

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

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

Those present:

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

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

**1. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes**

Mr. LaBar moved, and Mr. Brody seconded, to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2023. The motion was carried. Mr. Krauss abstained from voting.  
Mr. Blundi joined the meeting at this time.

**2. Community Garden Policy Recommendation**

The Board reviewed a draft of the Community Garden Policy previously discussed. The following amendments were made:

- Under #9 Plot Maintenance: The first bullet point will state, “Plots must be actively used by designated start date.” The second sentence will be removed. The second bullet will state, “Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their plots throughout the season.”
- Ms. Rock suggested removing #9 and incorporating its remaining sentence into Item #11.
- Mr. Krauss recommended that #12 be removed and incorporated under Inspections and Compliance.
- End-of-season clean-up: The garden framework may remain, but plots must be cleaned up. Tools and personal items should be removed at the end of the season.
- It was added under #17 that no illegal substances may be grown.

Mr. LaBar moved, Ms. Rock seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend Board of Supervisors approval of the Policy with the discussed amendments.

### **3. League Policy Review**

The Board reviewed the old League Policy for comparison, noting that concussion protocols have changed.

- Mr. George Schlieben (YMS President) outlined requirements for their coaches, including FBI and PA Criminal clearances, concussion protocol, and Safe Sports training.
- Ms. Tierney noted that some organizations, such as YM Tennis, do not have a governing body.
- Mr. Krauss suggested the Township consider setting minimum standards for field and facility use, including required background checks.
- Mr. Schlieben proposed the Township align with the School District's volunteer background check process.
- A CPR course for volunteers, like what is offered for Pool staff, was suggested. Mr. Krauss agreed to draft language for this.
- Mr. Mike Spillane (PAA Commissioner) provided insight into Cal Ripken requirements, including background and child abuse checks.
- Ms. Tierney clarified that Township-run programs already mandate clearances.
- Discussion took place regarding AED availability. No Township fields currently have AEDs unless provided by the Leagues.
- Mr. Blundi pointed out redundancy between #7 and #9 in the draft Policy regarding player statistics. Ms. Tierney will revise the language.
- Ms. Tierney requested Board feedback on the document within two weeks before sending it to League Heads.

### **4. Community Day Meeting Follow-Up**

The Board revisited the discussion on whether to hold only a fireworks display due to limited resources. Two quotes for fireworks were presented:

- \$15,000 for a fifteen-minute display
- \$21,000 for a twenty-five-minute display
- Additional costs, including staff and Police, were estimated at \$9,000.
- Mr. Blundi opposed holding a fireworks-only event, citing sufficient nearby alternatives.
- Mr. Krauss concurred, favoring a 2026 Community Day for the Nation's 250th Anniversary.
- Ms. Tierney will draft a proposal for a new Special Events Committee and request Board input. The Committee will consider sponsors, themes, marketing, and scheduling.

### **5. League Liaison Report**

- Mr. George Schlieben (YMS President) thanked the Township for its collaboration with PAA to maintain fields. Three Eleanor Roosevelt fields will be used to reduce congestion at Macclesfield Park.
- Ms. Tierney discussed ongoing field rehabilitation efforts, maintenance plans, and partnerships with Integrated Turf Management. Due to poor field conditions, resting certain fields is necessary.

- Ms. Laurie Grey (resident, Slate Hill Road) raised concerns about soccer field noise near her home. Mr. Schlieben provided clarification on field usage and the absence of temporary lights this spring.
- Mr. Mike Spillane (PAA Commissioner) announced the baseball and softball complexes' opening day on March 29. A field walk-through with Ms. Tierney is scheduled for tomorrow to assess necessary updates.
- PAA bathrooms will open soon, contingent on weather conditions.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary