

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 10, 2024. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director  
Matt Ross, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member  
Dennis Wysocki, Park & Recreation Board Member

**1. Liaison Report**

- Mr. George Schlieben, YMS, stated there was a smooth opening weekend with strong membership numbers. He discussed upcoming community service projects.

**2. Program Report:**

- **Summer Camp:** Rob Vandegrift reported a successful camp season with 276 campers, including 160 weekly in Camp LMT and 40 in Tween Adventures. The program employed 38 staff members.
- **Pickleball:** The Township has a strong pickleball community, with partnerships for adult and youth classes. Concerns over high fees were raised, leading to some players using courts elsewhere.
- **Programs & Events:** Ongoing programs include art, fitness, and chess, with future collaborations planned with the Youth Committee.

**3. Director's Report:**

- **Capital Improvements:** Projects for 2024 include basketball court upgrades and playground surface replacement at Memorial Park. 2025 plans focus on pool filter

replacements, court repairs, and bike path maintenance. 2026 includes updates to Kids Kingdom and Five Mile Woods.

- **Pool Management:** Discussions highlighted issues with the pool's aging infrastructure, a 17% decline in membership, and the need for better management. Proposals were made for gift cards, discounts, and potential fee adjustments.
- **Kids Kingdom Replacement:** Kids Kingdom, opened in 1992, faces safety issues and non-compliance with current playground standards. Estimated replacement cost is \$2.75 million, with a potential capital campaign to fund the project.

4. **Other Updates:**

- **Memorial Park:** Plans include replacing fencing, resurfacing, and repainting playground equipment.
- **Macclesfield Park:** Awaiting deliverables for a second entrance and loop around the baseball field.
- **9-11 Garden of Reflection:** A contract has been approved for ongoing maintenance with annual funding of \$40,000. A grant is being pursued for lighting improvements.

The meeting concluded with a note about the upcoming 9-11 ceremony.

There being no further business, Mr. Brody moved, Mr. Blundi seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary