he was opposed to PAA paying their portion, and Mr. Brody stated he just wants to see the data.

Mr. Krauss stated it was interesting that the YMS revenue has gone down for the last three years since he felt that the League numbers had been consistent or growing. Mr. Krauss stated the next time the YMS representatives come in, they could discuss that. Ms. Tierney stated she knows that they moved some of the younger players to some of the School District fields, and they are no longer practicing on the Township fields.

Mr. Lewis stated at the last meeting there was discussion that one of the Leagues wanted to take fields that were previously allocated to PAA. Ms. Tierney stated those were not Township fields. Mr. Lewis asked if that has been resolved, and he was advised that is being handled.

Discussion and Approval to Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Fitness Station Change

Ms. Tierney stated with regard to the Memorial Park expansion project, in looking at the Plans, she saw that the fitness equipment was spread over the distance of the path. She stated it is supposed to be ADA compliant and “friendly to everybody.” She stated spreading it over the distance of the path made it far away from the parking lot. Ms. Tierney stated her background is in fitness, and she did not feel it was user friendly. She stated she reached out to other Townships asking them about paths they have with fitness equipment, and she also spoke to her former colleagues about the fitness equipment; and everyone agreed that all the fitness equipment should all be in one location since fitness is a communal activity, and people are more likely to use it if they can congregate and use it with their friends.

Ms. Tierney stated what she is asking tonight is that they change the stations from around the walking path to a consolidated single location. She stated when they looked at the fitness stations in the proposal, there was a lot of duplication, so she is recommending that they reduce the number of fitness stations and take out some of the things that were a little more unsafe.

Ms. Bunn stated she is in favor of making some consolidations; but she would not like to see everything in one area since although some people do enjoy exercising with others, there are some people who would be intimidated to use it in a situation where that is the only place they could use it. She stated she would be in favor of two areas, but not everything in one area.

Ms. Tierney stated she feels that would be difficult. She stated in the future they are looking to do partnerships with a hospital or someone who could come out and do “life lessons” as to how to use the equipment and make it user friendly to encourage fitness. Ms. Bunn stated the ones that they have between the Middle Schools are used all the time, and they are spread out. Ms. Bunn stated she would not be in favor of consolidating everything in one location, but she would not be opposed to two areas.

Mr. Krauss asked if this is an existing path, or one that they are going to put in; and Ms. Tierney stated she believes that some of it is already there, and some is being installed.

Ms. Tierney stated Remington & Vernick has recommended the location shown on the Plan because it is close to the parking lot, but they are still specing it out with the company that will be providing the equipment; and if the Park & Rec Board has a preferred location, there is still an opportunity to make a modification. She stated the Board of Supervisors is meeting tomorrow evening to review this so the Park & Recreation Board needs to make a recommendation this evening. Ms. Tierney noted that there are shade structures on the top of the equipment. She stated there could be trees put in the future, but that is not part of this Grant proposal. Ms. Tierney stated there are five pieces of equipment with three exercise on each piece so there are fifteen total exercises that are on the pad.

Mr. McNamara asked how it was originally proposed, and Ms. Tierney stated it was equally spaced out throughout the entire loop with one station at a time. Ms. Bunn stated she would prefer that. Ms. Tierney stated the consensus from other Townships was that no one used them when you had to run, stop, do exercises, run, stop, do exercises. She stated when they are done that way no one uses them, and they end up taking them out. Ms. Tierney stated when they are consolidated they get used more. Ms. Bunn stated she always sees people using them at the Middle School. Mr. McNamara stated previously it was proposed that you would run a quarter mile, do an exercise, run another quarter mile, do an exercise, etc. Ms. Tierney stated that was previously a trend in the 1980s/1990s, but they have found that equipment is now being taken out, and they are putting in more consolidated stations.

Mr. Krauss stated having it in one spot gives more flexibility in the future if there are other things they want to have along the trail.

Mr. Wysocki stated he has seen places where the equipment is spread out, but the latest feedback is that other Townships are not experiencing them being used as much as when the equipment is in this proposed arrangement. Ms. Bunn stated other Townships may be different since the ones that are spread out are getting used in our Township. She stated she would not be comfortable exercising if there was a group of people standing around one location. She stated she would not be in favor of making the change. Mr. Wysocki stated that there is no guarantee you would be alone even if the equipment were spread out. Ms. Bunn stated there would be other stations you could go to. Mr. Krauss stated if they were along the trail, there would still not be privacy since they would be near other activities along the trail as well. Ms. Bunn stated she was not looking for privacy, but she would not want to be “stared at.” Mr. Wysocki stated with the new proposal, there are five different stations with three operations on each station so you could be at one end and another person could be at the other end. Ms. Bunn stated what is proposed is not her personal preference.

Mr. Brody stated he likes them close together mostly because they would not be close to the homes, and he feels there will be less complaints from the neighbors.

Mr. McNamara asked if any of the pieces are repetitive, and Ms. Tierney stated some were which is why she asked to reduce the pieces down from six to five. Mr. McNamara stated of the fifteen exercises, they are all different; and Ms. Tierney agreed they hit different muscle groups.

Ms. Tyler asked the cost; and Ms. Tierney stated the total originally was \$60,000, and taking the one out brings it closer to \$50,000, and it is part of the Grant. Ms. Tyler asked the cost of the tennis courts, and Ms. Tierney stated she believes it was more than \$100,000. Mr. Wysocki stated he recalls that they were approximately \$30,000 each.

Ms. Tyler stated her concern is whether this equipment will get used, and she asked if there is something else that would get used more than this by the residents. Mr. Brody stated he feels once the “sports are brought in,” he feels they will be used more; and he stated those using the tennis courts may start stretching before they play tennis there, etc.

Ms. Tierney showed pictures of the equipment.

Mr. Brody moved and Mr. Wysocki seconded to recommend to the Board of Supervisors putting in the Life Trail as a unified section as shown on the Remington & Vernick drawing and to change from stations around the walking path to a consolidated, single location and to reduce the number of stations from six to five due to some redundancies within the equipment or the opportunity for injury without proper use. Motion carried with Ms. Bunn opposed.

Pool Update

Ms. Tierney stated she provided a memo to the Park & Rec Board tonight that had been provided to the Board of Supervisors today at approximately 2:00 p.m. indicating that they will have to delay the opening of the Pool from the original intended date of May 25 to the new opening date of June 8. She stated while they had been ahead in the construction project, they were delayed in the delivery of the gutter system; and the site had to sit without anything being done for weeks which was very frustrating.

Ms. Tierney stated in order to “make it right to our members,” since they will be losing about 95 hours in swim time due to the two-week delay, they will be expanding hours significantly by 97 hours throughout the season. She stated they did this so that they could add value noting that a lot of the feedback over the last few years was why the hours could not be extended at the end of August or extended hours at other times during the season. She stated they will be providing hours that people have been asking about for a long time.

Ms. Tierney stated they will also offer a Memorial Day event at Memorial Park. She stated she has reached out to different vendors and they will include water features since they recognize that there will be a lot of people displaced by not being able to go to the Pool. She stated it will be an All-American BBQ offering favorite foods, a movie in the Park, family games, and a beach volleyball event at the Park. Ms. Tierney stated the lifeguards will be manning the event. Ms. Bunn asked if they will be paying them for that, and Ms. Tierney stated they will be paying them to be there for that day. Ms. Tierney stated they will promote the Pool and make it a fun day with live entertainment.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the event will be limited to Pool members, and Ms. Tierney stated it will not.

Ms. Bunn asked if there is not an opportunity to get the gutter system in one pool at a time. Ms. Tierney stated originally they had considered boxing off the “pool in question,” and opening up the other three pools, but that would have taken away time for construction which would have extended the amount of time they would be closed. She stated they also found out that the slide needs to be repaired and it would not have passed inspection, and they may have had to close down the slide for the summer if they did not repair it. She stated it is actually fortunate that they now have the time to work on the slide. Ms. Tierney stated they would not be able to have anyone in the Pool when working on the slide because of the dust and chemicals that have to be used. Ms. Tierney stated that firmed up the decision that they would have to close until June 8 so that they could get the work done.

Mr. Krauss asked how confident they are about June 8, and Ms. Tierney stated they are “super confident.” Ms. Bunn asked if they can work in the rain; and Ms. Tierney stated the rain does affect them, but they are working significantly longer hours due to the rain, and they did factor in a few rain dates. Mr. Krauss asked if the gutters are in, and Ms. Tierney stated the gutters are not fully in although they have arrived. Ms. Bunn asked if they are able to work weekends if it rains during the week, and Ms. Tierney stated they have been working through the weekends now.

Ms. Tierney stated there was inadequate staffing to install the gutters as only one welder was sent to install the gutters which is taking a significant amount of time. She stated the gutter company only sent one welder and an assistant for the project.

Mr. Lewis asked when they knew that there was going to be a problem. Ms. Tierney stated the conversation started about two weeks ago, but they were not 100% sure until last Thursday, when they had a conversation about what they were going to do. Ms. Tierney stated they found out about the slides on Friday, and then they had to make significant decisions about what they could do to adapt. Mr. Lewis stated he did not find out about this until today, and Ms. Tierney stated they were trying to fine tune what they could and could not offer as well as what the real delay would be before they shared this because they wanted to be prepared.

Ms. Tyler asked if the welder problem has been solved and asked if we have adequate welders for what the job calls for, and Ms. Tierney stated the welder is almost done at this point. She stated they found out that the welder only works by himself. Ms. Tyler if the Contract called for just this one welder to do this work, and Ms. Tierney stated the welder works for the gutter company. Ms. Tyler asked if that is who our main Contract is with, and Ms. Tierney stated our main Contract is with another company which was the primary contractor. Ms. Tierney stated there are fees being assessed

for the liquidated damages. She stated she believes that there was a memo just recently sent to the contractor directly to notify him that we will be assessing fees due to the extended timeframe.

Mr. Lewis stated he understands that there will be a Motion that we actually paid for the gutters directly instead of the vendor paying for them. Mr. Lewis asked if we changed the process of payment to expedite the arrival of the gutters; and Ms. Tierney stated the gutter company wanted the Township to pay in full right away before they sent the gutter so the Township adapted and the Township sent the check in. She stated they then made a Change Order to remove it from the original Contract. Mr. Lewis stated he was aware of that. Mr. Lewis stated he understands that we did that to expedite it, and he asked when we mailed them the check. Ms. Tierney stated she feels it was three to four weeks ago. Mr. Lewis asked how late they were in getting us the gutters, and Ms. Tierney stated they were about two weeks behind the projected date. Mr. Lewis asked when they first told the Township that they were going to be delayed, or did they not tell us. Ms. Tierney stated when they were talking finances originally, the Township did not think they were going to be delayed; and they were trying to expedite it so that it would stay right on time. She stated “then there was one thing after the next,” and they were told they would have them by Tuesday, Wednesday, etc. She stated that is how the conversation was the whole time, but the Township still did not think at first that it would be a delay until they saw that there was only one installer, and that is when the conversations started happening as to how they would ever get this together with one installer.

Mr. Lewis asked when is the project expected to be done based on what we know now; and Ms. Tierney stated the project should be finished one week prior to June 8 and then they have to fill the pool and do the chemicals; and that would be the one week buffer until they get to June 8. She stated there is a three-day buffer period where the chemicals could be balanced that they allowed for rain. She stated they accounted for the original storm that they knew was coming and then gave themselves a little bit of buffer time.

Mr. Lewis stated the water will be coming from PA American Water for free; but Ms. Tierney stated they are working with PA American Water to fill the pool. Ms. Bunn stated it is pre-chlorinated; however, Ms. Tierney stated it is not pre-chlorinated enough for swimming. Ms. Tierney stated they will be using one of our hydrants behind the facility. Mr. Lewis stated it was his understanding that PA American was going to give us a “special deal” on the water. Ms. Tierney stated they are helping fill the pool, and they will be ones that physically fill the pool.

She stated the Township will be using its own hydrant and paying for the water. Mr. Lewis asked how is the Water Company therefore helping, and Ms. Tierney stated they are providing the manpower. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel that is acceptable. Mr. Wysocki asked Mr. Lewis what was the expectation, and Ms. Bunn stated they were going to give us the water because of the water turbidity issue. Mr. Krauss stated the Water Company will not be bringing a truck to fill the pool, and Ms. Tierney stated they will not.

Ms. Tierney stated they were originally going to use another hydrant, but they found that it was less disruptive to use a hydrant that is on our facilities instead of going across the road. Mr. Lewis asked if we are getting more money, and Ms. Tierney stated they will have to talk to PA American Water about that. Mr. Lewis stated they can talk to Pennsylvania American Water about this tomorrow night. Ms. Tierney stated she is not sure that all the details have been ironed out, but she does know that they switched hydrants. She stated she would not want to go any further than that as that would be a conversation to have with PA American Water. Mr. Lewis stated the Board could have that discussion tomorrow publicly if they wanted more. Mr. Lewis stated they have to consider the value of what the Water Company is offering the Township, and Mr. McNamara stated it would be some workers using the hoses. Ms. Tierney agreed that they are assembling the hose system and filling up the pool. Mr. Lewis stated they are doing the labor, but we would be paying for the water. Mr. Lewis stated he felt that the Water Company was going to provide the water.

Mr. Brody asked if they are going to be doing anything for the family that runs the Pool snack bar since that is their biggest day of the year. Ms. Tierney stated she is considering that; however, she did not want to tell anyone until she had advised the Park & Rec Board and the Board of Supervisors. She stated her next notification is that she will start reaching out to all the people affected including the Swim Team, the snack bar, and the staff. She stated she was waiting until they publicly talked about it at the Board of Supervisors meeting, so it will be Thursday morning when she starts putting out public announcements unless she is directed to do otherwise.

Mr. Krauss asked if last Memorial Day was a big attendance day, and Ms. Tierney stated it is between 2,000 to 3,000 people on Memorial Day. Mr. Brody stated last year on Memorial Day weekend, the snack bar had their biggest day of the year by far on that Saturday. Mr. Brody stated he would like to see the vendor get to run the food at the proposed event. Ms. Tierney stated while she has not talked to the vendor yet, she was proposing that he would be the only caterer for the event. Ms. Bunn stated he would have to take everything up there and have staff cover it.

Ms. Tierney stated he has people, and she has talked to him about other events in the past so she knows that he is mobile. She stated she would like to include him in this event.

Mr. Lewis asked what time the event will start on Memorial Day, and Ms. Tierney stated they were discussing this today as she would like to get advertising/marketing out. She stated if they are offering a movie after the event in the evening, she felt the event could start at 2:00 p.m. She stated they could then have a “dinner crowd.” Ms. Bunn asked if they are having the event on Memorial Day itself; and Ms. Tierney stated they would have it on Saturday with a rain date of Sunday because there is a Memorial Day Parade in Yardley, and she did not want to conflict with that. Ms. Bunn stated the children are still in School so it is good that it will be on Saturday. Ms. Tierney stated she is open to any suggestions as to the start time.

Mr. Krauss stated he is concerned that the event will be in less than ten days, and Ms. Tierney stated she can get this together in that timeframe. Ms. Tierney stated her bigger concern is getting the people there as opposed to putting the event on which is why she wants to get the word out. Mr. Krauss stated his concern is that they are going through all this effort, and it is less than ten days out; and while he understands that they are trying to compensate, and it is possible they could be putting this together and people will not come. He stated the Pool being open versus anything else may not “translate.”

Ms. Tyler asked how much the event will cost, and Ms. Tierney stated it will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Ms. Tyler asked if they will be having something to honor Memorial Day itself; and Ms. Tierney stated she would like to, adding she would like to get some kind of entertainment and invite the Veterans to come, but this has to be pulled together fairly quickly. Ms. Bunn stated they need to be careful with that as it relates to the Veterans since the Yardley Parade had been a fun event with people throwing candy, but eight to ten years ago the Veterans put a stop to that and they frown upon people throwing candy and having fun because it is supposed to be a somber event in their eyes. Ms. Tierney stated she feels they should recognize that they are celebrating the lives of our Veterans. Mr. Wysocki asked if they do this at the Pool, and Ms. Tierney stated they do not necessarily. Mr. Wysocki asked why this event could not just be a Pool “non-opening substitute,” and Ms. Tierney stated it could be. Ms. Tyler stated the event will be at Memorial Park as opposed to the Pool. Mr. Wysocki asked if they do something at Memorial Park normally; and Ms. Tyler stated they do not, but they will be there as opposed to the Pool. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels they may be taking on too much and making it more complicated, and they are trying to “pacify” a group of people that do not have their pool.

Mr. Wysocki stated he appreciates what Ms. Tierney is trying to do to make this work. He asked what the Township will say to those Pool members who say they do not care about the extra hours, and they want their money back. Ms. Tyler stated she feels if someone states they want their money back, they will have to give it to them; and that is a big problem. Ms. Bunn stated she feels people may want a prorated two-weeks back since they may not care about the extra hour at the end of the night, even though she feels that was a great idea. Mr. Krauss stated there could be alternatives such as they could give them that discount next year rather than giving them their money back. He stated they could also give them discounts at the snack bar to keep them as members at the Pool. Mr. Wysocki stated they should point out to the members everything that they are giving them in lieu of the two weeks which includes extra hours throughout the summer, the special celebration party, and then they can see what they need to do.

Ms. Tierney stated she would like to equip the staff to be able to have the conversation with the members and encourage them with the positive things that we are doing as a replacement, but as a last resort give them the power to give them a refund if necessary.

Mr. Brody stated he has been “absolutely livid” about the end of the summer so they have gained a full week and a half at the end of the summer. He stated the opening at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. just means that “you can swim in the cold water when it is too cold to swim anyway.” He stated the early hour addition does nothing for him, Mr. Brody stated the Pool is open until the 30th, and School starts the 29th, and usually the Pool is closed eight to nine days before the start of School; however, others disagreed. Mr. Brody stated they open for weekends but they are closed during the week; however, Ms. Tierney stated they opened at 3 p.m. Mr. Brody stated it was very limited hours. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Tierney if they will have staff to cover the hours, and Ms. Tierney stated they will have staff to cover it although it will be “tough.”

Mr. Krauss stated they must decide if they are going to do the event; and if so, communication to the public needs to be done. He stated they also need to decide what they are going to do if someone requests some sort of compensation, or whether the Pool Manager would decide that. Ms. Bunn stated the Pool Manager needs to direct them to a Township staff member. Ms. Tierney stated the Pool Manager does not deal with memberships at all. She stated Ms. Lynn Todd does the memberships, and she plans to equip Ms. Todd and her team to be able to answer questions; and in the event that they do not feel comfortable, they should forward the matter to her and she will handle it. Mr. Krauss stated they need to be consistent. Ms. Tyler stated she feels they have to deal with this on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Tyler stated they could also give guest passes.

Mr. Krauss asked if anyone has a party scheduled at the Pool for Memorial Day, and Ms. Tierney stated they do not usually schedule rental of the pavilion before they open. She stated they did have some families who asked that they tentatively pencil dates in, but nothing has been booked at this point. Ms. Tierney stated they have looked into accommodating people at Kids Kingdom if they had to.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels they should indicate that they are offering these things in lieu of the two-week delay as Ms. Tierney has outlined in the memo; and if there are complaints beyond that, they should be brought to the Township Manager or Ms. Tierney. He stated if there is an overwhelming amount of complaints, then maybe something will need to be done in terms of refunds. Mr. Krauss stated if one person gets something and it gets on social media, then it will be out there. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the members are going to want to have their money back for the two weeks lost, and she feels they should make a decision on how that will be handled. Mr. Krauss stated he feels if something is given, then they must give everyone the same. Ms. Tierney stated they are giving hours.

Mr. Lewis suggested tomorrow morning before the Supervisors meeting, Ms. Tierney should go consider all the questions she will be asked, and do a Frequently Asked Questions response including those that have been discussed today such as why has this happened, when did the Township know, and what did they do to try to mitigate this. Ms. Bunn stated she feels a question that will be asked is why can they not open one pool at a time. Mr. Lewis stated it should be listed what will be done for the members since they will not be getting the first two weeks of Pool time which would be the extended hours and the Memorial Day weekend event. He stated another thing to be considered is what they should do about those who want a refund. Mr. Lewis stated the contractual question then becomes that the Pool membership does not require a refund if the Pool is not open due to weather or maintenance. He stated they should explicitly say that their "Contract" does not offer refunds if that is what the Township's decision is. Mr. Lewis stated it should then be noted in the FAQ that if there are other concerns, the members can e-mail the Township Manager or Ms. Tierney. Mr. Krauss stated they might get asked if there could be a further delay. Mr. Lewis stated they may also be asked if this costs taxpayers money, and the answer would be "no." Mr. Brody stated they may also be asked if there will be any cost savings because of this delay.

Ms. Tierney stated there will be staff in the Pool area except for when it is dangerous for them to be there. She stated they will be doing a lot of prep work so the staff will not be fully losing all their hours. She stated they will also be doing extra training as the training during the season is hard to schedule, and they will also be doing extra cleaning at the Pool. Ms. Tierney stated the Pool staff will also be paid to work at

the event. Ms. Bunn stated she feels Pool members may feel that if the staff is in the Pool training, they will question why the members cannot use the Pool. Ms. Tierney stated they do not have to swim for the training, but they will be there getting trained. Mr. Lewis stated that is a good answer if they get questions about the loss of hours for the employees. Mr. Lewis asked that Ms. Tierney have all these questions answered before the Supervisors meeting. Ms. Tierney stated it is also a good thing for the staff to have if there are people calling with questions. Mr. Lewis stated he feels the Supervisors are going to be contacted about this so that the sooner they have answers to the questions, the better off they will all be.

Ms. Tyler asked that Ms. Tierney reach out to the snack bar vendor as soon as possible; and Ms. Tierney stated she will contact him tomorrow, and she did not want to do so before the Board knew. Mr. Brody stated he is worried about him since he may have already ordered food for Memorial Day weekend at the Pool. Ms. Tierney stated he has not gotten food delivered to the facility yet. She stated they are also having a problem with the refrigerator. Mr. Brody stated he is friends with the snack bar vendor who texted him today concerned because he did not see people working at the Pool this weekend. Ms. Tierney stated she has been getting a lot of concerned texts and e-mails. Mr. Brody stated Memorial Day Weekend is by far the vendor's busiest weekend of the year, and he only has the Snack Bar for two months of the year. Mr. Lewis stated he does a tremendous job.

Ms. Tyler asked if there is someplace else they can give him for that weekend such as using the parking lot. Ms. Bunn stated she was thinking how they could have him do that but PAA may not be in favor of that since it would impact their concession stand. Mr. Krauss stated they could give him free space on Community Pride Day; however, Mr. Brody stated he could not do that because he is still working at the Pool that day. Ms. Tierney stated they did try to have him at both locations last year. Ms. Tierney stated she will try to accommodate him the best that they can.

Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel they should start working on the Pool in April next year and feels this should have been a fall project. She stated she was concerned about this project the minute it came up and did not feel they were going to be able to get done on time. She stated in the future if there is any kind of work like this, it should be done in the fall. Mr. Lewis stated Ms. Tyler was very concerned about this, and it is part of the reason why the Board expedited it as much as they could. Ms. Tierney stated it was very frustrating especially since they were so far ahead of the time schedule earlier. Ms. Tierney stated both she and Mr. Ferguson were calling them trying to get the gutters here faster, but it did not happen. She stated when the one single person came to install them, it created a big problem.

Mr. Krauss stated May is usually the biggest membership month; and Ms. Tierney stated they are behind, and she feels it is because people are seeing the construction. Mr. Krauss stated he is concerned that after this information goes out tomorrow it may impact the membership even more.

Mr. Lewis asked Ms. Tierney if she is going to use the Community Pass e-mail system as a contact to advise about the delayed opening, and Ms. Tierney stated she will along with social media. She stated she will also get information out about the event as soon as possible. She stated she will also write a press release to be sent out, and it will also be on the Web page.

Mr. Wysocki stated they should include how much they appreciate in advance everyone's cooperation and understanding so that we can continue to provide the best Pool in the United States. Mr. Brody stated they should explain what is being done to the Pool and why it was vital to get it done.

Ms. Tierney stated they will be doing training for about 100 staff on Friday and Saturday. She stated the training includes customer service training, sexual harassment training, and job-specific training; and they are focusing on educating the staff to make them good future employees.

Park Updates

Ms. Tierney stated she was at the Dog Park and spoke to the Girl Scout who is putting in the book library. Ms. Tierney stated she noticed that some of the trees do not look good, and she contacted the company that installed them to have them come out and replace them.

Ms. Tierney stated Ms. Kathy Kraeck had been working on getting a dead tree replaced at Veterans Park; and she got donations for that, and it will be done in the next week.

Mr. Krauss asked if they ever completed the work on the rotation area at the Dog Park; and Ms. Tierney stated while the rotation area is complete, the grass in the far end is not yet stable. She stated she would then like to start using it so that they can start rotating it out adding that the large area is really bad.

Ms. Tyler asked that Ms. Tierney look into some of the trees at Memorial Park, but Ms. Tierney stated there is no longer a warranty for those trees. She stated she did have an arborist come out last year to look at the trees, and he recommended that they switch out some of the types of trees which may be better for the soil there

and the weather. Ms. Tierney stated they will be tagging the trees that need to be removed or replaced. Ms. Tierney stated they will try their best to keep it within the design; however, if there is a trend that a specific type of tree is not surviving there, they may have to make some modifications. Ms. Tierney stated they have also been looking at neighboring houses looking for any concerns such as trees hanging, poison ivy, etc. trying to be a good neighbor.

Ms. Tierney stated Kids Kingdom was repainted recently. She stated they have also worked very hard at Macclesfield Park, and they got good feedback about the fields following the tournament.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Ms. Tierney stated she was advised that Mr. Gordon cannot attend the next scheduled meeting on June 11, and Mr. Krauss stated he cannot attend either. Ms. Tierney stated they have the option to either adjust the schedule based on availability of the space or they could cancel that meeting. Ms. Tierney stated the Road Tour will be on July 30 and there would not be the normal July meeting or the normal August meeting. It was agreed to keep the June 11 meeting as scheduled at this time.

There being no further business, Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Krauss seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Krauss, Secretary