

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on October 8, 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
Dennis Wysocki, Member

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

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member

1. Approval of Minutes

- Mr. Brody moved, Ms. Rock seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024, as written.
- Mr. Brody moved, Ms. Rock seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024, as written.

2. Liaison Report

- The Frisbee Summer League had a successful season, thanks to enthusiastic volunteer coaches. Efforts are underway to form a Board with the goal of increasing female participation and teaching the "Spirit of the Game." Some players have since joined school teams.

3. Director's Report

a. Budget and Fee Discussion

- The Budget and Fee proposals will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in early November. The previously approved fee increases have put the budget in a favorable position, with only minor adjustments anticipated. This includes a small increase in pool

fees and the return of a discount period. The Dog Park and Summer Camp fee structures will also be reviewed.

b. Annual Report Overview

- The Annual Report includes updates on departmental core values, goals from the Play for All Plan, partnerships, facility rentals, maintenance, and programming.
 - **Topics covered:**
 1. **Camp LMT and Tween Adventures:** Program updates and participation trends.
 2. **Pickleball and Dog Park:** Efforts to address declining Dog Park memberships and enhance Pickleball programming.
 3. **Five Mile Woods:** Recognition of volunteer contributions and events.
 4. **Completed Projects:** Included an accessible trail at Five Mile Woods and a new tot lot at Heacock Meadows.
 5. **Ongoing Projects:** Memorial Park's basketball court, Secret Garden ADA Playground, and Macclesfield Park Master Plan.
 6. **Future Projects and Capital Considerations:** Plans to improve existing facilities, develop new programs, enhance user experiences, and replace Kids Kingdom and rehabilitate pickleball/tennis courts.
 7. **Technology Upgrades:** Potential upgrades include registration software (Civic Rec), usage data analysis tools (Placer AI), payroll efficiency improvements, and security enhancements.

c. Pool Survey Report

- Feedback highlighted the importance of pool heaters, with members willing to pay for necessary replacements. Additional considerations for amenities like slide replacement were discussed, contingent on membership interest. Concerns were also raised about bathroom conditions, communication, and fees.

4. Other Business

- The Board discussed the importance of coordinating any tree planting at Memorial Park with the Park & Recreation Board, particularly regarding a tree farm proposal.

5. Public Comment

- Ms. Laurie Grey, a resident, reported issues with unleashed dogs at Macclesfield Park. It was recommended that she contact the Police Department. She also suggested improvements to the park's lighting be considered in the budget.

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