

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 9, 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

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

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Recreation Board Member

1. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of June 10, 2025, approved unanimously.

2. Liaison Reports

- **Pennsbury Athletic Association (PAA):**
 - Presented a list of field improvement projects to be funded primarily by PAA, with possible Township support.
 - Projects include: Pool field fencing/backstop replacement, new scoreboards at Pool field and Macclesfield, renovations to Macclesfield H for younger players, and installation of a small storage lock box.
 - Timeline: Macclesfield H this fall, Pool field fencing next, scoreboards later this year or early 2026.
 - Estimated costs: \$12,000 (fencing), \$25,000 (scoreboards).
 - Board voted unanimously to recommend project approvals to the Board of Supervisors.
- **Yardley Makefield Soccer (YMS):**
 - Reported a decline of ~100 rec players, largely in older age groups.
 - Field D is recovering well.
 - One goal was vandalized over Labor Day and is beyond repair; police report will be filed.

3. Director's Report

- **ADA Transition Plan:** Draft distributed; Board members and Disability Advisory Board will provide comments before next meeting. Updates include accessibility in programming and communication.
- **Dog Park:** Safety bench relocation, monthly reminder emails, and stricter enforcement of rules. Group gatherings may prompt adding picnic tables/benches using Community Fund support.
- **2026 Township Events:** Draft calendar reviewed. Highlights include planning for the nation's 250th anniversary and 25th remembrance of 9/11 (budgeted). Community Day remains uncertain due to costs; a scaled-down version with more sponsors may be explored. Board strongly supported continuing *Art in the Park* and considering an indoor winter event.
- **Capital Improvements (2026):** Discussion on long-term upgrades including pool slide, park/playground improvements, Garden of Reflection lighting, pool stands, and Revere courts.
- **Memorial Park Phase III:** Design underway with grant deadline requiring project completion by June 2026. Park Board requested timely updates and may hold a special meeting before Supervisors review.
- **Food & Beverage Vendors:** Permit process under review; ice cream/water ice vendors currently on hold. Draft permit shared for feedback. Board discussed potential bidding process for Macclesfield snack stand operations.

4. Public Comment

- None.

5. Other Business

- Budget process is being handled differently this year; updates will follow.

6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary