

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on June 10, 2025. Mr. Brody called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Those present:

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

Others: Monica Tierney, Parks & Recreation Director

Absent: Douglas Krauss, Chair

Location: Township Building

Note: This meeting was inadvertently not recorded or posted to our YouTube Channel. It was held in person with public attendance.

1. Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation – Five Mile Woods Bridge Proposal

- Akshara Anirudh, a Township resident, proposed the construction of a connecting bridge between the two viewing platforms in the newly formed meadow at Five Mile Woods. She outlined project costs, her fundraising plan, sustainability efforts, and the overall benefits of the bridge. This project is part of her pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to support the Girl Scout Gold Award project proposal for a connective bridge at Five Mile Woods. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Mathias Weisner Farmhouse Restoration

- Ethan Roskein, a Township resident, presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to restore the Mathias Weisner Farmhouse in Memorial Park. He shared details on costs, fundraising, sustainability, and collaboration with a local mason for quality work. Mrs. Tierney noted that she had discussed the project with Helen Heinz of the Historic Commission, who expressed interest in providing oversight. Ethan was advised to follow up with Ms. Heinz.

- Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to support the Eagle Scout project proposal to restore the Mathias Weisner Farmhouse in Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to approve April 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to approve May 13, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Liaison Reports

- LMFA Update
- Daryl Mousley, a Township resident representing LMFA, introduced a new summer pilot program called the *Tuff Club*, designed for individuals with disabilities. It will run for six weeks at no cost to participants and will take place at Memorial Park. Supervisor McCartney asked about similarities to the Neshaminy program. Daryl explained that Neshaminy's version has grown too large, and this initiative would help meet the growing need in our area.
Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to approve the Tuff Club program. Motion carried unanimously.
- LMFA President Jim Dunn discussed field space concerns. He noted that the recently rehabilitated football fields at Macclesfield Park need time to recover and requested permission to use the ½ field behind the existing fields or continue using Memorial Park for games, as they have this spring. Ms. Rock expressed concerns about parking at Memorial Park and suggested reducing the number of participants. It was recommended that LMFA explore partnering with the school district to reduce field usage, like other leagues. It was agreed that Mr. Dunn would work with Ms. Tierney on a space utilization plan.

5. League and User Group Policy

- Motion by Mr. LaBar, seconded by Mr. Blundi, to recommend the League and User Group Sanctioning and Requirements policy to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Director's Report

- **Summer Camp:** Preparations are underway, with staff training in progress. Equipment and supplies will begin moving to Edgewood after the school year ends.
- **Community Pool:** Warm weather last week led to a strong turnout. However, overall registration remains slower than expected, likely due to a colder, rainy spring. Warmer weather is anticipated to boost sign-ups.
- **Five Mile Woods:** The Township has received the PECO Green Region Grant. Staff are coordinating with the Friends of Five Mile Woods to create a project plan.

- **Memorial Park East:** The RFP for the project has been released and extended by two weeks.

6. Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Blundi, seconded by Mr. LaBar, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary