

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on February 6, 2023. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director
Fredric K. Weiss, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member
David Malinowski, Park & Recreation Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Brody moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2023 as written.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mr. Dylan Muthersbaugh, Recreation and Marking Coordinator, Intern (Temple University Senior) was present. He stated we would like to implement a Counselor in Training (CIT) Program for Summer Camp this year. He stated this would be for young teenagers who are not yet old enough to be a Counselor, but are too old for Camp. They would receive training, attend the weekly trips, and assist with projects and activities although they would have less responsibilities than the Counselors and would always be with a Counselor. Mr. Muthersbaugh stated this program will be a leadership opportunity for young teenagers, provide support for Camp Counselors and Managers, and introduce these young teenagers to the prospect of working at Lower Makefield. He added that young teenagers are identified as

underserved in Lower Makefield as we do not offer many programs for this demographic. He stated it will also allow Lower Makefield to accommodate more campers which would be beneficial due to the growing wait list.

Mr. Muthersbaugh stated they would be looking for six CITs – three for the first four weeks of Camp and three for the second four weeks of Camp. He stated they must be going into Eighth or Ninth Grade which means they would be about fourteen to fifteen years old. The CITs must be residents of Lower Makefield Township in order to qualify for the position, and they must abide by the same rules and regulations as the Counselors and campers who are attending. They would apply on-line, be interviewed, and final selections will be made. They will be trained by the Camp Managers and Group Leaders. A CIT info session will be held similar to the Counselor info session with some minor adjustments based on their position versus the Counselor position. He stated we would also provide the CITs with the “survival guide” that was created for Counselors with some minor adjustments. A feedback form will be provided to the CITs following their time to gauge what we are doing well and what should be changed going forward, and he reviewed some questions that could be asked on the form.

Mr. Muthersbaugh stated the cost for six CITs would be \$688.08 which is about \$114.68 per CIT member, and this expense would include the cost of all of the trips as well as shirts that are provided by the Township. He added this program will provide experience and education needed to become a future Counselor, and we would not have to train people from scratch.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they feel this will be a sought-after position; and Mr. Muthersbaugh stated he believes it will be given that they are too old to be campers but not yet old enough to be Counselors, and this would provide them with Camp experience as well as a leadership opportunity. Ms. Tierney stated it also meets a need that was identified as part of the Needs Assessment to reach out to this group, and there are parents who frequently ask for jobs for this age group. Ms. Tierney stated with regard to the fee per CIT, we could recommend to the Board of Supervisors that this fee be waived. Mr. Wysocki stated he would be in favor of waiving the fee for the CITs. Ms. Rock stated she agrees.

Mr. Krauss asked which age group the CITs would focus on, and Ms. Tierney stated they would probably focus on the younger ages. Mr. Krauss stated if they were to choose a fourteen-year-old, they would have to do the program for two years since you cannot be a Counselor until you are sixteen. Ms. Tierney

stated they will have to see what the candidate pool is. Mr. Krauss stated someone may not want to work for two years for free; however, Ms. Tierney noted they would be getting Camp and trips for free. Ms. Tierney stated they could also be transitional for the Pool where we hire at fourteen.

Mr. Brody asked if they will be campers or “working.” He reviewed his camp experience and the CIT position. Mr. Muthersbaugh stated that would be both a camper and volunteer employee as they are getting the benefits of Camp but will be with a Counselor and have the opportunity to display leadership skills and assist the Counselors more than partake with the campers. Mr. Brody stated he would like to offer the CITs a free Pool membership or something else that is not necessarily payment. Mr. Muthersbaugh stated they would be going on all of the trips with the campers and go to Camp every day although they may not be involved in every single game or activity that the campers are doing.

Mr. Krauss stated he assumes that if the CITs are working with the seven/eight year-olds, they would be going on the trips with them and not necessarily a trip that a teenager would go on. Mr. Muthersbaugh reviewed some of the trips that they would go on including Citizens Bank Park and a high ropes course that would be adjusted for age and level of experience. Ms. Tierney stated they could also be involved a little bit with the Tween Camp. Mr. Krauss stated maybe they could go for free to the Tween Camp for the four weeks that they are not involved as a CIT. Mr. Muthersbaugh stated that would depend on whether their age would allow them to be in the Tween Camp.

Mr. Brody stated he has seen the CIT position be almost a full Counselor position for younger kids. He reviewed his experience as a CIT. He stated he would like to make sure we get quality applicants and provide them with a worthwhile experience. Ms. Tierney stated they will part of Camp and the trips and will be having a good time. She stated it is an opportunity to learn what it is like to work. Mr. Brody stated he is in support of the program but feels we should consider giving them Pool passes, free Guest passes, or some other incentive that does not have a cost out of pocket.

Mr. Wysocki asked what would be the motivation for someone to apply for the CIT Program. Mr. Muthersbaugh stated as noted it would be to provide the early work experience as well as enjoy summer at the Camp.

Ms. Rock reviewed her experience as a CIT which provided leadership and job experience. Mr. Krauss reviewed his experience as a CIT, adding it was a natural transition between being a camper and getting a paid position. He stated it provides experience that can be used to apply for the Counselor position.

Ms. Ellen Saracini asked if there is an opportunity to get a letter written to their School or for volunteer hours, and Ms. Tierney stated there is.

Mr. Blundi stated he feels this would be a great program to start, and hopefully there will be enough interest in it. Ms. Tierney stated she believes that there are three previous campers who are already interested in this program. Mr. Blundi asked if there could be the need for more than six CITs; however, Ms. Tierney stated they would not want to bring in any more because of the size of the Camp at this time.

Mr. Brody asked about giving preference to Lower Makefield residents but also consider Pennsbury students as well so that we get enough applicants. Mr. Krauss stated he does not feel there will be any problem filling the six spots with Lower Makefield residents, and Ms. Tierney agreed.

Mr. Wysocki stated he does not feel that the CITs should be charged, and the Township should absorb that cost somehow as well as to consider something else to provide them such as a Pool membership or something connected with the Golf Course. Ms. Tierney stated we could consider tickets to amusement parks which the Township sells and sometimes those are given away to Pool staff and others.

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the CIT Program with no fees to the participants.

DISCUSSION OF MEMORIAL BENCHES AT GARDEN OF REFLECTION

Ms. Ellen Saracini was present and stated a few years ago there was a discussion about honoring former Congressman/Country Commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick for all he has done for the community. Ms. Saracini stated Congressman Fitzpatrick was a model public servant. She stated as a County Commissioner he dedicated himself to modernizing County Government and preserving open space.

She stated as a member of Congress, he championed local causes on a National level and received recognition for his bi-partisan leadership. She stated he secured Federal support for the Washington Crossing National Cemetery and with her led an effort to secure passenger planes from cockpit breaches. She stated he led the battle in Washington D.C. to assist flood victims along Bucks County tributaries. She stated he was an early and ardent supporter of the Garden of Reflection 9/11 Memorial. She stated as a County Commissioner he got the official Bucks County Memorial for the Garden of Reflection. She stated we wanted to be recognized as the Official State Memorial and we had to go to Harrisburg and meet with those involved with the Flight 93 group as they were concerned about our taking Federal funds from them; and Mr. Fitzpatrick worked with that group and we were able to get the designation of the State's Official 9/11 Memorial.

Ms. Saracini stated during the first five years after 9/11, even with an exhausting fundraising effort, we were still only half way to our goal. She stated we did not know that we were going to have to pay prevailing wages to get the work done so the costs tripled. She stated Congressman Fitzpatrick was very much in support of the 9/11 Memorial recognizing the people in our community who we lost. She stated during his first term as Congressman, he was able to get us a \$750,000 Grant which enabled us to complete the Garden of Reflection for the fifth year Anniversary adding that no other substantial memorial was able to be built for the fifth year Anniversary.

Ms. Saracini stated there was a lot more that Congressman Fitzpatrick did and she and others feel that it is fitting to do something for him in recognition of all that he has done for the community. Ms. Saracini showed a picture of a sign that had been discussed previously which could be "Mike Fitzpatrick Way" or "Mike Fitzpatrick Circle." She stated it would be located as you come up the avenue where the stop sign is located. She stated the last time this was discussed there was a question whether it would obstruct the World Trade Center structure, but the location proposed would not impede the view into the Memorial.

Ms. Saracini stated while this option was previously presented, it was suggested that we come up with some other ideas. She showed a picture of the entrance which states "9/11 Memorial Garden of Reflection," and she stated on the other side it states "Memorial Park." She suggested providing a prestigious recognition renaming the Park "The Michael G. Fitzpatrick Memorial Park."

She stated previously it had been stated that we wanted to make sure that we were doing enough; and having the Park named after him for his significant contributions, some of which were for the Park and the Garden of Reflection, would be a suggestion.

Ms. Saracini noted the benches that are inside the Memorial; and while we felt they were discontinued, she found a company that makes that exact bench. She showed a picture of the benches that are currently in the Garden of Reflection. She noted the outer walkway and the walkway that Porous Pave donated. She showed areas which are not inside the Garden proper where the benches are, but are on the outer perimeter. She stated there are four suggested places where a bench could go. She stated inside the Memorial there are eighteen benches which are set as groupings of two. She stated on the outside there is one bench for Liuba Lashchuk who was the architect of the Garden of Reflection. Ms. Saracini stated she is one of the “guardians” of the 9/11 Memorial, and still oversees and improves things that happen at the Memorial. She stated Ms. Lashchuk was able to come up with some locations where benches could be installed. She stated these would be single benches. Ms. Saracini stated Eric Stark has been with the Garden of Reflection Committee since its inception, and he is still with her on the Board working on the endowment. She stated he could also be a guardian. She stated Mr. Stark lost both of his sons, and she feels a bench for his children would be appropriate. She stated the bench would be on the outside, but you would still be able to look in and see the core of the Memorial. She stated a third option for Congressman Fitzpatrick would be to install a bench for him as well.

Ms. Saracini asked the Board if they have any other suggestions. Mr. Krauss asked Ms. Saracini about the pathway, and she showed the location of the pathway which starts at the parking lot. She stated it circles on the outside of the Garden and transitions between there and the oak garden. She stated it continues in the oak garden and there is another path in between. Ms. Saracini stated the original red tippel paths had disintegrated and there were a number of divots which were hazardous. She stated she contacted a company called Porous Pave which donated the walkway when we were doing the revitalization of the Garden. She stated they made the pathways wider so that they would be ADA compliant, and they are made with a porous material made from recycled tires. Mr. Krauss stated possibly the walkway could be named in honor of Congressman Fitzpatrick.

Ms. Tierney stated it would be easy to do a bench because it would be the same bench that we used previously, and it would not require a Board decision since it is not a different type of bench. She stated while it is outside of the Bench Program, it is inside the parameters of the Garden of Reflection look and feel. She stated with regard to naming the Park after Congressman Fitzpatrick that would require more research as we have a Naming Policy. She stated she feels he would technically be an eligible candidate according to the Policy since while he was not a Township resident, he did do a lot for the Garden; however, more research is needed on this option. She stated there would be a lot more steps involved with this option. Ms. Saracini stated she knows that, as well as the fact that there needs to be community support. She stated she already has a lot of community support; and while she does not have that in written form, she can get that. Ms. Saracini stated Congressman Fitzpatrick's father and his wife are both in support of honoring him through any of the options she has presented. Ms. Saracini stated she knows community support is part of the naming process, and Ms. Tierney stated all of the associated costs would have to be covered.

Ms. Saracini stated she did read a lot of the Naming Policy, and Congressman Fitzpatrick fits all of the qualifiers. Ms. Tierney stated the other thing to consider is that there are others who also contributed to the Park and others may feel that there are others who would be equal.

Mr. Wysocki commented on how well the new walkway came out with the new surface. He asked what would be the difference between the benches in the Garden and benches that are part of the Bench Program. Ms. Tierney stated the benches that are in the Garden are of a higher quality and they are all metal. Mr. Wysocki asked which kind of bench is Ms. Saracini suggesting for Mr. Stark and Congressman Fitzpatrick, and Ms. Tierney stated they would be a duplicate of what is in the Garden of Reflection and not the kind that are in other parts of the Park. Ms. Saracini stated the only difference would be that these would be on the outskirts around the circle, and they would be single benches.

Mr. Wysocki stated it seems that there are multiple locations for these benches for people who might warrant the same type of recognition. He stated there may also be the opportunity to name the entrance into the Garden once you leave the circle onto the walkway, although at this point he is in favor of the bench. He added that for Congressman Fitzpatrick getting something to honor him closer to the Garden would be appropriate given his strong contributions to the Garden.

Mr. Blundi stated he is in favor of the bench as it is fitting and could be easily implemented. Ms. Rock stated she likes the idea of the bench or even something beyond a bench would be fitting although she does not feel they could make a decision at this time on re-naming the Park. She stated she would be in favor of naming the path. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels if the bench is something that could be done easily, he does not feel that would preclude us from considering something additional in the future. Ms. Rock agreed.

Mr. Krauss asked how long it would take to get the bench installed, and Ms. Saracini stated it could take twelve weeks to come in. She added we could have everything prepared for the bench when it comes in. Mr. Krauss stated in the interim Ms. Saracini could work with Ms. Tierney to consider if there is something else they want to do.

Mr. Wysocki asked about the proposed locations for these additional benches, and Ms. Saracini stated Ms. Lashchuk has proposed locations that have a good sight line of the Memorial core and are also strategically placed so that they look good.

Mr. Krauss asked if it would be appropriate to buy the total number of benches that have been proposed but not necessarily install them as it was difficult to locate the company that makes them. Ms. Saracini stated that was discussed.

Mr. Wysocki stated if we are expanding to the outside ring, there should be qualifications as to who would have a bench honoring them in this area. Ms. Saracini agreed adding that Jim McCaffrey who would be someone to consider as he lost two children, he was very instrumental in the Garden of Reflection, and is on the Board. She stated she has not asked him if he wanted a bench although some time ago, he did want a bench, but it never happened. Ms. Saracini stated she does not feel these would be for the general public, it should be for “guardians” of the Garden – people who have been intricately involved with the Garden through the life of the Garden. Mr. Wysocki stated he is suggesting that we define that.

Ms. Tierney stated Judi Reiss had indicated she wanted a bench at the time when we did not know where we could find them. Ms. Tierney asked if that would be in the guardian section or somewhere else. Ms. Saracini stated initially we put eighteen benches inside the Garden proper, and Ms. Reiss was asked multiple times if she wanted a bench, and at that time she decided no.

Ms. Saracini stated we then wanted benches to be put inside the oak garden arboretum, and an outreach was done to other 9/11 families. She stated probably half of those benches are 9/11 families. Ms. Saracini noted where different 9/11 families have their benches located.

Mr. Krauss stated as the plans are now fully developed, there is only space for a specific number of benches. Mr. Krauss asked if there is anyone else we should give the opportunity to who had indicated previously they did not initially want a bench. Ms. Saracini stated they could put a bench at the end which is where the oak garden is for Ms. Reiss. She showed another location which would also have a clear view of the fountain. This would not be in the area where the “guardian” benches would be located. She added that there are already 18 benches inside the Garden proper which is the limit of benches for that area. Ms. Saracini stated the cost of the benches has gone up, and it was noted that these benches would be at the cost of the families. Ms. Tierney asked if they charged the families initially, and Ms. Saracini stated they did. Ms. Saracini stated she can order the benches, and she will reach out to Ms. Reiss.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels that it is important for us to clearly articulate what the parameters are for inclusion for the new benches on the outside and who would be considered a guardian. Ms. Tierney stated she feels that is a good idea as we get requests regularly for benches at the Garden of Reflection, and we redirect them to the Township Bench Program. Ms. Saracini stated there are plenty of places in Memorial Park where benches could be placed but not inside the Garden proper other than the area for the guardians.

The Board agreed they could consider further if there was something else Ms. Saracini would want to do to honor Congressman Fitzpatrick in addition to the installation of the bench recognizing that it would be a much more complex process with regard to the naming.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there was a reason that Ms. Lashchuk recommended only single benches for the new benches as opposed to those on the inside; and Ms. Saracini stated she indicated that would not be appropriate and they would not look good from a design standpoint. Ms. Saracini stated Ms. Lashchuk had indicated she did not want them to take away from the integrity of the double benches which are the victim/family benches. She stated we are having a designation for people who typically would not be included with a bench but have done so much for the Garden and the victims’ families. Ms. Saracini stated at this point the only suggestions for the Guardian benches was

Congressman Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stark, and Mr. McCaffrey. She added that Ms. Lashchuk was not saying all the spots needed to be filled, she was just indicating where these benches could be located.

Mr. Krauss stated no approval is needed tonight as they can proceed with the bench for Congressman Fitzpatrick, but he agrees that the definition needs to be clarified as to who would be considered a guardian. He stated Ms. Saracini could come back to the Board if there is a recommendation to move forward with a bench for another guardian. This was acceptable to the Board.

LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Matt Curtin, PAA Commissioner, stated they budgeted approximately \$12,000 each of the last two years for facility improvements; and they partnered with the Township to do work at Fred Allan in 2021, and last year they did field regrading at Stoddard and the Pool fields. He stated this year they are looking at score boards. He stated currently there are score boards at a few of the fields, but they are old and not currently operational. He stated they propose to put the score boards at Stoddard 2 which is the middle of the three fields along Edgewood Road. He stated currently there is a scoreboard there, and they know that the electric works so it should just involve an install into the existing foundation with minimal adjustments. He stated they would like to put a new one at the softball fields at Fred Allan 2 where currently there is not a scoreboard. He stated it would be just outside of the fence on the right side of the field. He stated they have been working with Ms. Tierney and had some proposals. He stated the cost would be approximately \$5,000 each for the type of scoreboard that they want which would be consistent with the size of what is currently at Stoddard 2. He stated it would have blue tooth and Wi-Fi capability so that anyone who has the access code could control it from an app.

Mr. Curtin stated they want to do some fundraising to help offset some of the costs. He stated they would like to have a spot on the inside facing the field as a place for a sponsor consistent with what they do along the inside of the fields with the banners.

Mr. Wysocki asked the current location of the scoreboard at Stoddard 2 now; and Mr. Curtin stated it is in right field, central to the park as you drive along Edgewood Road. He added it would be the same profile, and they are not looking to go any bigger. He reviewed what would be on the scoreboard.

Mr. Curtin stated he can provide the dimensions of the existing board, and what they will be installing would be the same approximate size. Mr. Wysocki asked why they would not consider having a scoreboard showing the innings; and Mr. Curtin stated those typically come in seven or nine innings, and the age group that plays at Stoddard and Fred Allan only play six innings so they would not get the use of it, and the cost goes up. Mr. Curtin stated while they would like to put a new one at Macclesfield, that would depend on what is decided in the bigger picture at Macclesfield. He stated since the older boys play there and there is more space, they could do something that would show the top and bottom of the inning scores.

Mr. Krauss asked if they considered any of the other fields, and Mr. Curtin stated he and Ms. Tierney discussed doing two at this time. He stated if they are able to fundraise more, the next one would probably be the Pool field as that field is used for softball a lot because there are lights on one of the two fields at Caiola. He stated those two would require more electric work which would be more expensive to install.

Mr. Krauss asked about the timing, and Mr. Curtin stated their goal is to install them this season. He stated they have League money to front this, but he would like to fundraise for the next month or so. He stated he hopes that they could order something by April 1 and install it by the end of the season or early in the summer.

Ms. Tierney stated she has had discussions with the staff regarding the install, and they feel comfortable with it other than with the electric. She stated she also needs to talk to Mr. Majewski to see if there is anything else we need to do. Mr. Curtin stated they will have to run electric for the girls' field, and he has talked to Ms. Tierney about her staff helping with installation running the conduit. He stated PAA has electrical expertise within their family membership so hopefully they can get donated labor and get it inspected through the Permit process. Mr. Wysocki asked if this will require anything through Zoning, and Ms. Tierney stated that is what she will discuss with Mr. Majewski.

Mr. Krauss asked if there are any trees that will block the scoreboard from the roadway at Fred Allan. Mr. Curtin stated he feels he and Ms. Tierney will need to go out to the site and see what would be the optimal location. He stated since it is a new scoreboard, there is flexibility. He stated at this point he is just looking to see if the Park & Recreation Board would be in support of the concept at that location.

Ms. Tierney stated Mr. Curtin had also discussed getting advertising. She asked Mr. Curtin if that would be outward facing or inward facing. She stated we would not want it facing the roadway, and Mr. Curtin agreed. He stated there would be a place on the board at the top facing in above the score where they could sell advertising like they sell the banners which go on the fence facing inward. He stated once they have the location and type of scoreboard finalized, he would like to come back and discuss putting a League sign on the back of the scoreboard. He stated that would be the only thing facing the street. He feels it would look better than the “nuts and bolts” of a scoreboard to have Lower Makefield/PAA branding on the back of the scoreboard facing out. Mr. Krauss stated at some point they would need to see a rendering of what that would be once they determine where the sign will go, and Mr. Curtin agreed. Mr. Krauss stated he does not have any opposition to inward facing signage.

Mr. Brody stated he does not feel this is much different from the YMS sign that there is when you pull into Macclesfield. Ms. Tierney stated at Macclesfield it is tucked back in, but at Fred Allan and Caiola, they are right along the roadway. Mr. Brody stated there was a huge advertising banner hanging at the Pool, and he feels we should be consistent. Ms. Tierney stated we are talking about permanent signage compared to temporary signs.

Mr. Curtin stated if it is facing in, he does not feel it is inconsistent with what they do currently with the banners. He stated they are trying to make more of an investment in keeping the fields up and be good partners with the Township. He stated they would like to have more branding of their League, but they want to do it in partnership with the Township.

Mr. Wysocki stated he believes that there are Township restrictions as to what can be advertised, and Mr. Curtin stated PAA also has restrictions from Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken and he cannot accept certain advertisements. Ms. Tierney stated there is no written Township signage policy currently. She stated she believes there may have been some standards that were set previously, but there is no Township signage policy. Mr. Wysocki stated he recalls that there was something that did not allow political ads, and Ms. Tierney stated there are political ad rules. Mr. Krauss stated he believes that there are community standards. Mr. Wysocki stated Mr. Curtin should be made aware of whatever we have.

Mr. Wysocki moved and Ms. Rock seconded to approve the concept of adding two scoreboards one at Stoddard B and one at Fred Allan as presented by Matt Curtin.

Ms. Laurie Grey, Slate Hill Road, stated she appreciates the Board considering the residents when they put up scoreboards especially those with electricity. She stated she heard tonight that they will look into this to make sure that it is not obtrusive to any residential area. She stated her property is adjacent to Macclesfield so she is very aware of electricity and what lights can do and the infringement on a residential area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Curtin stated they appreciate the support, and they will be back with an update as this project moves forward. He stated they are underway with Registration.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Macclesfield Park Master Plan Progress Update

Ms. Tierney stated she has been updating the Website. She stated Meeting Minutes from the Steering Committee and upcoming meetings with the focus groups will be shared as we move along.

Discussion and Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Fees Associated with New Programming at the Pool

Ms. Tierney stated we are looking for ways to reach the community and generate revenue at the Pool. She stated they are proposing four programs one of which is the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course at \$375 per participant. She stated there is also the American Red Cross Junior Lifeguard Course at \$250 per participant. She stated they are also proposing an adult swim clinic which would be \$175 per participant, but that depends on finding an instructor available to offer this type of clinic. She stated they are also proposing a Stay and Play initiative. She stated this would be open to those who are not Pool members; and they could have a private, half-hour lesson with one of our instructors for \$60, and then if they wish they could stay and play. Their parent would have to pay a \$20 guest fee. She stated if at the end of the day, they decide that they want to become a member of the Pool, all of the money that they spent that day will be applied toward their membership.

Ms. Tierney stated they feel that they would be able to offer these activities with our current, highly-trained staff. She stated the programs could act as feeder programs for potential future lifeguards which would help with long-term staff retention.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the proposed prices are comparative to what others are charging. Ms. Tierney stated it is competitive standard pricing and would cover our costs. She stated they were compared to other offerings in the local region. Ms. Tierney stated these programs will help us generate some extra revenue. She stated the reason the Stay and Play was priced high was because they did not want to encourage a large amount of day passes that were not associated with membership. She stated the idea is that someone might pay \$60 for a lesson, have the opportunity to experience the Pool for a day, and then potentially apply that money to a membership. She stated this would give people an opportunity to see if they wanted to be a member.

Mr. Krauss asked the difference between the two Red Cross lifeguard courses. Ms. Tierney stated the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course is for someone who is of age to become a lifeguard, and it is the actual Certification. She stated the other course is a one-week long camp where the participants are too young to be a lifeguard; but they learn all of the skills of a lifeguard with the hope that in the future they can come back for the Lifeguard Certification. Mr. Krauss stated someone would spend \$250 and then have to come back and spend \$375 to get the full Certification; and Ms. Tierney agreed. Mr. Krauss asked if that is something people tend to do, and Ms. Tierney stated many other pools do this. Mr. Krauss asked if this is open to members only, and Ms. Tierney stated it would be open to members and non-members.

Mr. Krauss asked if the Adult Swim Clinic would be for members only, and Ms. Tierney stated it could be a non-member, but they are only given access “pre Pool time.” Mr. Krauss asked the number of weeks for the Clinic, and Ms. Tierney stated it is nine sessions. She stated it starts June 24 and ends August 19 with one session a week.

Mr. Krauss asked with regard to the Stay and Play, if a thirty-minute lesson is sufficient. Ms. Tierney stated they can then stay and play the whole day after their lesson. Mr. Krauss asked if the \$60 is too high. Ms. Tierney stated the idea is for it to be a feeder program. Ms. Tierney stated lessons are \$35 to \$40 for a half-hour private lesson, but with the Stay and Play, they are also able to stay for the whole day. She stated if they decide to join, they can apply the money toward their membership; and then they would be able to get more

lessons at a lower rate and use the Pool whenever they want. Ms. Tierney stated if they find that they do not get many participants at this rate, they could consider this further next year. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels this seems like a reasonable place to start.

Mr. Krauss asked about the Swim Team. Ms. Tierney stated she met with the Swim Team today. She stated an assessment was done as to how much it costs for us to have the Swim Team outside of the hours of the Pool, and it was estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year. She stated she discussed with the Swim Team strategies by which we could try to make up that amount whether it is a straight fee or a different kind of user fee. She stated we want to have something that the Swim Team and the Township feel comfortable with. She stated she will bring this back to the Park & Recreation Board in the future.

Mr. Brody moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approving the fees associated with new programming at the Pool.

Snipes Update

Ms. Tierney stated she had proposed that Natural Lands do two visits, but the Contract had only one visit. She stated an Addendum was approved by the Board of Supervisors for an additional \$420.00 for the second visit. She stated the first visit was in December, and we are hoping to get data from that first visit soon. She stated there will be a second visit in the spring.

Rain Barrel Update

Ms. Tierney stated we are moving forward with the rain barrel sale, and we are able to subsidize the first rain barrel for residents at \$56. She stated these rain barrels retail for about \$140.00 to \$200.00. She shared some statistics about the use of rain barrels, and the data will be part of the marketing campaign moving forward. Ms. Tierney stated this program will open tomorrow, and distribution day will be April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Pool parking lot.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is an order-by date, and Ms. Tierney stated she will provide that.

Ms. Rock asked how many will be available, and Ms. Tierney stated she believes 100 will be available although they could get more. She stated it is based on pallet size. She stated we do not want to have barrels left that need to be stored, and there could be a waiting list; and if we get close to another pallet, we could add on. Ms. Rock asked what is being done to make people aware of this program. Ms. Tierney stated it will be on all our social media, our Website, and there will be press releases sent out. She stated there is an educational campaign that goes along with this.

Pathway to Zero Waste

Ms. Tierney stated the staff has been looking at the signage in other parks where this has been done, but felt that the signage was negative. She stated they have come up with a more positive marketing campaign, and they came up with “Stan the Can.” She showed a picture and the language proposed that Stan the Can has retired from Lower Makefield Township and that trash will need to be taken back out when leaving the parks. She stated Stan will be used as an educational tool for Pathway to Zero Waste. She stated this marketing campaign will start next week.

Mr. Wysocki asked what was the reaction of the Supervisors after the Park & Recreation Board made this recommendation. Ms. Tierney stated the Plan was updated per the Park & Rec Board’s tiered approach, and the Board of Supervisors was in favor of the Plan in general. Ms. Tierney stated when she spoke to YMS about this, they had indicated that they would have preferred to implement it the first year; however, the Plan does state that the sports facilities will be in Year 2.

Art in the Park Update

Ms. Tierney stated we are working through the contract, and will bring that before the Board for final approval. She stated we are also working on programming surrounding the sculptures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Laurie Gray, Slate Hill Road, stated she understands that the roll out for Stan the Can is this year; and Ms. Tierney stated that is for the passive parks, and next year it will be for the active/sports parks. Ms. Gray asked what is the plan once the cans are removed and people do not adhere to taking their trash out with them. She stated she lives near Macclesfield, and she has told Ms. Tierney that even with the cans, there is a lot of trash particularly at tournament times. Ms. Tierney stated we did a lot of research on this from Townships that already do this, and it was found that they actually have less litter. She stated a lot of times people seek out a trash can to a detriment because the trash can overflows, and the trash then starts blowing. She stated programs like this have reduced litter in the long run. She stated we will do litter control and continue to assess the situation to make sure that there is good feedback on the program although it may take some time for everyone to get used to it.

Mr. Krauss stated this is why the sports leagues got a transitional year so that Year 1 would let people know what is coming, and they will know what is coming in Year 2. He stated the hope is that through the education of Township residents and the Leagues advising opposing teams coming in from out of town about the program, that there will not be more litter.

Mr. Wysocki stated he understands that if litter is left at a park, the staff will still be picking it up. Ms. Tierney agreed that the staff does litter patrol now; and from what she understands from other parks, it does not get any worse. Mr. Wysocki asked if the Chief would have to get involved if there was a violation; and Ms. Tierney stated it may be a violation of an Ordinance, and she could check on that. She added that if it is not, the Park Board may want to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they consider an Ordinance with a fine associated with it if someone does litter.

There being no further business, Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary

