

Parks & Recreation Road Tour July 2018

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COMMUNITY PARK

32.7 Acres

1050 Edgewood Rd

- Pool Complex w/parking
 - Dedicated 1981
 - Paved Parking, 2 lots with 130 spots each, gravel parking is also available.
 - Olympic Sized Community Pool (lighted), diving area, intermediate and tot sized pools, snack bar, dual slides, diving boards, all pools are heated.
- Kids Kingdom Playground
 - Dedicated in 1992
 - Pavilions available to reserve for parties to residents
- Tennis Courts & Basketball Complex
 - 4 lighted community tennis courts
 - 1 lighted basketball court
- Community Softball Field (lighted)
- Nature Trail
- Picnic area with restroom facility and pavilion

Leagues: Home of the LMT Swim and Dive Team Home of PAA

2018 Improvements

- Repainted Kids Kingdom, added traction to some areas to prevent slipping.
- New pump for pool
- New Point of Sales System for easier gate entry
- All four pools painted, caulked, and leaks addressed.
- Slides refinished







- New lane lines and reals
- · Concession stand added a fryer
- Infield mix added to all complexes, new bases and mound work.
- Continued the trex overlay
- Sustain the playground facility and pavilions



- Identify an updated long-term plan for the pool to identify possible maintenance needs, potential expansion or repair wants and to address the financial future of the pool.
- Kids Kingdom restroom improvements
- Continue landscape/ Pool and Kids Kingdom.



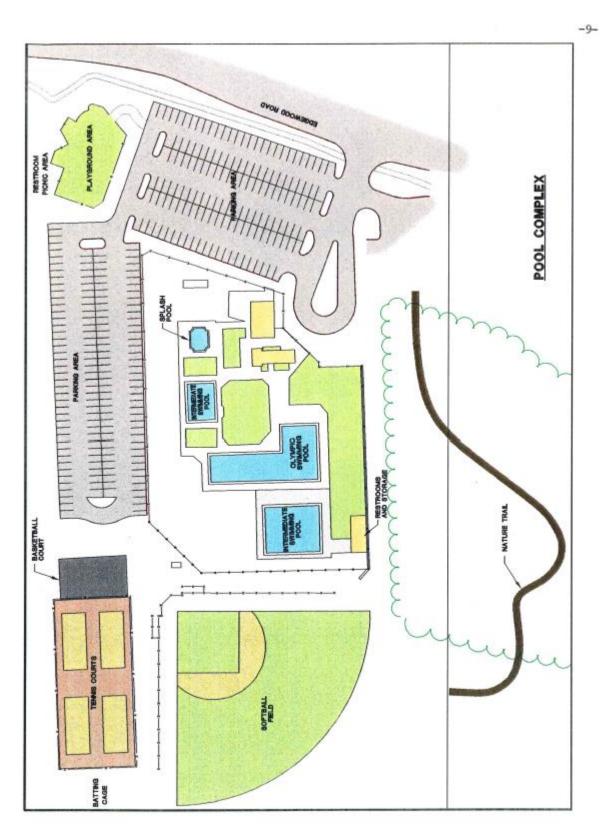






LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP Parks & Recreation





BASEBALL COMPLEX

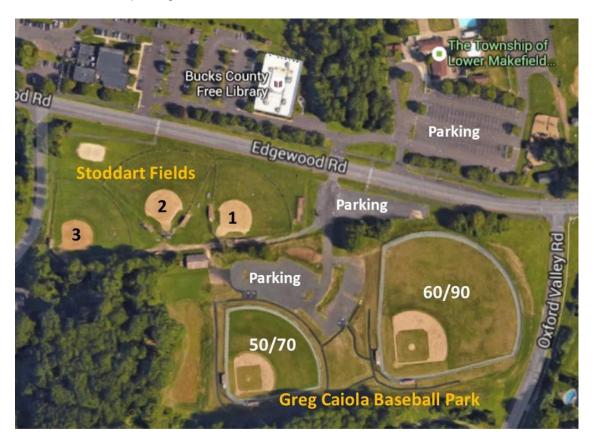
Edgewood Rd

- Greg Caiola Fields
- Convertible 50/70 convertible to 46/60.
- 145 parking spaces plus additional gravel parking available
- Stoddard Field: 3, 60'
- Concession stand
- 2x Sand Volley Ball Courts

Leagues: Home of PAA Baseball

2018 Improvements

- Reinforced Diamond Dirt Storage with concrete blocks.
- Added new bases and pitching mound
- · Continuous mowing
- PAA updated batting cages after storm damage
- Added reserved parking for concession volunteers



FRED ALLAN SOFTBALL COMPLEX

23 Acres

1500 Oxford Valley Rd

- Dedicated in 1999
- 3 Soft Ball Fields, dugouts, water on 3 fields, electric on 2 fields
- Batting Cage
- 2 All-weather Bocce Courts; tot pieces
- · Picnic area with concession stand
- Restroom Facility and covered pavilion with a floor
- Walking trail/ bike path
- Approximately 120 paved parking spots
- Underdrains installed on all three fields in 2014

2018 Improvements

- Infield mix applied to fields
- New backstops after storm damage

- · Completion of trail system
- · Complete top coat and stripe parking lot
- Installation of "turn-around" at end of parking lot or installation of connector road
- Add in the new batting cage to be installed by PAA



Macclesfield Park

91.9 Acres

1000 River Rd

- Front 60 acres dedicated 1989, rear 30 acres dedicated in 1997
- 8 full size multi-purpose fields (6 lighted) for use as regulation soccer football and baseball fields. Including one all-weather turf field installed by YMS.
- 2, 90' lighted baseball fields
- 1, 75' lighted baseball field
- 4 sand volleyball courts
- 2 mid-sized soccer fields
- 5 mini soccer fields
- Tot lot play area
- Bike path and exercise stations
- Picnic areas and restrooms (3 stall women, 2 men)
- 2 pavilions, a concession stand, maintenance garage
- Access to the canal towpath
- · Approximately 600 parking spaces, paved
 - o 400 front lot
 - o 200 rear lot

Leagues: Home of the Yardley Makefield Soccer, Lower Makefield Football Association, and Pennsbury Athletic Association

2018 Improvements

- Ongoing turf restoration and over seeding
- Wood carpet in playground
- Stadium lights ballast repairs light switch repairs
- Security cameras updated
- A new conversion baseball field has been installed on Mac A, and will be functional for the spring 2018 season. The Field is 50/70 fields convertible to 46/60 field.

- Upgrade stadium lighting circuitry on original fields A, C, D including replacing with LED lights
- 3 acres of fenced area and clean up and reclaim
- Fill parking lot cracks and resurface parking lots
- Additional restroom capacity, clubhouse consideration.
- Replacement of AstroTurf field with new Field Turf by YMS



MACCLESFIELD PARK MAP



MEMORIAL PARK

63.5 Acres

1950 Woodside Rd

Purchased 1996, \$1.5 million

- Home of the 9/11 Garden of Reflection
- 2 basketball courts
- 2 sand Volley Ball Courts
- Community Garden Plots
- Restrooms with a covered Patio
- 1 skinned softball field
- Secret Garden inclusive playground with ADA parking lot
- multipurpose field with goals, benches
- Install gaga court by girl scouts
- Pavilion
- Library
- 1k loop for walking

DCNR GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Lower Makefield Township has been awarded \$250,000 for "further development of Memorial Park. Work will include construction of pedestrian walkways, tennis courts, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, gazebo, and pavilion; installation of fitness station equipment with required safety surfacing and fencing; ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements."



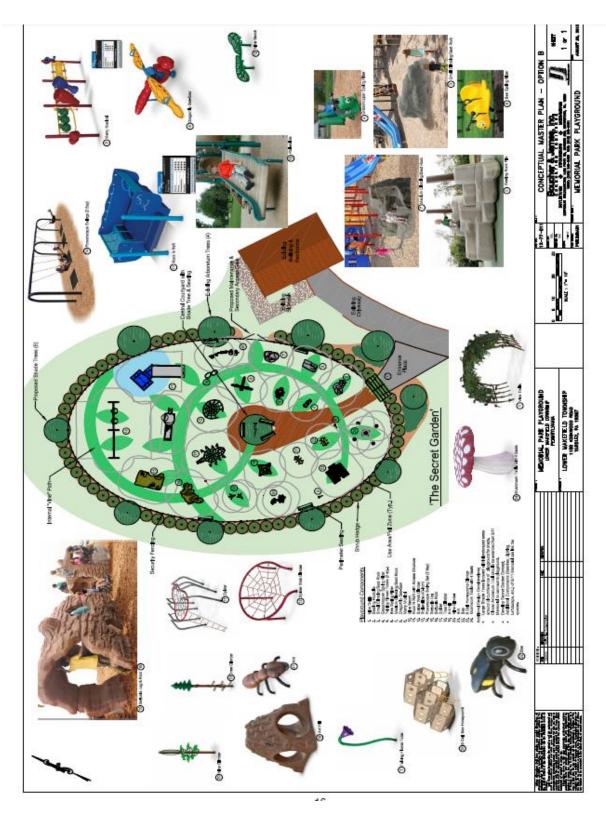












FIVE MILE WOODS

298 Acres

1305 Big Oak Rd

- 285 acres of open space preserve purchased in 1979
- 13 acres of open space added
- Nature center
- Ranger office
- Manor house/5 miles of nature trails/ handicap accessible
- Gravel parking for 50 vehicles

2018 Improvements

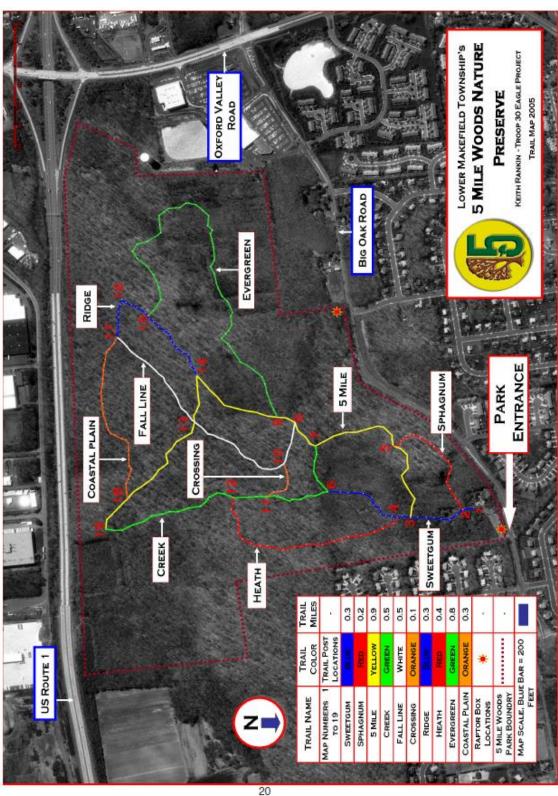
Removed and replaced carpets, repainted and removed trash from Manor House

Planned Improvements

• Update the inside of the nature center







LMT BIKE PATHS

25 Miles

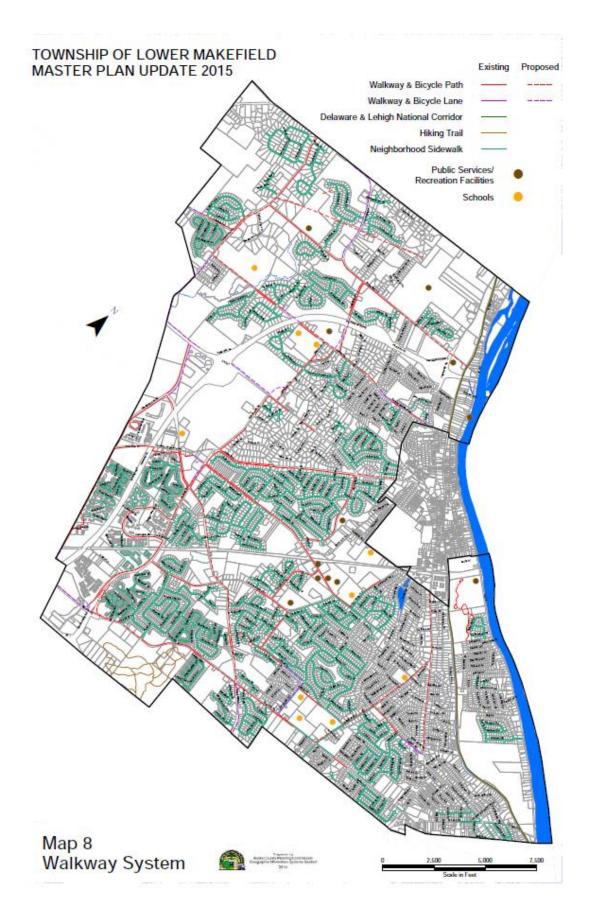
Connected

- Continue snow removal
- Continued Debris Removal
- Continued patching

- Considering a gap analysis of the existing parks.
- Complete link on Woodside Road; Upper Hilltop to Merrick Road, possibly done in conjunction with scudders falls bridge restoration work a and path extended down Woodside to Taylorsville Road.
- Complete new bike path along perimeter of Snipes tract, Quarry Road to Dolington Road.
- Greg Caiola Complex; Oxford Valley Road between Edgewood and Roelofs Road; Greenway tiein. (in progress)
- Creamery Road link connecting existing path to Yardley Newtown Road; approximately 1500 ft.
- Resident request extension Dolington Meeting house to Farm View.
- Request from resident to consider completing link on Lindenhurst to Woodside
- Continue resurfacing program as identified by Township engineer and Park and Recreation.







Dog Park

3.5 Acres

1950 Covington Rd

- Open June 12, 2018
- Dedicated July 15, 2018

2018 Improvements

- Maintenance shed
- Real-time scan system
- Cameras
- Multi use water fountain
- 10 Benches
- 10 waste stations
- 2 large trash cans
- Donor items and signage
- Multi use water station
- Dedication Plaque

- Continue to improve processes
- Add a shade structure in main entry
- Add Shade throughout the park
- Add water fountains in large dog, small dog and rotational field
- Follow engineer recommendation for improvement and modification.









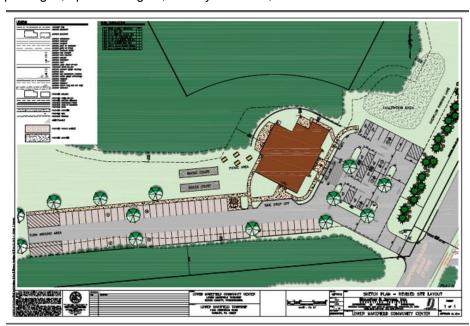


COMMUNITY CENTER

- Opened January 16 2018 Dedicated March 12, 2018.
- large multi-purpose room,
- 2 classrooms
- Conference Room
- 2 offices
- Small industrial kitchen.
- 5,235 square-foot space
- Home of the Lower Makefield Township Seniors
- Home of the Newtown Quilters Guild
- Space available for scheduled programs, scheduled classes, senior programs, camps and lectures.
- Dedication plaque

Future Considerations

- Add shade to the back-porch area
- Add permanent outdoor recreation area with items like horse shoes, ping pong, etc...
- Start community events like family game night, dances, themed birthday party packages, open mic nights, holiday functions, etc...





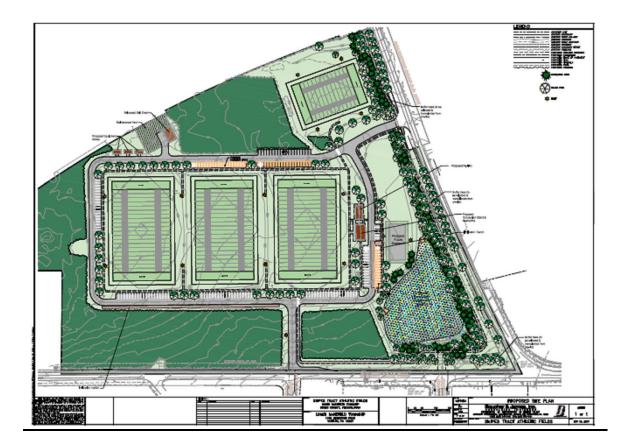








- Completing a needs assessment to determine the needs in the community for sports fields.
- Balloon test were completed to test the site
- Located on the corner of Dolington and Quarry Hill Roads.
- Plans are being reviewed with the concerns of the township residents.



POCKET PARKS

VETERANS SQUARE

2.8 Acres

1660 Edgewood Rd

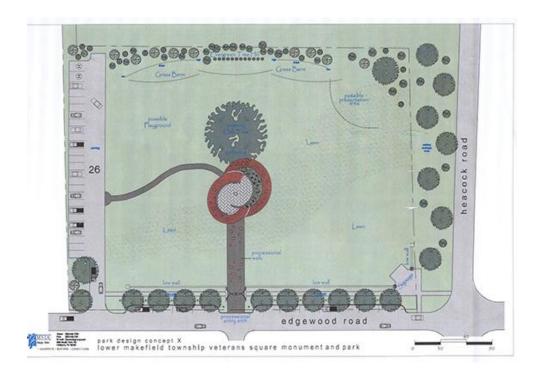
- Veterans Square Monument
- Weekly Farmers Market
- Tot lot play area
- Picnic area with benches
- Gravel Parking are for 50 cars
- Water fountain

2018 Improvements

- Sign installed on corner June 2018
- Wood fiber playground surface
- Parking spaces marked weekly for Farmers Market
- Addition of mulch/sand in playground

Planned Improvements

Complete landscaping, walkways and paths as shown on concept plan.



HEACOCK MEADOWS

8.2 Acres

Heacock/Bluebird/Covington

- 4.5 Acres of Heacock Meadows Pocket Parks.
 - #1, #2, #3 and #4 off Cardinal Drive and off Bluebird Drive in Heacock Meadows Development.
 - Dedicated 1979
 - o 1 Tot lot
 - o Tennis court
 - 4 Pickleball courts

2018 Improvements

- Mulched playground
- Added a lock box with portable pickleball nets for the public's use

Planned Improvements

Replace tennis court fence

PEAKE FARM

1.69 Acres

Twig Lane

Tot lot playground

YARDLEY HUNT

3.1 Acres

Revere/Schulyer

- Schuyler Drive: 4 dedicated tennis
- Revere: 3 tennis/ pickle ball
- Paved parking areas approximately 12 vehicles at each location

League: Home of Yardley Makefield Tennis

- Replace all fencing; install bottom rails
- · Consider demolition and repair

AUGUST 2017 – JULY 2018 PARKS AND RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

August: Electric installed at Veterans Square in preparation for sign.

New bike path at Veterans Square was installed.

New sign was installed by boy scout at Macclesfield Park.

September 2017: Community Pride Day: Vendors, Rides, food trucks, activities, police and fire demonstrations, athletic competitions run by local leagues, small activities for children, bands, mummers, street performers and fireworks.

9/11 Ceremonies

Ground Breaking at the dog park

9/11 Girl Scout project informing youth about the 9/11 monument was completed.



Community Center

Park and Rec Moved in to the facility.

- The Lower Makefield Township seniors moved in and started offering programming.
- Dog Park classes were offered at the community center.



October 2017: New Youth Committee was formed

November 2017: Veterans Parade

Dog Park classes started

Started to print monthly Parks and Rec Reports

December 2017: Donna Liney official retired

January 2018: Soft opening of Launched Community Pass

Reservation Manager to automate the permitting system.





February 2018: Printed and distributed the first program guide.

The Parks and Recreation logo was approved at the February 21st BOS meeting. The new logo projects a positive image for the Parks and Recreation Department promoting connectivity and accessibility to all parks and programs both now and in the future.

The Community Center acted as an emergency warming station as much of the Township was without electric for up to a week.

A new program guide was launched and included a number of classes including Yoga, Zumba, Art, Card Playing, writing, meditation, kids soccer, music, kids cooking, camps and more.

Community Pass Launch:

- Realtime calendar of all facilities
- Program registration

March 2018: Grand Opening of Community Center

Started programming at the community center

The Community Center was used as an emergency charging station during two large snow storms.

April 2018: Started issuing new key fobs for the pool, installed our new Point of Sale System at the pool. Restructured the entry gate to accommodate a fast pass line and a guest line.

Community Center

- The parks and Recreation Department started offering programming to the public at large.
- The quilters guild started hosting their monthly meetings in the great room. (2-year contract)
- The EAC Started hosting their guest lectures in the facility.
- PEO started hosting their board meetings (2-year contract)
- The police did a training in the facility.
- Odyssey of the mind rented space to prep for their competition.



May 2018: Launched a sponsorship campaign for Community Pride Day

The summer program was printed and distributed

Fee for Volleyball Rental: Approved by the BOS May 2, 2018. There will be a fee for exclusive use of volleyball courts in LMT.



Bench Program: Approved by the BOS May 2, 2018. A Donation Program for township residents and groups to donate benches to the township at cost, with custom placards. There are certain designated areas where benches can be placed, any requests outside the preapproved locations will be reviewed by the P&R Board.



GRANT: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania just awarded Lower Makefield Township \$700,000 under the PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Program to complete the bike path/trail system along Oxford Valley Road in front of the Community Center. This money will cover the construction costs while LMT is responsible for engineering and project management estimated at \$150,000. This is important link in making the Caiola Fields, Pool, Library, and Community Center bike / pedestrian accessible.





Dog Park: Installed benches, waste stations directional signage and scan system.

June 2018:

Dog Park: Installed water fountain

Soft opening for the dog park

New sign installed at Veterans Square

Community Center

Started a volunteer run walking

club, that meets at the Community Center. They may start to expand to our other parks.

AOY started renting space for their summer work groups.

July 2018:

Dog Park: Installed Sponsor signage, welcome signs and dedication plaque.

Grand opening Dog Park including dog themed vendors, face painting, music, dog activities and food trucks.

Coming Soon: Community Pride Day September 2, 2018

