

TOWNSHP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on February 10, 2026. 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  
Rob LaBar, Member

Others: Lynn Todd, Operations Manager  
Rob Vandegrift, Program Manager

Absent: Mike Blundi, Park & Recreation Board Member  
Judi Reiss, Supervisor Liaison

1. Approval of Minutes

A. Mr. Brody moved, Mr. LaBar seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the January 13, 2026 meeting Minutes.

2. Remarks by Mr. Krauss and Introductions

A. Several weeks ago, the LMT Director of Park & Recreation position was eliminated and Monica Tierney is no longer with the Township. Mr. Krauss recognized her service to the Township and listed many of her accomplishments over her nine years with Lower Makefield. Mr. Brody, Ms. Rock, and Mr. LaBar also thanked Ms. Tierney for her service.

B. Introductions

Rob Vandegrift, Program Manager, stated he has been with the Township almost two years. He reviewed his background and his responsibilities with the Township. He stated Programs have seen an increase in their

number and revenue being brought in. He stated with the change in roles, he is now the main Park & Rec liaison to the Park & Recreation Board.

Lynn Todd, Operations Manager, stated she has been with the Township for thirteen years. She reviewed work she has done for the Township over the years and her responsibilities at this time.

Mr. Krauss stated Derek Fuller, Public Works Director, will be the lead on facility and field-related needs, and Ms. Todd will be working closely with him on managing projects that are facility related.

### 3. Park & Recreation Report

#### A. Revere Tennis Courts Update

Mr. Vandegrift stated the most-recent proposal received was for a re-layering of the courts. It will not be a full refurbishment as was done at Cardinal. Expansion was discussed, but there are issues with that having to do with trees, land, etc. as well as a large increase in cost compared to just the re-layering. The idea of having six painted pickleball courts was explored; and while it could fit, it would be tight, and walking between the games would cause issues. The engineer proposed two dedicated pickleball courts on the farthest side, and keeping the other two courts as they are transitional between tennis and pickleball.

Mr. Krauss stated he spoke to Mr. Fuller about these issues, and Mr. Krauss stated he does not believe the issues raised are a big problem; and if they are comfortable with the minimum spacing, they could double the inventory, which is his recommendation.

#### B. Memorial Park Update

The current pre-fab of the bathrooms being considered for placement on the pickleball/tennis side is available. Mr. Vandegrift stated it will be two bathrooms with a middle door as access for maintenance. Mr. Krauss asked that this be sent out to the Board. The proposed

total of \$350,000 was just received and is being reviewed. This covers electric and water, but Mr. Vandegrift was not sure if it included having plumbing lines there. There is also discussion about the playground, pavilion, etc.

C. Camp Registration Update

Mr. Vandegrift stated the Camps fill up quickly. The Elementary School Camp (Camp LMT) is full with a sizable wait list, and the Tween Camp is full outside of week one which has a couple slots remaining. He stated they are now working on trips and staffing.

D. Pool Membership Update

Ms. Todd stated membership sales to date are at about \$330,000 compared to last year at this time which was almost \$200,000 less in the bank. The Discount Period ends on Friday, and additional pushes have gone out to previous members and social media blasts for people to take advantage of the Discount Period. With regard to hiring a virtual information session will be held tomorrow night at 7 p.m., and the information is on the Township Website.

An inspector will be coming out next week to look at the slides. Once that information is received, the quote received from Safe Slide will be reviewed as to the repairs that they were planning on doing this year and to see if any additional repairs are going to need to be added. Mr. Krauss stated this is a new inspector as the previous inspector passed away.

E. League Contracts Update

Ms. Todd stated she saw the Contract that Ms. Tierney was working on with the solicitor. The Township will be reviewing that, and she hopes to be able to get it out to the Leagues as they have been waiting for some time.

Ms. Todd stated this year they are going to be doing a different type of Permitting for special events/tournaments; and it will be through the OpenGov Website on-line. Once information is provided, the Police

Fire, and Code Enforcement will review the Application and advise if a Permit can be issued. A meeting will be held on this to discuss the details.

Mr. Brody asked if that will still honor what was defined as a tournament; and Ms. Todd stated she believes it is anything outside of the normal reservations. Mr. Jim Dunn asked if anything happened in the past which is why they are doing this, and Ms. Todd stated they want to make sure they are covered for all safety issues.

#### 4. Liaison Reports

##### A. Lower Makefield Football Association (LMFA)

Mr. Daryl Mousley, Vice President, stated the 2025 fall season was very successful as it has been for many years. He stated they look for continued growth going into the 2026 spring season. The Board granted them Permitting last spring for their TUFF Club (disabilities program). TUFF Club is a youth-oriented/slash young adult with disabilities football program, which turned into much more than just playing football. He stated High School students were involved as “camp buddies.” The program was held on Sundays throughout summer as this was a time with the most need as there were a number of other programs for youth with disabilities at other times of the year. Mr. Mousley stated their pilot program was for those 12 and older, and they had some adult participants. He stated he is looking this year to expand into younger players as well.

##### B. Yardley Makefield Soccer (YMS)

Mr. Doug Cierniak stated he is the new President and reviewed his background and his association with YMS over the years. He stated they completed a successful season with just under 900 players in the rec season. He stated over the winter they did a Toys For Tots Drive and donated 110 toys. He stated they are now gearing up for spring. He thanked Ms. Tierney and Ms. Todd for working with them.

C. Pennsbury Athletic Association (PAA)

Mr. Mike Spillane, Commissioner, was present. He stated registration is open for the spring season, and they look forward to growing the League. He stated this year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GEMS Travel Softball, and this is now being promoted. The Rally Cap Program is open and information is available on their Website. This program helps offset the cost for baseball and softball for parents facing financial distress. They are looking to expand the Magik Program, which is the program for children with learning/development issues run by two NYU professors who are experts in working with children with these learning disabilities.

Mr. Krauss stated he understands that the PAA renovations were approved by the Board of Supervisors, and he asked that the Park & Rec Board be kept updated on their progress. Mr. Spillane stated they wanted to get the Certificate of True Non-Profit, Tax-Exempt Status for the scoreboards or it would have been a significant cost of taxes; and they just got that, so they may be behind for getting them up for the start of the season. He stated they will be approaching the Township to help him with getting the electrical to the second field at Macclesfield. He stated there is a vendor to put the structure in place, but that vendor will not do the electricity. Mr. Spillane stated he understands that there was a problem with the electric box, and he has heard that has been fixed. He reviewed what is necessary with regard to the electrical work needed.

Mr. Spillane indicated they have been unable to put up any signs about registration because of the snow, and Mr. Krauss stated he feels the Township could work with all the groups as far as social posts.

D. Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. Mike Brown stated he oversees Ultimate Frisbee. He stated they are not growing as fast as they hoped. The first year they had 54 players, and last year they had 44. He stated they did not have any players come back who lived outside of the Township. Mr. Brown stated the first year there was a problem with how Registration was set up and everyone paid the same \$30 and not the extra \$30 for non-residents so he paid it himself. He stated some of those who registered indicated that they lived in the Township, but they did not. He stated if

the Township has a way to identify who lives in the Township, they could be more proactive. He stated they are also having a problem recruiting girls of the proper age.

Mr. Brown stated he puts out flyers every week and information on Facebook. He stated this year he is trying to get help from the gym teachers in the Elementary Schools. He stated they have a number of coaches who are National champions and members of Team USA.

Mr. Brown stated he has serious health issues, and there will come a point where someone else will need to take over the Program. Mr. Krauss stated he feels that they will be able to continue the Program.

Mr. Brown expressed concern with young players using the restroom b the playground at Memorial Park by themselves since at twilight it is dark and the doors face away. He stated two outhouses were put in, but they are about 200 yards away from where they play. He asked that they consider restrooms in proximity to the field especially for those playing sports in the evening.

Mr. Brown thanked the Board and Ms. Tierney for all their help.

Mr. Brody asked about the process for the Leagues obtaining Permits, and Ms. Todd stated she believes that it is the normal Permitting for the reservations as usual, and it is only the extra events such as tournaments and things outside of the norm that will change.

## 6. Public Comment

There was no one wishing to make public comment at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary

