

PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2024

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

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: Douglas Krauss, Chair (joined meeting in progress)
Michael Brody, Vice Chair
Kim Rock, Secretary
Dennis Wysocki, Member (joined meeting in progress)

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director

Absent: Michael Blundi, Park & Recreation Board Member
Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member
Matt Ross, Supervisor Liaison

1. Project Updates

- A draft of the Macclesfield Park Master Plan is expected by year-end.
- Memorial Park's playground reopened following the installation of a rubberized surface. A short ADA-compliant path to the restrooms will be installed in-house. A grand opening event in spring 2025 will feature basketball activities and a SofSurface-sponsored playground event.

2. League Liaison Report

- The Pennsbury Athletic Association highlighted the need for additional trash receptacles during large events.

3. Director's Report

4. Veterans Parade and Ceremony

- The event was successful, with increased vendors, sponsors, and cost coverage. Community engagement remains high, with continued sales of commemorative bricks and updates to the Veterans Monument.

5. Veterans Square Updated Site Design

- The design includes ADA enhancements, a shade structure, improved accessibility, additional trees, and crosswalks. A single restroom and unlit parking lot are proposed. The Veterans Committee emphasized alignment with the existing Monument.

- The Board recommended the design for approval by the Board of Supervisors, noting the absence of 2025 budget allocation but underscoring the importance of readiness for grant opportunities.
- Mr. Krause moved, Ms. Rock seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Veterans Square Updated Site Design as presented and that any Final Design be reviewed by the Park & Recreation Board before implementation.

6. Alcohol Permitting in Parks

- Initial discussions addressed potential permitting for beer gardens, farm-to-table events, and fundraisers to attract new demographics. Requirements include extra liability insurance and applicant responsibility for age monitoring.
- A test program for experienced event organizers will be drafted for further review.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Krauss seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary