

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on November 11, 2025. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order.

Those present:

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

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

Absent: Kim Rock, Park & Recreation Board Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes

- Mr. LaBar moved, Mr. Blundi seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2025.

2. Report on Board of Supervisors' Meeting – Pool Discussion

- Discussion focused on Park & Rec Capital projects and Pool Fees. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed the Park Board to develop a strategy to increase Pool membership.
- Pool membership has declined from 7,429 in 2021 to around 6,200 in 2024. Senior membership increased, but teen participation is dropping.
- Adjustments to Pool hours could save costs; closing earlier during the school year could save \$23,000.
- Pool is running a deficit: starting 2026 with -\$206,000 and expected to end at -\$286,000.

Recommendations and Discussion:

- Maintain resident rates; slightly increase non-resident rates.
- Reinstate Discount Period from November to January 15.
- Introduce a Family cap (\$500–\$750 for residents, \$800–\$1,100 for non-residents).
- Consider incentives such as referral bonuses and gift items.
- Discussion about balancing membership revenue, costs, and potential millage increase to support the Pool.
- Payroll, operating expenses, and revenue sources were reviewed.

Motions:

1. Mr. LaBar moved to keep the Fees the same. Motion died for lack of a second.

2. Mr. Brody moved to keep Fees the same as last year, add a \$600 family cap, bring back the Discount window, and implement a \$25 Referral Fee for new families.
 - Amendment: Discount Period to end when Park Director deems appropriate.
 - Amendment: Discount Period ends January 31. Seconded by Mr. Blundi.
 - Motion did not carry. Only Mr. Brody and Mr. Krauss were in favor.
3. Mr. Blundi moved to keep the same structure but with a Discount Period ending no sooner than February 15.
 - Mr. Brody opposed; motion did not carry.
4. Mr. LaBar moved, Mr. Brody seconded to keep the current Fee structure and request BOS consider a millage increase for Park & Rec to fund the Pool.
 - Motion did not carry. Only Mr. LaBar and Mr. Brody were in favor.

Adjournment

- Mr. Krauss moved, Mr. Brody seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Krauss, Chair

