

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on May 13, 2025. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Kim Rock, Park & Recreation Board Secretary
Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member
James McCartney, Supervisor Liaison

1. Approval of April 8, 2025 Minutes

- Approval deferred due to lack of quorum.

2. Girl Scout Silver Award Project – Dog Park Bridge

- Alice Chase presented her Silver Award project: a bridge for the Dog Park made of composite decking (\$330 budget).
- Board supported the project and the use of composite material.
- Public Works will assist with stabilization if needed.
- Project timeframe: May–August 2025.
- Project approved.

3. Liaison Reports

- PAA (Mike Spillane): Black and Orange Day scheduled for Saturday, including a Hit-A-Thon and fundraising events. Season is running well.
- YMS: Hosted a successful tournament with excellent post-event cleanup.

4. League/User Group Sanctioning

- Deferred due to lack of quorum.

5. Director's Report

- Pool Updates:
 - Pool opens next week.

- New Pool Manager hired.
- Lifeguard and staff training underway.
- Registrations are \$10,000 behind last year.
- Recent open house/tour event brought in \$7,000; another event is planned.
- Marketing includes social media, local "mommy bloggers," and the Big M.
- Public Feedback:
 - Resident Troy Kukorlo expressed concerns over increased membership costs.
 - Discussion on new pricing structure based on family size.
 - Suggested reviewing membership trends by group and adjusting future pricing.
 - Ms. Tierney noted resident vs. non-resident pricing is also under review for 2026.
- Summer Camp:
 - Camp is at capacity with a waitlist.
 - Exploring additional Township space for future expansion.
 - Trips are planned; busing logistics still being finalized.
 - Staff training begins soon.
 - Mr. Kukorlo suggested offering Pool membership discounts to Camp families.
- Programming:
 - Continued growth and diversification.
 - Recent free yoga/fiesta event held at Memorial Park.
 - Exploring more collaboration with the Police Department.
- Facilities:
 - Field maintenance progressing well.
 - Large Dog Park section to reopen before Memorial Day.

6. Other Business

- Mr. Kukorlo expressed frustration that an agenda item of interest was not discussed due to lack of quorum.
- Encouraged to apply for one of the two vacant Board seats.
- Discussion held on upcoming Road Tour; potential collaboration with Public Works. Ms. Tierney will follow up and include on next month's agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Douglas Krauss, Chair

