

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 8, 2025. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Mike Blundi, Park & Recreation Board Member
James McCartney, Supervisor Liaison

1. Liaison Report

- **PAA Field Modifications:**
Mike Spillane (PAA Commissioner) proposed modifications to Macclesfield H, a lit, convertible field shared with soccer, to better accommodate younger baseball players by adding more grass. Further data will be provided to assess impacts, including whether lighting Caiola Field would still be necessary. Spillane expressed that his first choice for a new lit field is Stoddart near the snack stand, this is a new request.
- **Field Lighting Discussion:**
If lighting is removed from Macclesfield H, a lit field would be needed at Stoddart. Though lighting Caiola Field is not currently in the budget, it was previously considered. Spillane agreed to provide the necessary data to revisit the discussion. Ms. Tierney noted this data would be helpful for future planning but does not expect it on the agenda soon.
- **Scoreboard at Macclesfield A:**
The scoreboard is in disrepair. PAA may explore wrapping it and replacing bulbs or repurposing it as a general sign. Ms. Tierney suggested it could also be removed. Spillane emphasized the value of a lit scoreboard for night games.
- **Plaque Installations:**
PAA is working on a solution to install additional plaques commemorating boys' championship teams.
- **Field Rehabilitation & Maintenance:**
Macclesfield A & B fences need rehab and bottom rails between seasons. Fence capping

is also needed at Mac A; some materials may be available from a prior project. Collaboration between PAA, YMS, and the Township continues field improvements.

- **Lighting Timing Adjustments:**

Mr. Brody and Mr. Schlieben noted visibility issues during cloudy days and late lighting times. Lights currently turn on at 6:45 p.m. but will be adjusted earlier to improve visibility.

- **General Collaboration:**

Spillane praised the Township's responsiveness to PAA requests. Schlieben confirmed close collaboration between YMS and PAA. Ms. Tierney will coordinate with Mr. Fuller regarding the mowing schedule.

- **LMFA Field Updates:**

LMFA's Flag Program is temporarily practicing at Memorial Park. LMFA is also splitting costs to rehab two of its fields damaged during last year's drought.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Brody, seconded by Mr. LaBar, to approve the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Director's Report

- **Annual Report:**

The 2024 Parks & Recreation Annual Report is available on the Township website.

- Mr. Krauss commended Ms. Tierney for her efforts and encouraged Board members to share feedback.

- **Board Communications:**

Ms. Tierney continues to send weekly updates to the Board, including information on the Pool and Camp programs.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Brody, seconded by Mr. Krauss. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary