

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 13, 2022. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: Douglas Krauss, Chair
Michael Brody, Vice Chair
Kim Rock, Secretary
Mike Blundi, Member
David Malinowski, Member
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member
James McCartney, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Malinowski moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2022 as written.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Matt Curtin, PAA, stated he is the incoming Commissioner. He stated they have begun the fall season and have a little over 200 using the Fred Allan fields which is a mix of the in-house softball and the travel Gems program. He stated there are about 300 playing fall baseball at various ages, and they use the Macclesfield fields which are lighted in the fall for their older ages. He stated the younger ages from six to twelve, unless they are a travel player, will be at Levittown Continental who they partner with for the fall in-house because they have a lighted facility which allows them to play games when it gets dark toward the end of the month. He stated they are making an effort to get field maintenance done with their volunteers this fall. He stated they recently completed, in partnership with Ms. Tierney and her team, some work re-grading and mixing in turf mix on the three Stoddart fields and the Pool field which is used for softball.

Mr. Curtin stated he is available for questions at any time. He stated their goal is to put on a great program and be good partners. Mr. Krauss stated they look forward to working with Mr. Curtin and helping to build the program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CAPRA Update

Mr. Krauss stated he would like to recognize Ms. Tierney and her staff for all the work done to get the CAPRA Certification as it was a major effort. He also thanked the other Board members and other members of the public who volunteered their time to make sure that we had a successful Application. He stated we were the first in the State of Pennsylvania to achieve this, and he feels it will provide long-term benefits for all of the residents who use our facilities and the Park & Rec Department.

Ms. Tierney stated to get this Accreditation it took a huge community effort including help from the Park Board, the EAC, the Disability Advisory Board, the Board of Supervisors, many volunteers, and our partnership with the Universities and the ability to use students to help write some of the documents that were put together for the Accreditation. She stated benefits are already being seen as we are more professional and organized. She stated we have a plan for the future, and there are plans in place that will help us with Grant Applications.

Ms. Tierney stated the next cycle is in five years, and we have to do annual reporting to the CAPRA Accreditation agency. She stated the Board of Supervisors was very excited and there was an announcement made at the Supervisors meeting.

Play For All Planning

Art in the Park – She stated it came up as part of our CAPRA Accreditation that we need more art in our parks. She stated she met with Bette Sovinee to discuss different opportunities and visited the Seward Johnson site at the Grounds for Sculpture. Mr. Johnson was an artist who started this community-based art program. She showed one of his sculptures which include people. Ms. Tierney stated you can partner with them so that you can get these sculptures in your parks. She stated we would decide on a budget, and they will provide us with the number of sculptures that they can deliver for that amount. She added

that you are not charged for the sculpture itself, rather the charge is for delivery and clean-up when they get the sculpture back. She stated it is a six-month installation, and she felt that these could be installed at different parks and make them a centerpiece for incorporating art including dance, programs, and in-person sculpture classes in partnership with the Artists of Yardley to provide programming and incorporate our current programming into this theme.

Ms. Tierney stated she is looking to budget \$5,000 toward this for next year, and the Artists of Yardley are going to contribute \$2,500; and they are looking to apply for a Grant that will help contribute to this too so that we can get a number of sculptures that make sense for the size of our community.

Ms. Tierney stated once she has a commitment from the Board she will reach back out to the Seward Johnson Foundation to see what we can get for what we are willing to put in and come up with a plan. Ms. Tierney stated she does not want to spend all of the money on sculptures, and she would like to invest some of it into doing some programs in the parks too, although the goal would be to use it mostly for sculptures in the parks. She stated there is an education piece, and they help you create a Website, and brochures, and there can be walking tours, scavenger hunts, etc.

Ms. Tierney stated if the Board is interested in this, she will continue to pursue it. She stated she is looking into a small Grant that is open now that might be good for this, but they would need commitment from the Board that they are in support.

There was discussion about the time that the sculptures would be in the Township, and Ms. Tierney stated they would be here for six months, spring to fall, and then they would take them back; and we could pick a new installation for the following year. Ms. Tierney stated Play For All would be the theme, and she stated she has a book of the sculptures and there are people of different, ages, gender, races, etc. that could be installed throughout the parks.

Mr. Wysocki stated he is familiar with these sculptures at the Grounds for Sculpture, and they are very interesting and eye-catching. He stated he feels this would be a good addition to our parks at the right locations.

Mr. Krauss asked Ms. Tierney if they gave any idea how many sculptures we might be able to get. Ms. Tierney stated they indicated they would have to know our budget, but that they could give us a little bit more because we are close. She stated she feels we could get six to eight sculptures. She stated

it also depends on the size noting that the sculpture she is showing has three people, and there are others that have just one person so it would depend on what we pick.

Mr. Wysocki stated these would be on loan and a rental would be paid on an annual basis, and Ms. Tierney agreed. She stated they loan them to the park, and we can switch/rotate them every year. Mr. Wysocki asked if we would have to pay again the following year to either keep the ones we have or switch them out, and Ms. Tierney stated that would be the case if we want to continue with the program. She stated the payment is for the delivery and installation of the pieces and the clean-up of the pieces when they take them back. She stated there is no charge to “house” the pieces.

Mr. Krauss stated he feels this is a great opportunity, and we could create different themes each year. He stated he feels this creates excitement and would bring in people to the parks who may not usually come into the parks.

Ms. Rock stated there could be some type of introductory unveiling with a scavenger hunt.

Mr. Brody stated he is in favor of the overall idea although he does have a concern that given this politically-charged area, we would need to consider what we select as to whether it is too diverse or not diverse enough.

Mr. Krauss stated Ms. Tierney and her staff could select a number of sculptures that fit a theme and these could be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Malinowski stated they will not be able to satisfy everyone, and he feels Ms. Tierney and her team should make their selections which would go to the Park Board for final approval, since the more people they get involved, the longer it will take. Mr. Wysocki stated they could solicit from the community their thoughts on themes and pick the popular themes. Ms. Tierney stated there are a number of ways this could be done, but she first wants to see if we want to do it. Mr. Wysocki stated this does not have to be a long-term investment; and we can see if it is something that we want to continue after we try it and get reactions.

Mr. Brody moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to support the Art in the Park Initiative.

Macclesfield Park Assessment – Ms. Tierney stated the Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward with a Macclesfield Park Master Plan as noted in the Play For All Plan. She stated an RFP was put out on 8/18/22 and the deadline for submission was September 9. She stated she included the RFP in the Board's packet so they could see how they were going to look at the submissions.

Ms. Tierney stated there were four submissions which were also included in the Board's packet. She stated they evaluated those submissions within the Park Department, and the two frontrunners were Simone Collins and JMT. She stated they plan to present those to the Board of Supervisors for them to choose. She stated she feels the frontrunner was JMT as their price was a little bit lower and they had a little bit more knowledge and background on Macclesfield Park specifically.

There was discussion about a timeline, and Ms. Tierney stated that both JMT and Simone Collins indicated it would take about six months. Ms. Tierney stated she would want them to start right away so that they can see Macclesfield Park at its busiest as currently taking place at Macclesfield is football, cheerleading, baseball, and soccer.

Ms. Tierney stated one of other proposals provided no timeline or price and did not include a number of things and another proposal did not have a traffic engineer which she feels is important for Macclesfield Park. Ms. Tierney stated Simone Collins and JMT had all of those things. She stated Simone Collins' price was \$89,649 and JMT was \$88,335.

Mr. Malinowski moved and Mr. Blundi seconded to present Simone Collins to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Wysocki asked Ms. Tierney if she is confident that the two that were not selected should have been rejected, and Ms. Tierney stated they did not provide everything that they would need to move forward with Macclesfield Park.

Mr. Blundi stated he feels it is important that they get to Macclesfield in the next six weeks and meet with someone from YMS and Football. He stated they need to see the Park at its busiest time, and Ms. Tierney agreed. She stated as part of the RFP there is to be a Committee, and the hope is that some of the local residents who are very involved will participate.

Ms. Tierney stated she feels there are a number of people who will be very interested in this Study. Mr. Brody suggested if possible to get them there on a rainy day noting the situation which occurred last night at Macclesfield when the rain started. Mr. Brody stated he understands that this Study is just the beginning step. Ms. Tierney stated each firm had to indicate how they would engage the community as part of the process. She stated this was written in a way that makes it eligible for a DCNR Grant, and the community engagement piece has to be included.

Mr. George Schlieben, 1035 Harvard Drive, stated he feels it is very critical that whoever does the Study gets to Macclesfield; and the Leagues could get involved to advise when are the busiest times when they are there. He added that last night soccer had already shut down, and it was only football that was still there, and it was “incredible” trying to get out of the Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the Board of Supervisors will need more information in order to decide which of the two to choose. Ms. Tierney stated that would be up to the Board, but she feels JMT would have the best understanding of the Township and they were less expensive which could be the deciding factor. Mr. Wysocki stated even though we just voted on this, he asked if we should pick one and make that recommendation. Mr. Krauss stated he would defer to Ms. Tierney; and if her recommendation is JMT, we could rescind the Motion and recommend JMT as the preferred choice of the Park & Recreation Board.

After discussion, Mr. Malinowski moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to rescind the prior Motion.

Mr. Blundi moved, Mr. Brody seconded and it was unanimously carried to present Simone Collins and JMT to the Board of Supervisors with JMT as the preferred vendor.

Snipes Tract – Ms. Tierney stated while we are moving along with the Macclesfield Park Master Plan, there are some things that we can do at Snipes. She stated at Snipes we are looking to do a Tree Study and an Environmental Impact Study. She stated there was already an Environmental Impact Study done, but she believes that a new one will have to be done; and

she is looking into exactly what is needed. Ms. Tierney stated a tree count was already done in 2016/2017; however, this new Tree Study would delineate native, non-native, “things worth keeping/not worth keeping” so that we can get an idea what would be best.

Ms. Tierney stated also during this time, we can talk to the community about what is important and have a focus group. She stated it is understood that we may get information from the Macclesfield Park Study that might change the course of Snipes a little bit, but there is the opportunity for community engagement after we have that information. Ms. Tierney stated she will continue to update the Website as new information becomes available.

She stated a Snipes Workshop would be designed to engage community discussion about two conceptual designs from 2018. She stated this will be a starting point for the new, updated project with Play For All in mind. She stated the Workshops would be set up for a range of times and utilize small, working groups. She stated new groups would start on the hour for three hours. She stated registration for time slots will be required, and each time slot will host 80 to 100 people. She stated if needed they would add another meeting so that they can accommodate everyone.

Ms. Tierney stated the goal would be to incorporate Play For All at the Snipes Tract including a mix of active and passive recreation, fields, trails, socializing play areas, and connection to nature. She stated the Workshop will provide an opportunity for residents to problem solve and be creative, and all ideas and feedback will be welcome. She stated she is looking to move this forward sometime soon.

Ms. Tierney stated there will be a presentation at the beginning of each meeting and discussion will include key amenities, engineering features, and possible renderings where people will be able to draw on their own renderings and come up with their own ideas.

Ms. Tierney stated she wanted to discuss how we could continue to look at Snipes while we are working on Macclesfield Park understanding that the park system is intertwined, and there needs to be a flow.

Mr. Krauss asked who would be moderating the Workshops and would they need to budget for moderators. Ms. Tierney stated she feels there would be a whole team there including herself, Lynn Todd, Dan McLoone, the new Planner, Jim Majewski, and Andy Pockl so that all questions can be answered.

She stated Park Board members may also want to be involved in helping with the discussion at different tables/sessions so that they can hear directly from the residents what their feelings are. She stated they are still working on the logistics, but the staff commitment is already there.

Rain Barrel Project – Ms. Tyler stated she is working with the EAC on a rain barrel project. She stated we have a Grant from Aqua that can be used for this type of project. She stated we are looking at getting rain barrels in bulk for a lower price that would be offered to residents. She stated they are looking at offering one rain barrel per resident at the subsidized price; and if they want any more, they would have to pay a higher price which would still not be close to market value. She stated her staff is working on the logistical component. She stated if it is successful, it is something that could be done again in the future. She stated this helps the Township with its MS4. She stated as a result of working with the EAC she now has rain barrels at her home and has learned from them how important this is. She stated there are other Municipalities who have done this. It was noted that these help with the distribution of rain water and help prevent ponding in yards, as well as saving money by using the rain water for watering plants.

Community Trail Update – Ms. Tierney stated the trail is being installed at this time. She stated they plan on paving next week. She stated the hold-up is the ADA cut-out as the ADA ramps require a lot of certification/approval; and once they are approved, they will move forward with those.

Mr. Brody asked if the path will be open prior to the crosswalks being installed at Edgewood and Roelofs, and Ms. Tierney stated people are already walking on the path. Mr. Brody asked when the crosswalks will be installed, and Ms. Tierney stated they are part of the project and should be done within the next six weeks. Mr. Brody stated a lot more trees were cut than he had expected including a lot of mature trees that had blocked sound so it is now significantly louder. He asked if they have a count of how many trees came down and if there will be efforts to replant those. Ms. Tierney stated she will provide Mr. Brody with the count. She stated there is a plan for replanting of trees although it will not be the same type of trees because they were all non-native trees, and they were infested with vines, and did not look good. She stated they will plant a mix of evergreens and other trees recognizing that it will take some time for them to grow. Mr. Brody stated the trail does look good and people are excited about it.

Woodside Bike Path Update - Ms. Tierney stated Bids will be opened tomorrow. She stated they are looking at a fall to spring project completion. She stated Bids will be on the next Board of Supervisors Agenda on September 21.

She stated all the Earth Disturbance Permits have been received by the State. Ms. Tierney stated this path is near the Golf Course beyond Merrick Road to Taylorsville Road and crosses Taylorsville Road with two crosswalks.

Mr. Wysocki stated he knew that there were some issues with one property owner, and he asked if that has been resolved. Ms. Tierney stated she would have to look into that and get back to Mr. Wysocki.

Schuyler Tennis Courts Update – Ms. Tierney stated a few months ago the Board agreed that \$400,000 would go toward the repair of the Schuyler Tennis Courts with the funds coming from the Sewer sale proceeds. She stated core boring tests were done to determine the fitness of asphalt and the condition of the base. She stated it was found that there was no base underneath the tennis courts so that changed the direction of how they would proceed. She stated we looked into a CoStars vendor to be able to provide us with the service. Mr. Pockl was able to get them to come up with a good price, and the price came back at \$387,110 which includes the Bid Alternate. She stated a recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting approving the Base Price and the Bid Alternate to pave the parking lot all of which came in under the \$400,000. Ms. Tierney stated the goal is to start that project as soon as possible. She stated even if everything cannot be finished this year, temporary striping could be done which would make the courts usable until the full painting can be done next year. She stated YM Tennis has been using other locations.

Mr. Krauss asked if this will include benches/seating; and Ms. Tierney stated it will not, and it will be fencing, drainage, and courts to be the same size and lay-out as they are now. Mr. Krauss stated any seating would have to be after the fact, and Ms. Tierney stated that is something that could be added later. Mr. Krauss asked about painting the parking lot spaces; and Ms. Tierney stated she will have to look into that but believes at least the handicap space is included to be painted. All the gating will be the same.

Mr. Wysocki asked if any of these courts will be outfitted for pickleball, and Ms. Tierney stated they will not. Ms. Tierney stated right now they are heavily used for tennis only.

Veterans Square – Ms. Tierney stated two projects were budgeted by the Board of Supervisors – one for ADA improvements as far as access and the other is a playground retrofit because the existing playground is outdated and the old equipment needs to be replaced. She stated we are going to have to start scheduling Capital improvements over time. She stated this is proposed for this location and Heacock, although nothing is proposed for Heacock at this time.

Ms. Tierney showed the lay out for Veterans Square which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2015; however, the lay-out would not work easily to make it accessible in the way needed for parking spots. She stated she reached out to the Veterans Monument Foundation to see if they would be willing to consider revamping the design so that we could do the ADA improvements but still include all the elements that they were looking at. She stated they did agree, and she is looking at a model where the pavilion is closer to the playground and there will be connectivity and parking where the pavilion had been proposed. She stated she hopes to have something to present to the Park Board soon. She stated they will be working on Concept Plans and investigating the possibility of Grant funding for this project.

Memorial Park Secret Garden ADA Updates – Ms. Tierney stated shade has always been a problem at the playground at Memorial Park, and it is time to fix the rubberized surface. She stated the Board approved \$40,000 for the ADA shade structures and \$80,000 for the replacement of the rubberized surface. She stated this is a project that could be a Grant project.

Ms. Tierney showed a rendering of the flower shade structures which the Disability Advisory Board likes; however, she stated when she went before the Board of Supervisors with the request for money she was not considering something like this, these would probably come in more expensive. She stated Mr. Pockl is looking into whether these are possible given the soil and the load.

Mr. Krauss asked the height of the shade structures; however, Ms. Tierney did not know although she stated they look tall. Mr. Krauss asked about the time-line for the project; and Ms. Tierney stated she would like to see it completed before next summer because the rubberized surface is in poor condition, and

the two projects have to be done together. She stated if they can get a Grant that could increase the timeline, and it might not be completed until the summer of 2024.

Mr. Blundi asked if the canopies are fixed since it looks like they are tilted in the picture. He asked if they are adjustable. Ms. Tierney stated we would have to look into that. She stated there are also large shade sails that are more simple that we could look into as well. She stated she is concerned that the shade structures shown in the rendering would be outside of the approved price range. She stated she will present the choices in the near future.

Caiola – Ms. Tierney stated the budget for Caiola is \$225,000. She stated we have met with neighboring residents. Core boring was done to determine the suitability of the soil for the foundation. She stated one drone test was completed, and we are looking to do another drone test after we lose some leaves so that the residents can see the distance and what the pole locations would be like. She stated when they met with the residents, some of the feedback was that they were afraid that they would lose their night view of the sky from their back yards. She stated she mentioned coming up with a landscape plan to be done in conjunction with the project, and she is looking into that.

Ms. Tierney stated the timeline for this project could be as early as next spring. She stated we want to include the community in this process, and we are making sure that we are doing everything that we need to and all of the testing needed to insure that we are doing the right thing.

Ms. Tierney stated she has been working with Mr. Curtin as the Board of Supervisors had asked for a strategy of how PAA would use the field and how it might alleviate use on other fields. Mr. Curtin stated they are trying to be comprehensive and present the number of players in the program and the number of players by age. He stated they are a Cal Ripken organization which means that the T-ball through ten-year-old players play on a softball sized field which is 46' to the pitcher's mound and 60' on the bases. He stated the ten to twelve-year-olds play on an intermediate field which is 50' to the pitcher's mound and 70' on the bases, and that is the field that is in question here. He stated the older boys play "real baseball which is 60/90." He stated they have the schedules of how often they use all of the fields and he is trying to project forward with the younger ages how many of them will benefit from increased availability to use this field. He stated it will particularly help PAA in the fall because right now, the only lighted

fields they have are at Macclesfield and the softball field behind the tennis courts/Pool so they do not have lights that would allow them to provide for their younger players during the week, and they have to go elsewhere. He stated he is looking to put something together that will demonstrate the need and the benefit of the lights.

Mr. Curtin stated they do not intend to change any of their programming, and this is not designed to bring in more Tournaments. He stated their busy season for that is typically in the spring, and there us daylight in the spring and summer so they would not be using the lights as much then. Mr. Curtin stated once he has the information completed, he would be willing to present it to the Park & Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Wysocki noted the diagram being shown and asked about the significance of the color coding. He noted the red area, and Ms. Tierney stated that shows the area that would be lit, and the area of the infield is where it is most highly concentrated. Mr. Krauss stated where it is dark that is where you cannot see anything. He stated outside of the green is where there would be no light.

Pool Update – Ms. Tierney showed a picture of the leak that was at the Pool this year. She stated the filter was forty years old, and we were able to patch it this summer so that it lasted the season, but the filter needs to be replaced. She stated the lifecycle is about twenty years. She stated the cost to replace it and a motor that needs to be replaced at the same time is \$222,659.52. She stated we will switch from sand to AFM glass which filters the water a lot more efficiently, will make it more clear, and is easier to manage. She stated it has been ordered already so that we will be ready to open next year. She stated if we did not proceed with this right away, there was a chance that we would have had a problem opening on time or having to close in the middle of the year if it were not replaced.

Ms. Tierney stated she is meeting with Mr. Pockl this week to review bathroom renovations, and \$100,000 has been allocated for that.

Mr. Krauss asked if the cost for the filter comes from the Park & Rec Budget, and Ms. Tierney stated the money will come from the Relief Fund money. Mr. Krauss asked if they will have to budget for a replacement, and Ms. Tierney stated the lifespan is usually twenty years. She stated one of the points we missed with CAPRA was because we did not have a sufficient Capital Improvement Plan, and she is working on this. She stated she is working with the new

Public Works Director to come up with a Capital Improvement Replacement Plan for all of our infrastructure. She stated CAPRA will continue to help us improve and prevent issues like this in the future.

Special Events/Programs

Ms. Tierney stated there was a successful 9/11, a successful Community Day, and a successful 5K Anyway. She stated on Friday we have Zumba After Dark in the Pool parking lot. She stated there will be a holiday craft fair, a Halloween event, the 9/11 Race next weekend, and a 5K at the Golf Course. Ms. Tierney stated attendance at special events and programming has been up.

Ms. Tierney stated with regard to the Pool, we did not get to what was budgeted, but we are looking to break even. She stated the quantity of people who registered early and got the discount impacted the final numbers, and we may have to look at how we do the discount season next year.

Mr. Krauss stated he saw that there were tours at the Five Mile Woods this weekend, and Ms. Tierney agreed. She stated she will put out more information about that on social media tomorrow.

Ms. Tierney stated at the next meeting she will go over projects that we will be doing next year, budgeting items we are looking at, and fees for next season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Laurie Grey, Slate Hill Road, stated her property is adjacent to Macclesfield Park; and she thanked Ms. Tierney for her help over past few months as she continues to have problems with the lights staying on past 10:00 p.m. sometimes until 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. during the week and on the weekend. She asked what can be done to insure that the lights are turned off when they are supposed to be off. She stated the lights shine into her home and into her back yard.

Mr. Malinowski asked if they are the baseball lights or the soccer lights, and Ms. Grey stated now it seems to be the tall baseball lights. Ms. Tierney stated they are all on a timer, and she keeps changing the timer; but for some reason they continue to be on at 1:00 a.m. She stated when she met with Musco with regard to the Caiola lights, they indicated that they can

retrofit old lights to create a timer. She stated she would like to find out how much that would be. She stated because they are doing the Macclesfield Park Study, she does not know which way they are going to go; and if the retrofit would be a minimal cost that could help with this problem, she feels it would be worth it.

Mr. Malinowski stated he had been on that field when the lights went off so he is surprised to hear this. Ms. Tierney stated her concern is that someone has learned how to turn them on, on their own.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is a short-term solution since having them retrofitted will not happen immediately. Mr. Krauss asked Ms. Grey if she is advising Ms. Tierney the day and time that the lights are on since any information she can provide would help them understand who was at the field on that day and they could go to the members of that organization to try address the situation more specifically. Ms. Tierney stated Ms. Grey always tells her specifically what light it is, the night, and the time. Ms. Tierney stated generally it is the baseball field lights that are in the outfield that are on. She stated right now it is soccer using them although football uses them at times as well. Ms. Tierney stated it is Field H. Ms. Tierney stated she has included "Gordon and George" in the e-mails with Ms. Grey to let them understand what we are dealing with.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is a problem during the week, is there a way to turn those lights off and only make them available on the weekends. Ms. Tierney stated she is not sure if there could be a keyholder or someone who is responsible to turn them off at night, and she will have to work on this further. She stated it has been worse than ever these last few weeks.

Mr. Wysocki stated he knows they have timers, and it is obvious that there is a problem with the timer, and it may be that it got off cycle because of a storm or power outage. Mr. Wysocki asked if there could be a remote installed at the Police headquarters so that if there was a problem, the Police could turn them off. He asked in the meantime until that could happen, would it be possible that a patrol car could go by there at around 10:00 p.m. Ms. Tierney stated she could ask the Chief to help her with this. She stated Musco can retrofit the lights to have that type of accessibility on a cell phone that sends an alert advising that the lights are on, and you can click them off with your phone. She stated that is how the new lights would be at Caiola and everything could be controlled remotely.

She stated she will have to look into pricing for that. Ms. Grey stated she would be in favor of Mr. Wysocki's suggestion to have the Police Department come through and make sure that they are off. She stated while she is continuously telling people about this, it is not making a difference so maybe if the Police are involved that would be helpful.

Mr. George Schlieben, 1035 Harvard Drive, stated he believes it might be field H but he is not sure, and they have discussed this with their coaches. He stated they are not turning on the lights, and they are coming on with the timer and they are assuming that it will go off with the timer so they are not thinking about it. He stated they do not give keys for the light out to their entire organization. He stated he is not sure if they were to turn the lights off, it would not impact the timer. Ms. Tierney stated these are things that they have to explore. Mr. Schlieben stated he knows that Langhorne has older lights that have been retrofitted, and they can be turned off with the app; and it may not be that expensive to do.

Mr. Malinowski stated when he was involved with Morrisville about five years ago, they were using cell phones to turn the lights on and off so the technology has been around. Ms. Tierney stated Pennel football field recently installed the new, modern lights on half their field; and you can see how much better the new lights are compared to the old lights. She stated you can see the field better with the new lights, and from a distance they appear very small.

Mr. Schlieben stated their turf was renovated over the summer, and that project is complete; and they also finished the fence repair. He thanked Ms. Tierney and her staff for their help with this. He also thanked A & S Fencing for a very nice job. Mr. Schlieben stated the big soccer weekend went smoothly. He stated they have about 950 players in their recreation program this year. Mr. Schlieben stated he sent out a message on Saturday afternoon about not parking in the neighborhoods around Macclesfield or on the grass and that they could be towed or ticketed. Mr. Schlieben stated Mike Hanson is in his final month of being on the Board, and he thanked him for all he has done for YMS for over twenty years.

Ms. Lisa Tenney, 156 Pinnacle Circle, stated she is sixty-three years old, and she is disappointed with Park & Rec. She stated she is a swimmer and joined the Pool for one or two summers; but there is not year-round swimming so she left. She stated she pays a lot of tax dollars as do a lot of people over fifty, but that is a "way under-represented population," as the recent Park & Rec survey "that was biased" has shown. Ms. Tenney stated tonight she does not "usually call into Park & Rec because she does not use it a lot," and she could not see the telephone number

to call on the TV, on Facebook, or on her iPhone, and she had to use her iBook. She stated not everyone who is sixty-three has this ability to voice their concerns and many may have mobility issues. She stated while they “say they are CAPRA,” she thinks they under-representing an older-growing population. She stated she does not know why they would think about doing anything with the Snipes Tract when they have not addressed that. She stated she hopes in the future they will consider how they can accommodate everybody’s recreation “and not youth soccer and youth football.” She stated she is “not upset at all to promote athletics” as she is a former athlete; but she stated they have to “represent the recreation of a population.” She stated she looks at the brochure each month, and there is nothing she wants to do. She stated she is not in a “wheelchair enjoying chair yoga.” She stated there is an adult community center, but when she visits it, it is empty which is a problem. She stated going forward with their Department, they need to expand the programming to accommodate all ages. She asked why they have to spend money on tennis courts, and stated they should make one a pickle-ball court. She stated there is a “big flower thing on Memorial Park” to provide shade, but they should “get a tree and be eco-friendly.”

\Ms. Tenney stated in the future they should consider this since right now her “tax dollars go to nothing in this community.” She stated she does not even get “free trash.”

Ms. Tierney asked Ms. Tenney what she would like to do with Park & Rec. Ms. Tenney stated they could do “community things and get group Phillies tickets and get a bus.” She stated while she has never been to the Snipes Tract, there is no place to walk her dog except for the Delaware Canal. She suggested that there be a running/bike/walking path around the Snipes Tract as that would fit everybody’s needs. She stated it is “cheap and everybody loves nature.” She stated we should be eco-friendly and respect the land and all ages. She stated they should not cater to a certain group. She stated you cannot bring dogs to Macclesfield Park or picnic, and all they have are soccer games.

Ms. Tierney stated they did offer a group trip to the Flyers game on a bus from Lower Makefield Township. She stated there are also group bus rides that the Seniors offer to all different locations. She stated anyone can participate, and they leave from the Community Center. Ms. Tierney stated you can walk your dog in Macclesfield Park and Memorial Park. Ms. Tierney stated while we do offer a lot of the things that Ms. Tenney is looking for, she would still be happy to meet with her to brainstorm. She stated she agrees a running path around Snipes would be something worth considering. Ms. Tenney stated Mr. Grenier had suggested that. Ms. Tenney stated “there are no running places.”

Ms. Tenney stated you cannot walk your dog at Five Mile “fields,” and you cannot bring a dog to the “Township grounds.” She stated it is not dog-friendly because “there are games.” She stated it is not that inviting and dogs do not “like people and they want to be with trees and smelling.”

Ms. Tierney stated we have a Dog Park; however, Ms. Tenney stated you have to get vaccinations, and your dog has to like other dogs. She stated if you have two dogs that “adds to the problem.” She stated “none of this is bad – the Pool is great, the Dog Park is great, and the Golf Course is great except if you have two broken wrists like she does.” Ms. Tenney stated “everything is great but they need to make it more inclusive and not do so much youth because we know the population is aging at little and may have risk problems and mobility problems.” Ms. Tenney stated they may have differing needs.

Ms. Tenney stated she lived in Madison, Connecticut for twenty years, and they had a “fifty page Park & Rec and could sign up their kids for golf lessons, and do anything.” She stated they had a town beach and “everything was open.” She stated they had a farm that was open that they could walk on. Ms. Tenney stated “here it seems closed and specific to certain needs rather than inclusive.”

Ms. Tierney advised Ms. Tenney that if she sees a gap in our services, she would be glad to hear about the gap; and Ms. Tenney could reach out to her at any time through her Township e-mail or call her directly at 267-274-1112. She stated the Township is full of activities, and she could point Ms. Tenney in the right direction. Ms. Tenney stated she reads the brochures, and “there is nothing.” She stated she does not play pickleball although she has used the tennis courts, and “they are great.” She stated she bikes in her neighborhood “which is a good thing.” She stated she does not think that even if she “had kids – there is no horseback riding although she would expose them to soccer and softball.”

Ms. Tierney asked that Ms. Tenney think about this more and get back to her, and she would appreciate her feedback. Ms. Tenney thanked Ms. Tierney for all she does.

Mr. Wysocki stated he is close in age to Ms. Tenney, and he and his wife have a very different impression of what is available to them in the Township. He stated they feel the Township is a wonderful place to live. He stated the whole concept of Play For All is intended to get feedback from residents to help make this an inclusive system that accommodates as many needs as possible. Mr. Wysocki stated while they could not provide a beach like

Ms. Tenney had in Madison, he knows that Ms. Tierney and the Supervisors want to make this an inclusive community. He stated he appreciates what the people in our community have done to make our community what it is.

Mr. Blundi stated there is a lot going on in the Township from repairing the tennis courts, the Macclesfield Study, the rain barrel program, and the walkways; and he asked that Ms. Tierney continue what she is doing.

There being no further business, Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Malinowski seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary