

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 14, 2025. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director
James McCartney, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Dennis Wysocki, Park & Recreation Board Member

1. REORGANIZATION

- Mr. Brody moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Douglas Krauss as Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2025.
- Mr. Blundi moved, Mr. Krauss seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Michael Brody as Vice Chair of the Park & Recreation Board for 2025.
- Mr. LaBar moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Kim Rock as Secretary of the Park & Recreation Board for 2025.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- It was unanimously carried to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Pool Preparation:** Enhanced communication with members, new staff name tags, improved maintenance practices, and additional hiring are planned. Registration begins in two weeks, with early bird rates offered. Staffing updates include 36 new applicants and interviews for promotions starting February 6. A Pool Manager has not yet been appointed.
- **Summer Camp:** Camp registration opens February 3, offering discounts for multi-week enrollments. Experienced staff are returning, and a \$20 withdrawal fee is being implemented.
- **Programs:** Adult fitness programs like yoga and Zumba are thriving, with expansion under consideration. New programs, including outdoor hikes, will utilize Five Mile Woods. Community Center programming is nearing capacity, with some overflow at the Township Building. Collaboration with the School District and outdoor programming opportunities are being explored.
- **Upcoming Projects:** Discussions with DCED continue regarding Memorial Park East modifications. Work at Five Mile Woods will resume in spring, focusing on the meadow and trail expansion. A Grand Opening for the Secret Garden is scheduled for April 17, during spring break. The Macclesfield Park Master Plan will be reviewed in February.
- **Community Events:** Plans for a scaled-down Community Day are being explored, with input to be gathered through a social media survey. Alternate locations and cost-saving measures are under consideration.

4. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Youth Committee, led by President **Emily Moody**, is hosting a networking event on January 25 to connect teens with local professionals. The Committee also contributed to recent community events and plans to collaborate with the EAC for Earth Day.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Ms. Laurie Grey** inquired about the Macclesfield Master Plan and expressed concerns about potential impacts of Community Day on nearby residents. A workshop will be held to finalize Community Day plans, with opportunities for community input.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary

