

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on March 10, 2026. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order and called the Roll. Mr. Krauss stated there are Board openings and if anyone is interested, they should let the Township Manager know of their interest.

Those present:

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

Others: Rob Vandegrift, Program Manager
Judi Reiss, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Rob LaBar, Park & Rec Board Member

1. Approval of Minutes

- A. Mr. Brody moved, Ms. Rock seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2026.

2. Liaison Reports

A. LMT Seniors

Ms. Meryle Borocharer, Vice President of the LMT Seniors, stated their mission is to enhance the educational, physical, cultural, emotional, and social well being of those aged 55 and older in the community. She reviewed the programs and activities offered weekly as well as monthly meet and greets. She noted the number of local organizations they partner with who come in and make presentations to their group. She stated Sunrise Senior Living has asked them to help them with their Seniors. Ms. Borocharer stated this helps the LMT Seniors as they are looking to get more space for their activities. She stated they also take six to eight day trips per year. She stated their monthly Newsletter is on the Township Website, and they are also in other publications.

Ms. Borochaner noted problems with parking at the Community Center since many of the Seniors have physical limitations, and the number of handicap parking spaces do not match their needs and there are not enough paved parking spaces. She stated there have also been times when the Seniors President has asked for space accommodations, and he does not feel the Township has lived up to the language of the room reservation agreement.

Ms. Borochaner stated the 2024 Census estimated Lower Makefield had a population of approximately 34,000; and of that population 21.4% are over 65 which is 7,300 Seniors. She stated currently LMT Seniors has only 247 members which is down; and many of those who did not renew their membership blamed it on economics. She stated the Seniors are looking into various internal means to reduce their costs, but they need help from the Township. She stated they are not designated as a Senior Center which automatically disqualifies them from funding sources, but she feels there is money available, and they need the Township's help to get it.

Mr. Brody asked the number of residents versus non-residents, and Ms. Borochaner stated about one-third are non-residents. Mr. Brody stated this is in line with other groups. Ms. Borochaner stated that makes it more difficult as it costs non-residents more.

Ms. Reiss stated a number of Township Seniors live in over-55 communities which have their own clubhouses and their own activities. It was noted that there are also a number of other Senior Centers in the surrounding Townships. Ms. Reiss stated she will look into what Grants may be available.

With regard to space at the Community Center, Mr. Vandegrift stated they work with all the groups if there are conflicts with regard to space. Ms. Borochaner suggested the possibility of moving other groups to a different location such as the Township Building. It was noted one of the Senior groups currently meets in the Township Building during the day and possibly others could as well.

Ms. Borochaner stated there is a problem with the Community Center kitchen as it is a non-functioning kitchen. It was noted that there is not a problem with the kitchen although if food is involved a Health Department License is required. Ms. Reiss stated a simple course can be taken by a member of their group. If a caterer/vendor is bring in food, they would be certified.

There was further discussion about parking and lighting. Employees park on the sides. Ms. Reiss will discuss the potential for additional paved parking and lighting with the Board of Supervisors. The required number of handicap spaces are provided in the parking lot.

3. Park & Recreation Report

A. Revere Tennis Courts Update

Geo-technical testing has been approved. The final design has not yet been presented. Mr. Brody asked if this could be shared with the Park Board before it is approved, and Mr. Vandegrift stated he will look into that.

B. Pool Work Update

The pool slide gel coat was approved as well as a contract for slide inspection and maintenance to try to curtail costs. If the Pool is no longer open, that contract can be broken.

C. Pool Membership

Current number is \$523,000 in memberships with 3,818 members, and last year at this time the amount brought in was \$362,509. The Discount Period had a positive effect; but since that time, it has been slow.

Changing the language from “family cap” to a “family membership” was suggested it was felt “family cap” may have a negative connotation or be misunderstood. Mr. Vandegrift stated they could review this further. The possibility of “flash family sales” was discussed; and it was noted that this could be a possibility very early in the season, but doing it later in the season after the Discount Period could be a negative for members who had already paid the higher membership fees.

Ms. Reiss talked about bringing back Community Day and having it earlier in the year so that people could use the Pool that day and might decide to join.

D. Program Update

Weekly camps not run by the Township are in the final stages of being confirmed. Mr. Vandegrift reviewed a number of upcoming programs and events including Race the Course at Makefield Highlands with registrations approaching record numbers.

E. League Contracts Updates

Contracts are presently with legal. Spring League schedules have been submitted.

F. Reinstatement of Park Trash Cans

The Board expressed concern that the Park Board was not consulted about this decision and that it has been frustrating that a number of decisions are bypassing the Park Board and going directly to the Board of Supervisors. Some Board members stated that if this is going to be the process, there is no need for the Park Board members to serve as volunteers on the Board.

Mr. Brody stated their Supervisor Liaison should make sure that anything that is about Park & Recreation is presented to the Park & Rec Board. Ms. Reiss stated she was told that EAC had spoken to Park & Rec and that people had complained about the trash. She stated there have been a lot of changes in the structure of the Board of Supervisors since she was last on the Board.

Mr. Krauss stated there have problems with not bidding out design phases for projects so that the engineers can make a presentation to the Park Board and let them give feedback.

Ms. Reiss agreed to discuss these issues with the Board of Supervisors since she feels the Park & Rec Board should be involved with the design, use, parking, etc. Mr. Krauss stated if the Park Board had been shown Memorial Park pickleball/tennis before it was submitted as Bid, they would probably not have the problems they have now. He stated now they have Revere and Memorial Park, and he does not know if the Park Board is going to see anything before they go out to Bid. He stated they did see one design in October for Memorial Park, and it is now March.

Ms. Reiss was asked to check with the Park & Recreation Board if she sees something on a Board of Supervisors' Agenda to see if they are aware of it. Ms. Reiss agreed that there needs to be more communication. Mr. Blundi stated there should be a process, and the Park & Recreation Board should not be overlooked.

4. Other Business

Mr. Blundi stated with regard to the Leagues he would like to see a summary of their fees for all their programs, a P & L, their costs, and their membership which was what the Board approved as part of the sanctioning process.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary