

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 8, 2026. Mr. Krauss called the meeting to order.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board:	Douglas Krauss, Chair Michael Brody, Vice Chair (joined meeting in progress) Kim Rock, Secretary Mike Blundi, Member Mark Paroly, Member Abbey Yeatts, Member
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Others:	Rob Vandegrift, Program Manager Judi Reiss, Supervisor Liaison
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1. Approval of Minutes

a. June 9, 2026

Mr. Blundi moved, Ms. Rock seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2026.

Mr. Brody joined the meeting at this time.

b. August 11, 2026

Mr. Paroly moved, Ms. Yeatts seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2026.

2. Eagle Scout Project Presentation

a. Erik Muller

Mr. John Heilferty, Five Mile Woods Naturalist, was present with Eric Muller

who presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to replace an old bridge on the Coastal Plain trail at Five Mile Woods. The project involves using Veranda composite lumber for decking and treated lumber for support beams spanning 24' in total. Mr. Heilferty noted the project will help create habitats for terrestrial salamanders and repurpose old boards instead of sending them to landfills. Mr. Muller detailed his funding plan via GoFundMe and Troop donations.

Mr. Blundi moved, Mr. Brody seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the project.

3. Liaison Reports

- a. Gordon Workman, Lower Makefield Football Association, reported steady numbers with approximately 550 in flag football and 125 in tackle football.

Mr. Workman will work with Mr. Vandegrift to avoid scheduling conflicts with Township events.

- b. Michael Spillane, Pennsbury Athletic Association Commissioner, reported on a successful season. He reported on upcoming award ceremonies and the award of the Peake Award to Ann and Alan Turry for their work with the MAGIK Program.

4. PAA Project Presentation

Mr. Spillane proposed reviving a plan to install lighting on the middle field of the three Stoddart baseball fields, citing a Musco quote between \$190,000 and \$230,000. He discussed current usage patterns and potential usage with lighting on Field 2. Funding options were discussed with several Board members citing other Township needs and Budget constraints. There was emphasis on public notice and input from neighbors regarding potential impact of lighting the field. The potential of solar lighting was discussed.

Mr. Brody moved and Ms. Rock seconded to support PAA to present to the Board of Supervisors for permission to light Stoddart 2 without funding from Parks & Rec.

Ms. Bonnie Gannon requested a light spread display to review the impact on nearby neighborhoods.

Motion carried with Mr. Blundi abstained.

5. Future Capital Project Ranking Discussion

Mr. Vandegrift reviewed survey results for upcoming Capital Projects based on Park Board member feedback. The Olympic pool heater was identified as a top priority. Board members debated the prioritization of court resurfacing at Community Park versus Revere with discussion focusing on parking, noise, and dedicated tennis versus pickleball lines. Discussion occurred regarding the need to lock in 2026 rates for Revere resurfacing to avoid inflation-related cost increases.

There was discussion regarding the need to maintain existing facilities like the Pool slides and playground equipment before investing in new projects. It was suggested that Mr. Fuller be asked about what would be needed to provide disc golf at the Snipes Tract.

Ms. Rebecca Kelly, 24-year Township resident, stated she is representing a number of Pool members. She presented several ideas to improve the LMT Pool including tiered memberships (e.g. weekend-only), extended lap pool hours, local business sponsorships, and community events. She stated they are looking to have a partnership with the Township. Ms. Reiss asked Ms. Kelly to make her presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Vandegrift stated Ms. Todd is looking into forming a Committee to gather more formal feedback on marketing, pricing, and operational improvements for the Pool; and hopefully this will be presented to the Board at next month's meeting. Mr. Blundi and Mr. Paroly indicated that they would like to be members of that Committee.

Ms. Diane Hudson Harris, Township resident and Pool member, expressed strong support for continuing the Pool's diverse class offerings.

Mr. Vandegrift will send out a re-worked survey to the Board for their final comments.

6. Park & Recreation Report

- a. Capital Project Updates – Revere is on hold although the Board may want to make a decision whether to proceed with this in 2026 to lock in rates. Memorial Park Phase III project is progressing. Pickleball lines have been painted at the tennis courts at Community Park and play started on those courts on September 2.
- b. Pool Updates – Ending total membership earnings for 2026 were \$902,008.88 compared to \$963,093.40 in 2025. 2026 membership was 6,227 compared to 6,102 in 2025. While memberships rose, revenue was impacted by the family cap discounts and lost revenue from less guest packets sold. All information will be sent to the Park Board members prior to the next meeting. Mr. Vandegrift stated the Pool Survey has been sent to the members, and Ms. Todd will present this at the next Park Board meeting.
- c. Special event Updates – September 11 memorial ceremonies will take place this Friday with morning and evening ceremonies. Other events include the Halloween Monster Mash on October 2, the Color Run for Accessibility on October 11, Veterans Parade on November 14, and a Holiday Party on December 4.

7. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary