

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on June 8, 2010. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Fritchey, Chairman  
Patricia Bunn, Secretary  
Dave Gordon, Member  
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Donna Liney, Park & Recreation Director  
James Majewski, Township Engineer  
Greg Caiola, Supervisor (left meeting in progress)

Absent: Henry Carpenter, Vice Chairman Park & Rec Board  
Fran McDonald, Park & Rec Member  
Andrew Newbon, Park & Rec Member  
Matt Maloney, Supervisor Liaison

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Gordon seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2010 as written.

#### DISCUSS YMCA PROPOSAL FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP POOL AND APPROVE ADOPTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Fritchey stated there was a meeting of the Sub-Committee on June 7, and Ms. Bunn has provided a report. Ms. Bunn stated the Committee members included herself, Mr. Newbon, and Mr. Gordon; and others present were Greg Stoloski, the Pool Manager, Ms. Liney, and Brian McCloskey, the Township Finance Director. Ms. Bunn read the report as follows:

THY submitted a request to use the LMT Community Pool facility for practice and meets. Their request is to use the pool pre-season, during the season from 5-7 a.m. M-F and 6-11 Sat and Sun, and post-season. Yesterday, June 7, 2010, the Subcommittee met to discuss the feasibility of THY's proposal to use the LMT facility for practice and swim meets.

After much discussion, the following conclusions were reached:

1. It does not appear to be a feasible request to be able to get the complex ready for swimmers prior to the Memorial Day weekend opening. There are too many steps involved, such as cleaning the pool, painting the pool, filling the pools and general clean up of the complex, in order to have the complex ready for the Memorial Day opening and it is not for the staff to accommodate this request.
2. The request to allow an outside organization access in the early morning hours during the week and before the complex opens on the weekend does not appear to be a reasonable request.
  - a. The Finance Director, Brian McCloskey, agreed with the information and numbers compiled by Park & Recreation Director, Donna Liney. The numbers used for the estimates prepared by Donna were from actual invoices from the pool operation. Donna stated that she had several discussions with outside companies where she obtained the information in her report relating to the costs associated with the consideration of THY's proposal. The Township's numbers do not show any break-even number or profit as presented in the THY proposal and are therefore not in alignment.
  - b. Although the Citizen's Budget Committee did not perform a comprehensive evaluation of this proposal, the limited evaluation that was performed and submitted by the CBC shows that they are in agreement with both Donna and Brian that the budget numbers to consider this request are not warranted at this time.
  - c. After careful review of the staffing logistics with Greg, this proposal puts an extreme amount of stress on the pool staff. The requirement to have a pesticide certified staff member in the complex would require a manager to be at the complex by 4 a.m. Greg indicated that we currently have two managers with this certification and it has been extremely difficult staffing the pool appropriately for normal operations. Donna stated that they are in the process of getting additional managers certified, but that the staffing for this season does not allow any additional programs at this time. In addition, Greg stated that to add additional programs would put an undue stress on the staff.

Currently they are working 12 hour shifts, and he indicated that he has some difficulty staffing the pool during normal operation, and did not feel that the staffing would be available for an expanded program. In addition, Greg stated that he has a majority of staff that are not permitted to work at the early hours requested by the THY proposal.

- d. The last item is the actual space that they are asking to use. Pool Manager, Greg Stoloski, pointed out that the accomplished LMT Swim and Dive Team practice on long course 5 days a week under USA certified LMT Swim coach and Pennsbury High School Swim Coach, Doc Wilson, so any LMT residents (or Yardley Borough resident) could join the LMT swim team and practice with them with excellent professional coaching. Also the Princeton facility which THY uses is geared to competitive swimming with lane lines, etc. already in place as opposed to the LMT facility which would have to make accommodations for this.
3. It does not appear to be a feasible request to be able to keep the complex open and operational for swimmers after the Labor Day weekend. The main reason would be staffing. At this point, most of the staff is either back in college or in high school, and are not available with any regularity post season. Secondly, the cost to maintain the pool would fall directly on THY and does not prove to be cost effective for the pool budget.
4. The proposal to hold THY's swim meets at the pool was not discussed; however, I would like to offer that it appears to be a direct conflict with the swim meets that are currently hosted by the LMT swim team.
5. The Subcommittee does not feel that the Parks and Recreation Board could make any type of recommendation without input from the Pool membership. Currently the Pool operates within their budget, and we do not want to see membership slip due to making this accommodation.
6. Further discussion needs to occur as to how the Township can even accommodate this request when a portion of the team members are not members of the Pool and some are not residents of the Township or Yardley Borough. It is my opinion that if an individual is using the complex on a regular basis, that they should be members of the Pool. I am not sure how the Township can enforce this when there are members of the team that do not reside in the Township or the Borough.

The Township has not ever allowed people to join the Pool who are not residents of the Township or Yardley Borough. The only times that non-residents are permitted in the Pool complex are as guests of a Pool member who resides in the Township. It was brought to the attention of the Parks and Rec Board that members have been bringing guests to the Pool on a regular basis in lieu of them signing up for a membership. I personally think that the THY proposal will exacerbate this issue.

7. Lastly, I would not be in favor of any person who is not on the Pool staff operating any of the equipment. THY presented in their proposal that members of their coaching staff have experience in operating complexes and could oversee the complex during the times that they are using the pools. While I can appreciate that they perhaps think that they have that ability, I am not willing to vote on any proposal that would suggest non-staff members to operate the Pool equipment. I cannot speak to how the insurance policy for the Pool reads or what exactly the Board of Health requirements are; however, I do not think that putting the responsibility of the Pool complex on a non-staff member is a prudent decision.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Bunn, Secretary

Mr. Fritchey stated it appears that the recommendation of the Subcommittee is that they not proceed with the proposal at this time, and Ms. Bunn agreed. Mr. Gordon stated at this time there are too many stumbling blocks in order to make this happen even though it is concept which he personally supports. He stated the Pool is an expensive, major asset for the Township and neither Ms. Liney nor Mr. Stoloski are comfortable with the concept, and the Board needs to support them. He stated it has been represented that someone must be pesticide-certified either at or close to the Pool Complex. He stated Mr. Stoloski lives in Philadelphia and is not within that distance when he is not at work, and there is only one other certified Assistant Manager. Mr. Gordon stated there is a general feeling that the equipment is unique and is expensive; and although a lot of it operates automatically, the feeling is that they are not comfortable with having the complex used when one of the Pool Managers or Assistant Managers are not on the premises. He stated at this time they are down one Assistant Manager, and they do not feel it is appropriate to ask the Manager and Assistant Manager to do more than they are doing. Mr. Gordon stated most of the times that have been requested are times when the Pool is not in use, but some of them are times when the Olympic Pool was being used for swim lessons. He stated while they could move the lessons to the lap pool, this is not something that has been done yet and would have to be addressed.

Mr. Gordon stated there are also financial concerns about staffing, chemicals, and equipment. He stated there are also major liability concerns, insurance concerns, and how they would explain the situation to the membership if something were to go wrong with the equipment/chemicals. He stated most of the guarding staff are high school and college students, and Mr. Stoloski has indicated the staff does not generally look for extra early morning hours. Mr. Gordon added that this has not been staffed or budgeted for in advance. Mr. Gordon stated with regard to the chemicals, he does not feel there is a definitive way to measure how much more expense there is unless there were to be a base line; and if THY came in, they could see how much more is added to the base line. He stated there is conflicting information with regard to bather load and how much a swim team adds to the bather load necessitating more chemicals. Mr. Gordon stated he has read that it is minimal, but Ms. Liney has indicated that she has been advised that 12 swimmers swimming in a pool adds more bather load than 40 children playing in the water. He stated there is obviously an expense element that is difficult to measure. Mr. Gordon stated there is also uncertainty as to the revenues that will be brought in despite the figures presented by Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Gordon stated they are also concerns about how the membership would react to this proposal. He stated the members are the owners of the Pool, and people are sometimes uncomfortable with non-LMT groups using their Pool even if it is at a time that they are not using it. Mr. Gordon stated Mr. Stoloski indicated that there have been times when there were non-Lower Makefield residents swimming at the swim practices, and people were uncomfortable with this and asked them to leave. He stated there is a concern that they could hurt membership. He stated there is also the concern that they may be opening “Pandora’s box” in terms of being put in a position where they will have to open the Pool to other groups that are not Lower Makefield based.

Mr. Gordon stated he agrees with the Committee that at this point in time, there are too many hurdles to clear for the 2010 season. He stated he personally would not rule out discussing and looking into this idea out of season to see if they could do a pilot program in 2011.

Mr. Caiola asked how many swimmers would be involved and how much income would they bring in. Mr. Paul Mackenzie, 2013 Trowbridge Drive, provided a copy of his proposal (copy attached to the Minutes) adding he does not feel his proposal has been accurately reflected in the record. He stated when he was present in April, the Board provided him feedback that they not consider a cost sharing/revenue sharing as was originally proposed by the Y, but consider some other alternatives which were strictly Township revenue as well as opportunities for the residents to do some lap swimming.

Mr. Mackenzie stated he feels the financial model put together by Ms. Liney was skewed so that any revenue opportunities were neutered. He stated what were proposed as opportunities during the week, Saturday and Sunday morning, were reduced to Monday to Friday 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. and this was not part of the revenue model. He stated the costs were inflated significantly, and the staff was put in at double time. He stated the staff does not even have to be there according to USA Swimming insurance rules, and they are not there are Princeton, Bucks, or Eastern Express. He stated lawn cutting was put in, and he does not feel anyone is cutting the lawn between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. He stated a 50% increase in maintenance costs for lawn cutting was put in. He stated they need to consider if they want to make the Pool available; and if so, there is a lot of collaboration that needs to happen to remove the small hurdles.

Mr. Mackenzie stated he recognizes that this year is not possible. He stated he approached the Township in October of last year to try to get on the Agenda, and he did not get on until April. He stated he would like to work in September to make this happen as there are children who could take advantage of this asset and are willing to swim at 5 a.m. to improve their skill set. He stated it is not a liability issue for the Township as they are fully insured, and the Township would be written on their insurance policy for USA Swimming and Y Swimming. He stated no equipment needs to be touched for what is proposed. He stated they would go in, open the gate, and swim. He stated the in-season use would not require anyone to touch the equipment.

Ms. Bunn stated she understands the USA Swimming insurance policy may not require anything, but the Township insurance policy does require that if there swimmers in the Pool, they must be properly staffed. Mr. Mackenzie stated he is not aware that the Township's insurance policy states this nor does the Bucks County Public Water and Bathing requirements as they specifically put in an exclusion for Swim Team access, and it does not need to be guarded. Ms. Bunn stated Mr. Stoloski stated they do have to monitor the equipment because the bather load will increase the chlorine use. Ms. Bunn stated Mr. Stoloski indicated that he is constantly making adjustments. Ms. Liney stated this is a water quality issue. Mr. Mackenzie stated he ran a pool for fifteen years and is a PhD chemical engineer who runs world-wide facilities for a global company, and he disagrees. Ms. Bunn stated he does not run the Lower Makefield Complex.

Mr. Mackenzie stated he feels what he is hearing is hearsay and not facts. Mr. Mackenzie stated he would like to see the insurance policy that requires them to have staff at the Pool for Swim team. Ms. Bunn stated it is also about what the Pool Manager and Township solicitor are comfortable with. She stated there could be an accident in the Pool; and if it is going to be opened up to other people, it would have to be staffed with lifeguards as Mr. Mackenzie's swim coaches are not going to be watching people in another pool swimming laps. She stated Mr. Stoloski has indicated he does not have staff at 5:00 a.m. and had stated he cannot have teenagers come in who are not licensed to

work before a certain time according to their working papers; and he may have to pay people double time to come in at that hour. Mr. Mackenzie stated they work more than eight hours and do not pay double time.

Mr. Mackenzie stated he feels they need to make sure that the analysis is accurate. He stated he was asked to look into the possibility of additional lap time for the residents, and he feels they can do this. He stated he feels it will be cost neutral and revenue positive; and he feels they could make this work if they want to. He stated he would like to work with a few people to make this work for 2011. He stated children deserve access to first-class equipment. He noted the number of fifty meter pools in California and Florida where swimmers are excelling.

Mr. Fritchey asked the number of participants in Mr. Mackenzie's proposal, and Mr. Mackenzie stated on THY there are fifty-five swimmers. Mr. Fritchey asked how many were from Lower Makefield or Yardley, and Mr. Mackenzie stated 80% of them are Township residents. Mr. Fritchey stated this would be 44 swimmers, and he asked if some of them are current Pool members; and Mr. Mackenzie stated they are all members of the Pool currently. Mr. Fritchey stated they could be doing the same training during Lower Makefield Swim Team time with the LMT USA Certified Swim Coach, and Mr. Mackenzie stated they could if they allowed them in and their coach. He stated you would not typically switch your coach. He stated the other eleven would be more than willing to pay guest fees to be able to come in and practice as long as they could have lanes to access with their coach. Mr. Fritchey stated it seems they are asking to have a core of people coming with their coach as opposed to having a core of people coming and having the access to the elite facility. Mr. Mackenzie stated it is both as the facility is elite since a 50 meter pool is hard to find. Mr. Fritchey stated it seems that what is really being discussed is 55 people being able to train in the Lower Makefield facility with their coach as opposed to doing the same work but with a different coach and the 11 other people who do not currently belong to the Pool.

Mr. Mackenzie stated that is true for this request, but Spirit, Energy, and PAC have expressed interest and this was the basis for the other model. Mr. Fritchey stated this becomes a different issue as to what is the core mission of the swimming pool and what it does to the dues-paying membership of the last twenty-five years.

Ms. Liney stated she is confident with her numbers and stands by them as a lot of research and thought went into them. She stated a lot of the revenue shown by Mr. Mackenzie was generated from the Meets which she feels would be difficult to accommodate. She stated Mr. Stoloski did indicate that Doc Wilson is a USA Certified Coach of the LMT Swim Team and does conduct the long-course training 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. five days a week so that training is available at the facility, although it is not under the coach who is coaching the Tri-Hampton Y.

Mr. Wysocki stated Mr. Mackenzie indicated that some other clubs may be interested, and Mackenzie agreed. Mr. Wysocki asked if this request was for all of them, and Mr. Mackenzie stated originally he had offered to come in with the Y's support to cost share and revenue share. He stated they proposed to do all the volunteer work to line up the teams, make sure they were certified, sign them up, manage the slots, pay a rental fee and the Y would get 50% of the revenue that was made above and beyond the costs by accessing those teams. This would be done on a volunteer basis by the Y, and the Y was also offering to do all the chemicals for the pre-season and support staff since they run multiple pools in the area. Mr. Wysocki stated this would have included more Clubs than just the Y, and Mr. Mackenzie stated it would have included multiple clubs and would include all the area swim coaches that he has approached who are going into Philadelphia and Princeton to find 50 meter pool time.

Mr. Wysocki stated this would be significantly more than the 55 people previously discussed, and Mr. Mackenzie agreed. Mr. Fritchey stated it would also be significantly more than 11 people who are not Township residents, and Mr. Mackenzie agreed that it would be more non-residents no different than any of the other sports where there is non-resident use of the Township facilities. Ms. Bunn stated the difference is that this has been a resident-only facility. Mr. Mackenzie stated while he understands the history, he was looking to make this available for the benefit of children to improve themselves.

Ms. Bunn stated if THY was going to be using the facility from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Monday to Friday, when would the other organizations use the facility. Mr. Mackenzie stated if they did 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. there would be six lanes and each slot is two lanes per team so typically you can accommodate fifteen to twenty swimmers in a 50 meter pool because of the 10 second time between swimmers. He stated they could have two to three teams at any given two-hour time slot. Mr. Mackenzie stated the Philadelphia Aquatic Club is making a significant amount of money bringing in teams every two hours. He stated there are 275 swimmers that come from Cherry Hill to the Philadelphia Aquatic Club every Saturday from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. which shows how much of a premium the pool time and space is.

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to adopt the Sub-Committee report.

## DISCUSSION OF PARK & RECREATION PROJECTS

Mr. Majewski stated a number of lay outs had been considered over the years for the Samost Tract. He showed this evening the last proposal showing the location of the proposed baseball fields and parking. He stated the hedgerow and the wood line would be preserved. He stated a 90' foot field and a 70' foot field with parking are proposed. He stated a future phase, which has not yet been finally determined, could accommodate tennis courts. He stated an alternate plan showed another baseball field, but he added that the area where it was shown has steep grades and the area is wooded which could create a problem. Mr. Majewski stated the Plan also contemplates extending the parking lot out to Oxford Valley Road which would provide a loop road.

Mr. Majewski stated it has been proposed that if the Township cannot decide what they want to do with the entire parcel, and since they do not have sufficient funds to fund all of the improvement at this time, it may be possible to phase the project in and do the two baseball fields and leave the decision about the rest of the tract to a later date. He stated the area where the fields have been proposed is the area which is best suited for baseball.

Ms. Bunn asked about the proposed indoor batting facility PAA has discussed, and Mr. Majewski showed on the Plan PAA's proposed location which is behind the concession stand. He stated the proposed location does show it cutting into the woods, and he does not feel that this is feasible since there are wetlands in the woods. He stated the Plan he is showing has the indoor facility larger than the need expressed by PAA. Mr. Caiola stated PAA would be responsible for the cost of this although the Township would have to consider the space for this facility. Mr. Gordon asked what is necessary in terms of engineering and bidding if PAA decides to pay for this facility. Mr. Majewski stated the Township would have to reserve on any lay out sufficient room for this facility, and he does feel they could find sufficient room. Mr. Gordon stated PAA has indicated they would pay for this, and he asked how this would work. Ms. Bunn asked if they would have to pay prevailing wage, and Mr. Majewski stated he has heard that since it is on public land, they would have to pay prevailing wage. Mr. Caiola stated he feels it would be similar to when YMS put in the turf field. Mr. Majewski stated they did this all themselves, and this is when a distinction would have to be made; and if the Township gets involved, it would be subject to prevailing wage, but if PAA does it all on their own and they were granted some kind of lease for this area, he feels they could just do it. Mr. Fritchey stated the Township would still own the land as a matter of real estate law. Mr. Majewski stated a decision does not have to be made on this at this time. He stated he feels PAA is more interested in the fields at this time as opposed to a batting facility. Ms. Bunn stated there is a family interested in doing this as a memorial, and she feels the family is already trying to raise funds for this assuming the Township is in agreement with this. Mr. Caiola stated he was not aware that they were already raising money for this even though he and Mr. Stainthorpe indicated to PAA that they were in support of this provided PAA was going to pay for it. He stated he feels they need to find out the

different options for building something on Township property. He stated he did not have a concern with the turf field. He stated he has heard no negative feedback from residents complaining about the fact that they cannot go on it, and Ms. Bunn stated she has heard quite a number of negative feedbacks that because it is in a public park and considered owned and operated by YMS, you are not permitted on that field whether YMS is using it or not. Mr. Gordon stated no one has used Fields C and D other than YMS for the twenty years he has lived in the Township. Ms. Bunn stated the people who want to enjoy the parks who are not involved in the sports organizations cannot use the facilities on a Saturday other than if you go to Memorial Park. Mr. Caiola stated he has seen people use the fields all the time when they are not Permitted.

Mr. Caiola stated with regard to the indoor facility, he feels the spot should be reserved, but the rest can be built around it. He stated they should work with PAA but let them know that they still need to consider what the protocol will be for building this facility by PAA. Mr. Fritchey stated the Township solicitor will have to weigh in on this, and Mr. Caiola stated he could ask Mr. Truelove to look into this prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there is room for warm ups and spectators at the proposed ball fields, and Mr. Majewski stated there is ample room, and he showed the locations on the Plan. He reviewed how grading would have to be done to accommodate this. Mr. Wysocki stated he assumes that they are not going to put lights on these fields; and Mr. Majewski stated while this has not been discussed it may be discussed in the future. Mr. Caiola stated he does not feel they would need to have lights on these fields since they have lights at Macclesfield Park. Mr. Wysocki stated lights do add tremendous capacity to fields. Mr. Fritchey stated he does not feel at this location, lights would be a burden to many residents. Mr. Majewski stated there are about four to five homes on Oxford Valley Road. Mr. Majewski stated there are fewer complaints about lights since the newer lights have less glare. Mr. Wysocki stated there is a lot of value to having lit fields particularly early in the season when you are trying to train and it gets dark by 5 p.m.

Mr. Caiola asked the dimension of the larger field, and Mr. Majewski stated there are different standards for the recommended size of a baseball field and he has shown the minimum outfield dimension. Mr. Caiola stated he would recommend that they not do the minimum since if they make it larger, the Legion Teams may be able to come back and play in Lower Makefield. Mr. Majewski stated he feels there is room to move the fencing out 10'. Ms. Bunn stated they may need to cut down additional trees to do this, and Mr. Majewski stated they will need to do more detailed engineering

Mr. Gordon asked about the cost estimates to do the two baseball fields, and Mr. Majewski stated for two fields, parking, stormwater management and engineering costs are estimated to be \$575,000. He stated this includes ADA access from the bleachers to the parking lots and the parking lot. He stated the existing restrooms are sufficient.

Mr. Caiola stated if this is recommended by the Park & Recreation Board, the next step would be to get firm prices from Mr. Majewski. He stated they would also have to have a public hearing. He stated the Citizens Budget Committee has been discussing funding and user fees, and he would want the Committee and Mr. McCloskey to work with them to get numbers in place to see the cost per household to move the project forward. Mr. Caiola stated once these fields are constructed, he feels the needs of PAA baseball for eternity will have been met, and the Township would only need to provide some fields for recreational use. Mr. Caiola stated PAA has provided positive feedback on the maintenance of the fields this year.

Ms. Bunn asked the cost for the first four tennis courts, and Mr. Majewski stated he feels it would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 per court. Ms. Bunn stated every year she has been on the Board they go on the Road Tour and discuss the crack filling; and for years they have not accommodated tennis in favor of the larger athletic organizations. Mr. Majewski stated if they added those courts they would have to expand the parking lot and have an entrance off Oxford Valley Road. Ms. Bunn stated they could stone the parking lot since this has been done at Snipes for years. She stated she feels they are always giving in to the bigger organizations and not providing for the smaller organizations which are just as important. Mr. Fritchey stated if they are considering tennis he feels this should be part of Phase II, and they could install eight courts rather than four. Mr. Majewski asked if the Park & Recreation Board would be in favor of phasing the entire concept or do they feel it is best to do the planning for the entire complex if they can get everyone to agree to the funding. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the whole Plan should be approved by the residents, and Mr. Fritchey agreed and stated they could then build the Plan as they can pay for it.

Mr. Gordon stated if they are now discussing figures which are close to \$1 million it will cause more concern, and he felt that they were trying to break off two ball fields with an estimated cost of less than \$600,000 which would be more feasible. Mr. Caiola stated he feels that the Board of Supervisors would be more inclined to support the smaller project which would be the ball fields; however, they could approve the entire Plan and indicate that they have had an interest for a number of years in having tennis courts at this location.

Ms. Bunn asked if they could install just one ball field and build tennis courts as a compromise. She stated she is concerned that only the larger organizations are being accommodated, and they are not meeting the needs of the rest of the residents.

Mr. Majewski stated from a construction standpoint it would be best to do both ball fields at the same time. Ms. Bunn stated they could grade the entire area, and build only one field, but Mr. Majewski stated he was not in favor of this. Mr. Caiola stated he would also be in favor of putting in all of the tennis courts at one time. Mr. Majewski stated he is not sure that there was consensus on exactly how many tennis courts should be at this location and the subject of lights also came up.

Mr. Caiola asked if those looking for more courts are part of the organized tennis program and trying to expand the program in the Township or are they people who play tennis recreationally and feel there is a greater need. Ms. Liney stated she did receive a call indicating that Pennsbury Racquet Club is interested in putting a program in the Township, and she stated it would be difficult to accommodate that in addition to the YM Tennis program they have now and still keep courts open for first-come/first-serve. She stated she feels the Pennsbury Racquet Club has a large following who are looking for outdoor courts. She stated currently YM Tennis is meeting their needs at the location they have been Permitted. She stated they do have to crack fill the tennis courts annually, and they have been reluctant to upgrade the courts at the Community Pool or convert them. She stated those courts are lit, and they would not want to give up lighted courts.

Mr. Gordon asked if Ms Liney has received complaints about the quality of the tennis courts or the quantity; and Ms. Liney stated usually the residents use the Pool courts, and she has received complaints about the quality of the courts and questions as to when they will put in new courts as the cracks open every year. Ms. Liney stated she does not feel the residents would want to lose lighted courts. Mr. Gordon stated he feels that since they already have a location where there are lights and it would be less expensive to redo a court that already exists, it would be better to put something about redoing the existing community courts. Mr. Majewski stated he feels it would be about half the price of new courts to redo the existing courts. Ms. Bunn stated she was under the impression that the tennis organization needed additional courts, and if they are satisfied with what they have, she is satisfied with this. Ms. Liney stated for the most part the Schulyer courts are under Permit by YM Tennis from eight to eight; but if no one is using them, residents can use them. There was discussion about the Revere courts, and it was suggested that they be taken out.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they should have the entire Plan presented to the residents at one time but that there be two phases, and they should recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they fund Phase I which would be under \$600,000. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they should look at costs for the two baseball fields, adding in 12 tennis courts, and also consider redoing the tennis courts at the Community Park. Ms. Liney stated

there are four courts at that location along with the basketball court which would also need resurfacing. Mr. Wysocki asked if they feel 12 tennis courts would be needed at Samost. Mr. Fritchey stated there has been discussion that there are not sufficient basketball courts in the Township; and when there is discussion about building new basketball courts in other locations, there are concerns expressed by the residents. The Park Board felt that a place where they could add additional basketball courts which would not result in complaints would be at Community Park so they were thinking of phasing out those four tennis courts and replacing them with basketball courts and building new tennis courts at Samost.

Mr. Caiola stated once people realize there are basketball courts at Memorial Park, they will begin to use them. He stated they need to do more to advise residents of the facilities at Memorial Park. Mr. Fritchey stated the more venues they create, the more it will attract people. Ms. Liney stated a Permit has been issued to St. Ignatius and St. John's CYO for summertime basketball at that location a few days a week. Ms. Bunn stated they had indicated that these would not be Permitted facilities. Ms. Liney stated that they did explain to them that it is a pilot program, and they are trying to get traffic in the Park.

Mr. Fritchey asked if they want to put together a Subcommittee to work with Mr. Majewski in fine tuning the Plan and presenting it to the public. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel they need a Subcommittee since they are already in favor of the Plan. Mr. Fritchey stated normally they present alternatives, and Mr. Majewski stated there was an Alternate Plan which showed a third baseball field and only four courts. Mr. Caiola stated he feels the residents would be in favor of the scaled-back Plan. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel they should present a third field option.

Mr. Fritchey stated they would need to schedule a public meeting with the residents. Mr. Caiola suggested that if they wait until September, they will then have time to discuss this with the Citizens Budget Commission. Mr. Wysocki asked how long it would take to build the fields; and Mr. Majewski stated it would take three months to go through the approval process and a few months to go out to bid. Mr. Fritchey stated they have to have the public meeting and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Caiola stated he will share with the Board of Supervisors that the Amended Plan is currently being supported by the Park & Recreation Board and they will hold public hearings to get resident feedback. Mr. Caiola stated he appreciates all the work the Park & Recreation Board has put into this project.

Ms. Bunn stated she would also like the Citizens Budget Committee and Mr. McCloskey to consider how they could include the upgrade of the tennis courts. Mr. Caiola agreed and stated he feels this is a good time to do this work as contractors are anxious for work and borrowing rates are still good.

Mr. Caiola left the meeting at this time.

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>, Lower Makefield Township will be hosting three large-scale special events with attendance in the parks during these events in the thousands. The regional 3 v 3 qualifying soccer tournament will be held at Macclesfield Park, the PAA Art Coleman Memorial Fastpitch tournament will be held in the Community Park complexes at Roelofs, Stoddart, and the Pool fields, and the Veterans Committee is holding a flea market at Veterans Square as a fundraiser for the Veterans' Monument. The Park staff will be supporting these events and has already begun some of the necessary preparations to insure their success.

Ms. Liney stated the Community Park Kids Kingdom picnic grove continues to be a popular site for year end school picnics. The Township has hosted parties for all the classes at Edgewood Elementary as well as Makefield Elementary, Pennwood, St. Ignatius, and area pre-schools.

Ms. Liney stated the Bucks County Library will be hosting a free story hour at the Kids Kingdom pavilion Thursday mornings in July, which she feels will be well received by the community.

Ms. Liney stated the Township Pool had a terrific opening day weekend on Memorial Day with thousands of Pool members and guests enjoying the complex and operations ran smoothly. Residents continue to register, and given the economy, it is not surprising that we are slightly below last year's figures. As of today the Township issued an additional 50 family memberships and show an additional 60 currently going through the membership process. She stated they are hopeful the membership numbers will be consistent with years past. 170 of the guest booklets have been sold to the membership, and feedback on the pass booklets has been positive.

Ms. Liney stated July is the month the Park Board conducts its annual road tour of Township park facilities. This tour was highlighted by the Township insurer, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust last fall in its newsletters to area municipalities as an innovative program and industry "best practice" for evaluating facilities, improving risk management, and demonstrating the value the parks bring to the community.

The tentative meeting date for July would be Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If there are specific locations anyone would like to visit, Ms. Liney asked that she be so advised.

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There being no further business, Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Gordon seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary