

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 8, 2012

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on May 8, 2012. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Fritchey, Chairman
Fran McDonald, Vice Chairman
Patricia Bunn, Secretary
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Donna Liney, Park & Recreation Director
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Dave Gordon, Park & Rec Member
Dave Malinowski, Park & Rec Member
Andrew Newbon, Park & Rec Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2012 as written.

REVIEW SPECIFICATIONS AND TIME LINE FOR SAMOST TRACT

Mr. Mark Eisold and Ms. Judy Goldstein from Boucher & James were present. Mr. Eisold stated they provided a Plan for the Board's packet. He stated this is a conceptual grading plan and lay out based on what was discussed last month. He stated originally they had discussed retaining walls which they feel will be quite expensive, and they tried to see what they could do to eliminate the walls. He stated what they are proposing is to steepen the banks and also extend somewhat onto the Water Authority property. He stated he is not sure that this is possible but hopes that it is since it would be less for the grading. He stated they had originally priced out the walls to be approximately \$70,000. Mr. Eisold was asked how far onto the Water Company property they would need to go, and Mr. Eisold stated they have marked on the Plan a 25' wide temporary construction easement with some tree removal. He noted on the Plan the location of the driveway. Mr. Eisold stated they have been advised that the Water Company may be receptive to giving an easement or even moving the line somewhat.

He stated much of the Water Company property is not used, and they only use the front part. Mr. Eisold stated if they are able to do this, it will save the Township money.

There was discussion on the slopes, and Mr. Eisold stated he feels the slope is three to one; and Ms. Goldstein agreed. Mr. Eisold also noted on the Plan where they will have the bleachers and the swale; and he showed on the Plan where the stormwater will be taken. Ms. Goldstein noted an area along the side line where it would be suitable for people sitting in chairs.

Mr. Eisold stated in order to minimize the grading on the field, it would fall away from the pitcher's mound. He showed on the Plan how the grading would be done on the field. Ms. Goldstein stated it is about 2 ½ percent. Mr. Eisold stated no one will be looking up hill and at 2% it is fairly flat. Ms. Goldstein stated from home plate looking up the first base line, the back corner will be higher and the third base line back corner will be lower.

Mr. Eisold stated in addition to the base bid, they could include a "wish list" as an alternate. Ms. Goldstein stated it could also be considered a Phase II with options to be considered. Mr. Eisold stated they have put some preliminary costs together including the backstops and fencing and the estimate is \$80,000 to \$100,000.

There was discussion about the under drains. Ms. Goldstein stated the infield is not as sculpted as the outfield as there will be multi-flow under drains under the full infield. Ms. Goldstein stated these are within conventional parameters for baseball fields. Ms. Goldstein stated she does not like to go to 3% grading. Mr. Eisold stated they still have refining to do.

Mr. Eisold stated they are looking into a conduit to provide for lighting in the future, and the conduit will be included as an alternate.

With regard to landscaping, Ms. Goldstein noted on the Plan where trees and a wildflower mix/meadow mix are proposed. She stated she was not sure if they wanted an area for warm-up given at the previous meeting it was indicated that typically they warm up on the field itself. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they should have additional area for warm ups. Mr. Doug Krauss, PAA, stated this is important especially on the smaller field. It was agreed to leave the area noted by Ms. Goldstein in grass. Ms. Goldstein stated initially they were told they did not need a warm-up area, but what she is hearing now is that they would like to have warm-up areas if it can be accommodated.

Ms Goldstein stated with the exception of the stormwater management areas – the rain gardens and the basins – all the other landscaping such as the trees and shrubs will be an alternative based on the need to get the basic fields in. Mr. Fritchey stated they were previously able to get some small trees from the Pennsylvania Horticultural group, and the Girl Scouts helped plant them. Ms. Bunn stated she would prefer not having trees at this location. Ms. Goldstein stated they were looking at having trees around the parking lot. Ms. Bunn stated the trees could get hit by cars. She stated at Macclesfield the children are hanging on the trees and breaking off the branches, and she would prefer not having that at this location. Mr. Fritchey stated there is a need for shade; and when the trees mature, these trees could provide this. Ms. Goldstein stated twenty trees were proposed as an alternate, mostly in the parking lot but some at other locations she showed on the Plan. She stated she does like to be able to provide some shade. Park & Rec members other than Ms. Bunn were in favor of having trees. Ms. Goldstein stated the trees should be an alternate since if they do not have a field, they do not need trees; and they do not have enough money for the field just yet.

There was discussion about water for the fields. Mr. Eisold stated they have allotted \$30,000 for the water service to take the line between the fields. He stated it will be a 2” water service with a 2” hydrant. He showed on the Plan where they will bring in the water. Mr. Eisold stated there had been discussion about irrigation; however, this would be out of the Budget. Ms. Goldstein stated they could have a traveling hose.

Ms. Bunn expressed concern about even affording the \$30,000, and Ms. Goldstein stated this could be an alternate as well. Mr. Eisold stated they feel the basic field cost could be approximately \$800,000. Mr. Eisold stated they are still fine-tuning the numbers and will provide this to the Park & Rec Board soon.

Mr. McDonald stated if they are not going to irrigate the fields, it is important that they consider the future maintenance of these fields. Ms. Goldstein stated the total they have to work with is \$575,000. Ms. Bunn stated there is no way they are going to be able to find \$300,000 to include water. Mr. McDonald stated if they do not do something now at the cost of approximately \$30,000 and decide to do it later, it could cost \$60,000; and at some point the Township needs to look at doing things right the first time at a reasonable cost as opposed to doing it just to get it done and then adding on the things that are necessary for maintenance. Mr. Eisold stated once they get the bids in, they need to decide what they are able to do. Ms. Bunn stated if they are holding fast to needing water, maybe they can only do one of the fields and the other one will have to be put off to some other time. She stated if they eliminate one field but still include the parking and the other infrastructure, this could get them closer to the \$575,000 they have.

Mr. Krauss stated while he understands they want to have paving, the other option is that they could do the parking lot in stone first and then pave it three years in the future. Ms. Tyler asked the difference in cost between stone and paving, and Mr. Eisold stated they have estimated \$70,000 for paving.

Mr. Eisold stated there had been discussions about having a big backstop but they are expensive. Ms. Goldstein stated they need to decide if there is any chance for funding from some other source for dedicated items such as backstops, dug outs, etc. She stated in other Township they worked in the Township did the basic items, and their softball association paid for approximately \$200,000 of other items which were added. She stated in that case the Township fronted the money, and the association paid back the Township each year from proceeds from the snack bar. She stated they also did a lot of in-kind work.

Mr. Krauss stated a \$1 million Grant was given to build the ball fields, and now they are down to \$575,000 and the discussion needs to go back to the Supervisors because they took away a lot of the dollars before any of this was done. Ms. Bunn stated it was not \$1 million just for ball fields. Mr. Krauss stated he agrees with Mr. McDonald that if they do not build this correctly, they are just going to have similar issues that they have today with Stoddart and Roelofs where they cannot maintain the fields when certain weather conditions happen; and they then have to ask for additional money in the future.

Mr. McDonald stated they are at \$575,000 now; and while they want to have top-quality facilities, given the reality, he is not sure they are going to get it and they will have to determine how they can compromise. He stated he would like to have two fields and would like to have water behind second base.

Mr. Krauss asked what kind of dugouts are proposed, and he asked if they are going to be covered; and Ms. Goldstein stated they are similar to the existing dugouts. Mr. Krauss stated possibly they should re-consider this and just have benches and the cover could come later. He stated he assumes they will have to look at every line item, and Mr. McDonald stated this is what they are going to have to do to see what is really needed and what can be done later.

Ms. Goldstein stated they are working on the estimates and in their past experience bids are coming in higher than anticipated because of the delivery of materials and labor.

Mr. Eisold stated at this point they do not have everything totally designed, and they hope to fine tune this as best they can as to the numbers and will send it out to everyone. Mr. McDonald asked when this must be done; and Ms. Goldstein stated they proposed to submit this for Land Development by September, and they would like to stick to that.

Ms. Goldstein stated she would like to get numbers to the Park & Rec Board before their next meeting, and Mr. Fritchey asked that they provide the information to Ms. Liney who will distribute it to the Board. Mr. Eisold stated he feels they are on target for the schedule he previously provided. He stated he feels they will be able to provide the Board with cost estimates in a week to ten days.

There was further discussion on grading, and Ms. Tyler asked the estimated cost of the grading; and Mr. Eisold stated the estimate is approximately \$200,000 between cut and fill. Ms. Goldstein noted on the Plan areas where they have to cut and areas where they have to fill.

Ms. Bunn asked who is going to be working with the Water Company with regard to the easement since she would not want to proceed assuming they are going to be able to get the easement, and then find that they will not provide it; and Ms. Liney agreed to check on this with Mr. Fedorchak. Ms. Tyler asked if this is only a temporary construction easement or do they need a permanent easement; and Ms. Goldstein stated it is a temporary construction easement, and they will not occupy it with any part of the Park and it will be re-graded and then returned to the Authority. Mr. Eisold stated there was discussion at one time to transfer some of the property and possibly this could be done, but they only need a temporary easement. Mr. Fritchey stated they have discussed from time to time the potential of a trade off of property, and he feels they are fairly accommodating.

Ms. Tyler stated even with fine-tuning for the two-field scenario could they get this down to \$575,000; and Mr. Eisold stated it is going to be tight. Ms. Bunn stated she would like them to answer this honestly. Ms. Goldstein stated to put everything in that they would like to have, it would not be possible at \$575,000; but to get everything they need to play baseball on the fields and have them be functional, it is going to be close at \$575,000.

Mr. Fritchey asked where the other \$425,000 was committed and how much has been spent; and Ms. Liney stated there had been projects identified when the was submitted including renovating the Community Park tennis courts and basketball courts, the playground at Memorial Park, and the ball fields, but added she was not sure that there were numbers assigned. Ms. Goldstein stated there were also renovations of some existing ball fields, and Mr. Liney agreed and stated \$25,000 was for drainage improvements at Stoddart. Mr. Fritchey stated the playground at Memorial Park was part of this Grant, and Ms. Liney stated that was approximately \$240,000. Ms. Goldstein stated in the Grant Application it was always a part of it. Mr. Fritchey stated he is not sure how much of this money has been spent or been committed at this point.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY POOL

Mr. Janet Smith, Pool Manager, was present and stated Ms. Liney had provided the Board an update on what has been done at the Pool so far. She stated Pool supplies have been ordered and most are in including what the Swim Team recommended they wanted. Ms. Smith stated as of today the Intermediate Pool has been painted. K & H who is doing the slide will be here this week. She stated the diving board servicing has been scheduled. She stated one pool is filled and another will be started shortly. She stated they have had two pre-season sessions and approximately thirty staff members attended getting furniture out and cleaning it and doing weeding, etc.

Ms. Smith stated this Saturday is a mandatory staff meeting, although she understands there are some conflicting events taking place. She stated in order to be pro-active with the staff, she has set up three dates for mandatory in-service and every staff member must come to one. She stated this includes swim lesson instructors, guards, and maintenance; and she will also meet individually with the gatekeepers. Ms. Smith stated they will go over the rules and responsibilities for the positions. She stated they will also review the new programs that were presented to the Park & Rec Board and review use of the ADA chairs. Ms. Smith stated they will have to sign an Agreement stating that they have attended the meeting and understand their role and responsibilities for their position so that there is a smooth year this year.

Ms. Smith stated she has a total of 94 total employees. She stated almost everyone who applied for their particular position and were qualified received it. She stated their part-time and full-time staff members get regular hours, but the substitutes do not as they are filling in for the full-time and part-time staff members.

Ms. Smith stated Greg Soloski will be back for re-Certification for CPR and life guarding late May/early June and will provide the date when he is available. She stated they have this normally after hours for a nominal fee that the staff pays him for the American Red Cross Certification.

Ms. Smith stated one of the major concerns she has heard every year is that the bathrooms are not clean. She stated it is difficult to keep a wet bathroom dry and clean. She stated she has come up with a maintenance check list so that every half hour the bathrooms will be checked and whatever the staff has to do to make it clean, will be done. She stated five times per day a maintenance checklist will be completed and checked by either a Head Guard or Manager, whoever is on duty so that there is paper trail to show the patrons that they are doing the best they can to keep them as clean as they possibly can.

Ms. Smith stated they are ready for the new Programs, and she feels the first weekend, they will have a lot of interest in them; and they will be ready to take registrations.

There was further discussion on maintenance of the bathrooms. Ms. Smith stated they are difficult to keep clean because it is wet, and anything that is tracked into the restrooms such as grass, etc. sticks to the floor. She stated she feels the checklist will help. She stated they do try to keep them clean, but it is difficult particularly if there are 1,200 people there in a day.

Ms Tyler asked if all the lifeguards are Certified in First Aid and the Lifeguard Certification prior to the Opening Day, and Ms. Smith stated they are.

Ms. Ann Marie Delworth stated she has been at other facilities that have ½” or ¼” thick mats on the floor so that water goes into the holes.

It was stated that some of the Guards are getting training on their own and spending their own personal money. Ms. Smith stated Mr. Soloski does this every year, and it is re-Certification. Ms. Borowsky stated it is costly, and she asked if would behoove them to set up a group class for the new Guards; and Ms. Smith stated this would be difficult since the facility does not open until Memorial Day when they do need staff.

Ms. Borowsky stated the guards could go where there is a Pool where they could all get trained. Ms. Cathy Smith stated she found prices for her son from \$450 down to \$110. Ms. Janet Smith stated Mr. Solosky sent her information about someone doing it at the High School. Ms. Cathy Smith stated the information is not getting to the new guards, and she asked if it would be possible for the Township to maintain a list showing all the places that offer this along with the prices so that the new guards or their parents could have access to the time and prices when they could be Certified.

Ms. Liney stated they do not have the staffing to do this, but she felt the Administration was steering any of the parents of the new Guards to where this is offered. She stated they are aware that it is offered at Council Rock, Bucks County Community College, and Pennsbury. She stated typically if the lifeguards are swimming at the High Schools, they are in the informational loop where they are guided toward that. Ms. Cathy Smith stated her child goes to a private school so the information was not provided. Ms. Liney suggested she call the Park & Recreation office to get the information.

Ms. Sue Moore stated she feels it would behoove the Pool to offer a Lifeguard Course in August since the Pool is used much less and lessons are done in August. She stated if they offered Guard Start and Life guarding this could cultivate the next year’s staff. Ms. Liney stated they could look into this but you need to have the Certifications to run this.

LMT SWIM & DIVE TEAM REPORT

Ms. Sandy Borowsky, President, was present. She stated they opened up Registration for the Swim and Dive Team on April 1, and they have over 310 members so far. She stated last year they were at 350, and they expect to achieve or exceed that number. She stated they have a New Member Evaluation taking place this evening at Pennwood Pool which is very well attended.

Ms. Borowsky stated present this evening are six current and one past Board member to discuss a number of issues. Ms. Borowsky stated Ms. Smith indicated that there are full-time guards scheduled for at least forty hours a week, part-time guards that have a regular part-time schedule and substitute guards that are available as needed. Ms. Borowsky stated none of her children are near guard age, but she has learned that there are some guards that work only a few hours a season and some that work forty or more hours a week. She stated when the letter comes out to the guards each year it indicates that full-time, part-time, and substitute lifeguards with regular hours as approved by the Pool Manager are also eligible to join the Swim Team meaning that they do not have to buy a separate membership to join the Swim Team. Ms. Borowsky stated she has since learned that the substitute lifeguards who do not have a “robust” amount of hours of work are not allowed to join the Swim Team. She stated the Swim Team happens at the beginning of the season and you would not know if that substitute guard is going to have the hours. She stated there could be a substitute guard that works two hundred hours in August but they make them buy the Pool membership to join the Swim Team early in the year. Ms. Borowsky stated there are a wide variety of hours being worked. She stated Ms. Cathy Smith’s son has worked as a guard for the past two years and chooses to be a substitute because he feels he can get more hours and the hours he wants to work. She stated he has worked a robust schedule for the last two years and would like to be considered for a Swim Team membership by being given a Pool Membership so he can join the Swim Team, but he is not allowed. She stated she does not feel they are being consistent. She stated they have come up with a proposal to allow a very minimal cost to let the substitute guards buy a Pool Membership in the amount of \$25. She stated when they buy the Memberships they can then swim on the Swim Team and have the benefit of using the Pool. She stated if they do not want to be on the Swim Team, they would not have to buy the Membership; and they would just be there when they work. Ms. Borowsky stated Ms. Smith would not know which sub will be working until July or August and by then Swim Team is over. Ms. Borowsky stated this effects a lot of kids since a lot of the older kids are becoming guards, and they really want the older kids on the Team. She stated she feels this impacts approximately ten to fifteen kids. Mr. Wysocki stated full time and part-time guards can be Swim Team members because of their hours, and Ms. Borowsky agreed.

Ms. Liney stated the Swim Team was advised of the policy that lifeguards that have full time or part time positions are eligible to join the Swim Team as members without joining the Pool; however, substitutes are not because they are not working a regular schedule. She stated there has to be a cut off, and substitutes have to purchase the Membership in order to be eligible to join the Swim Team. She stated that policy has not changed since 1992. She stated that have re-visited this on a few occasions, and no one sees a reason to change this. Ms. Liney stated there are a number of good causes and good people that would like to pay \$25 to join the Swim Team including people who have pools at their own homes that do not want to have to join the Pool but want to be on the Swim Team so it is very hard. She stated they have to have a base of revenue to support the Pool Complex.

Ms. Delworth stated the letter went out in December, 2011 and states, “full-time, part-time, and substitute lifeguards with regular hours.” Ms. Liney apologized for this wording and stated it should probably not state “substitute” in there; but the policy is that it is full time or part time. Ms. Delworth stated if it states this, they should live up to what they said. Mr. McDonald stated they also have to live up to the policy that was set in 1992. Mr. McDonald stated this matter has come up a number of times since he was on the Board, and they re-affirmed it each time.

Mr. Fritchey stated he assumes that there is a choice, and when they apply for the jobs, he assumes they indicate whether they want to be full time, part time, or substitutes. Ms. Raffle stated this is incorrect. She stated she has three daughters and her oldest daughter worked at the Pool for five years and she has finally made a full-time guard. She stated last year was her first year as a part-time guard in her fourth year. She stated her younger daughters are waiting patiently for their job because there are only a certain number of full-time and part-time jobs. She stated her middle daughter is a Senior in High School, and she worked probably fifty hours a week, eight weeks last summer; but she must wait until one of the older guards gives up their job to move up. She stated the substitutes work very hard for the Pool and would like to be part of the Swim and Dive Team without having to pay for a Membership because guards that are full-time can pass their hours off to someone else which is why her daughter got so many hours, but they are given a Membership for free. She stated there are a lot of full-time and part-time guards who pay their dues and have been there many years so they can easily hand off their hours to other people, but they are getting the benefit of the Pool Membership where the other guards are not.

Mr. McDonald asked if they are suggesting that the full time and part time people are taking advantage of this particular issue and are not pulling their weight. Ms. Raffle stated she is not suggesting that they are not pulling their weight but is saying there are many that are working as many hours or close to as many hours and just as hard and are very valuable employees. She stated she feels a lot of the full-time guards are college

students who do not care about the Pool Membership because they do not come to the Pool and just come to work and then leave. She stated she does not feel this change will increase the number of people using the Pool or getting the benefit that much.

Ms. Jorris stated she is the Head Swim Coach, so she has been dealing with this quite a bit in the past. She stated in the past they did have a full-time guard that did not work up until mid-July; and she could be on the Swim Team without buying a membership yet they had people who worked all their hours but had to pay an extra \$200 just to be on the Swim Team; and that is the only reason they want to use the Pool is so they can be on the Swim Team.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the issue is getting a Swim Team membership or a Pool membership; and it was noted to be on the Swim Team they would have to be a full time or part time employee or you have to be a Pool member.

It was stated they are assigning this benefit for a lot of kids who cannot use it because the most senior people are full-time guards who are college students generally and they are too old to swim on the Swim Team. She stated it does not help the Swim Team giving them the benefit. She stated it would help the Swim Team if they give the younger kids who are traditionally the subs this benefit.

Mr. McDonald asked if there is a breakdown of how many hours the substitutes work on average, and Ms. Smith stated she does not have this because in the beginning of the year usually they do not get many hours. Mr. McDonald stated it seems that they do not get many hours until mid to late July; and Ms. Smith stated a lot of their college students take summer courses so they are gone for a week or so or take a class during the day so they do not work a full day, and a substitute would then be available for them to take that position. She stated toward the end of the year when the college students are gone, she is left with mostly substitutes.

Ms. Bunn asked if the full-time lifeguards are working forty hours a week, and Ms. Smith stated they are probably working more than forty hours.

Mr. Wysocki asked how much the substitutes have to pay to join the Pool so that they can be on the Swim Team, and it was noted they would have to pay \$200 for an Individual Membership. Ms. Borowsky stated they now let them join the Swim Team for a reduced fee. They used to have to pay but they felt that to join the Swim Team for \$300 was too much to ask when you are asking them to get up at 7:00 in the morning to train and go to Swim Meets. It was stated they are already swimming two hours every day for practice, going two nights a week to Swim Meets, and working for the Township Pool fifteen to forty hours a week so they are not going to the Pool for recreation so that buying a Pool Membership does nothing for them as they are already at the Pool more than they want to be.

It was stated they are losing older swimmers between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. She stated some lifeguards are also getting sub hours in addition to their regular hours. Ms. Smith stated she does try to do this; and particularly this year because they are going to have some expanded hours, and she will need to use the staff. Ms. Smith stated there are some subs that could go four to six days without working.

It was stated that there are many kids who once they get to High School are great swimmers and they would love to be swimming; but their parents will not join the Pool because they do not go to the Pool for recreation anymore, and tell them that if they want a Pool Membership, they will have to pay for it. She stated the kids also have to pay for the Swim Team insurance and their pay checks do not cover all of this.

Ms. Liney stated another concern is that typically they hire almost everyone who applies so there could be numerous substitute lifeguards hired and this would impact Pool Membership. It was stated they should then be given a minimum of hours. Ms. Liney stated she feels that was the intent of the language, “as determined by the Pool Manager” when it was put in by the Pool Board in 1992.

Ms. Raffle asked if the stipulation was that they were a guard in their second year before as they have already proved that they want to work. She stated one of her daughters had paychecks with 112 hours. Ms. Janet Smith stated a minimum number of hours is not guaranteed. It was stated they would then not get their Swim Team membership; but Ms. Smith asked when this would be determined – before or after the season. Ms. Borowsky stated they had discussed this and felt it would be by mid-June which is their roster meeting. Ms. Janet Smith stated by mid-June they are still only open four to five hours a day so the substitutes would never hit that as it is all full-time and part-time guards the first two weeks of the season.

Ms. Liney stated while everyone would prefer to have the older children on the Swim Team, she must protect the revenue as well for the overall complex to keep it viable. Ms. Borowsky stated they are only discussing \$200 for fourteen and fifteen year olds. Ms. Liney stated the Pool is funded by Membership dollars.

Ms. Borowsky asked what kind of marketing is being done adding she lives in the Township and has three children using two separate pools and she has not seen one promotion for anyone to join the Pool. She stated she has spent a lot of time working on the Swim Team, and they feel they bring a lot of Members to the Pool. Ms. Liney stated it is 10%.

Ms. Tyler stated the fourteen and fifteen year olds are making a decision not to join the Swim Team, and they are now asking the Township to subsidize their decision.

Ms. Borowsky stated all they are asking the Township to do is to give all the lifeguards the same benefits who are working at the Pool no matter what the category of lifeguard they fall under.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels if they were being truly equitable, they would calculate out how much time each lifeguard worked in whatever capacity, and they would indicate that based on a certain amount of hours, an individual would get a certain amount of a rebate off of the \$200. He stated he does feel that this would take an enormous amount of recordkeeping. He stated he has suggested to Ms. Liney and Ms. Smith that they have an category for Substitutes whereby in the beginning of the season, they would pay their \$200, and if they work “x” amount of hours by the end of the years, they will get a certain rebate. Mr. Fritchey stated this would address the concern that vast numbers of children would sign up to be substitute lifeguards so that they can get a free Pool membership and then only work only two hours over the course of the summer. Those present representing the Swim Team felt that this would be a reasonable solution.

Ms. Liney stated they do have an accounting of the hours worked by the lifeguards.

Ms. Smith noted that last year Ms. Cathy Smith’s son, Tyler, worked 221.28 hours last year. Mr. Wysocki asked the minimum for part-time lifeguards, and Ms. Smith stated they work between 300 and 400 hours as do full-time lifeguards.

Mr. Fritchey asked Ms. Liney and Ms. Smith to fine tune this, and the Board can consider it again at the June meeting. Ms. Smith stated that she feels it should be based on the total hours at the end of the Season as they would not be able to make a determination on this.

Ms. Borowsky stated the Olympic 50 meter is a wonderful asset and the Swim Team uses that pool from 7 a.m. to Noon Monday through Friday. She stated the Swim Team would also like to use that Pool on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ms. Borowsky stated they discussed this with Ms. Liney and Ms. Smith and they indicated that they do swim lessons on Saturday mornings. Ms. Borowsky stated there are four Saturdays before swim lessons start when they would like to use that Pool. She also stated since swim lessons are in the lap pool, she feels they should also be able to use the 50 meter Pool to get their swimmers trained on the longer course.

Mr. Fritchey stated part of the answer is that they have finite facilities with multiple visions and the primary vision is to provide recreational opportunity to the community as a whole and they need to strike a balance between obtaining athletic excellence and the community as a whole.

Ms. Borowsky stated she feels the Pool could make money off of this if people were paying \$10 rather than having to drive their children to Princeton. Ms. Liney stated she would have to discuss this further with Ms. Smith since water space scheduling would be Pool management. Ms. Liney stated if they can come up with something for the time after May 26th when they open and when swim lessons start on June 23, they may be able to accommodate them some Saturdays. She stated it is opening the Pool but not to all of the Membership, so it does become difficult as it is restrictive. Ms. Smith stated the problem is that the Members will want to be there also. Ms. Liney stated the Pool does not open until Noon to the General Membership. Ms. Borowsky stated Monday through Friday it is the same situation, so she does not understand how it is different on a Saturday. Ms. Borowsky stated they are discussing three Saturdays – June 2, June 9, and June 16. Ms. Liney asked if Ms. Borowsky included this in her e-mail, and Ms. Borowsky stated she did not.

Ms. Smith stated they open at 11:00 on Saturdays, and they would need at least one half hour for water adjustment so they would have to have the Swim Team leave prior to 11:00. It was asked what time the alternative lessons begin, and Ms. Smith stated they start at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Fritchey stated everything that has been requested needs to be considered in a context of what is supportable and sustainable by the Pool staff, what is consistent with the other programs, and what can be done without harming the programs that are not competitive and used by more members of the community. He asked that Ms. Borowsky provide an e-mail of their requests to Ms. Liney, and they will see if there is any way that part of this at least could be accommodated.

Ms. Borowsky stated she would like to hear that the Township wants to help them. Ms. Smith stated they do want to help them, and Mr. Fritchey stated they would not be listening to their concerns if they did not want to help them. Mr. Fritchey stated they are going to see if they can do something, but there are other interests that also need to be considered as well. He stated they are trying to do the best for everyone recognizing that there are finite resources. Mr. Fritchey asked that they propose in the e-mail what they would like to do.

Ms. Liney stated lane lines will have to be brought in and out. Ms. Smith stated they need to recognize where the staff is coming from. She stated she understands how the Swim Team wants to use the Pool, but the Swim Team also needs to understand their position as well and how it can fit in with what is best for everyone recognizing that this is a Community Pool.

Ms. Borowsky stated they do recognize this, and they are willing to offset the costs. Ms. Smith stated it is not just the cost, and there are other variables that are also possibly more important including the staffing and time factor needed at the Complex to do what they need to do. Ms. Liney stated they need the lane lines in for what they want to do, and all of this needs to be removed afterward. Ms. Smith stated it is not just the staff needed, but also the time needed to get it ready for the patrons who are coming in at 11:00 A.M. and have Pools readily available to them. Mr. Fritchey stated they also need staff members who are willing to come in early Saturday and Sunday morning which is not always easy to find. It was stated the Swim Team Coaches would make sure that there were volunteers. She stated she feels 75% to 80% of the staff are either on the Swim Team or were on the Swim Team at some time and she stated she does not feel there would be any problem getting volunteers to work those hours. Ms. Smith stated she does not feel they would do this as volunteers, and would want to be paid. One woman stated she means they would volunteer to sign up for those hours.

Mr. McDonald stated when they discussed this two years ago he recalls that there were conversations about some of the older patrons who would have liked to have come in and use the Pool for lap swimming prior to the normal opening hours so that is another competing factor. He stated they have to consider what happens when they open it up for the Swim Team only when there are other patrons who are paying for use of the Pool, and they are told they cannot come in at that time. It was stated they could open it up for lap swim only, and Ms. Smith stated she would then need a lot more staff. Mr. McDonald stated every time they add something, there is a cost factor involved. He stated there are competing factors that they have to weigh. One woman stated she feels there is a difference as they are not having twenty-five people saying they want to use the Pool on Saturday morning and are willing to pay all of the fees involved to have the Pool on Saturday morning. She stated they are saying that they will pay for the costs, and they would like to use this asset. She stated she feels the other people could come too if they want to use the long course with them. Mr. McDonald stated for those other people to come in, there would have to be additional staff so there is a domino effect.

Ms. Jorris stated they also have a Boot Camp Program that is starting at 6:00 a.m. two days a week so for that Boot Camp, they will have people paying extra to do that and this would pay for the staff and the extra chemicals and electricity. She stated this is basically the same thing. Ms. Bunn stated the difference is the Boot Camp is open to the whole membership. One woman stated she does not feel that many people would be interested in coming in to swim only the long course.

APPROVAL OF LMT POOL CONCESSION STAND 2012 MENU

Ms. Liney stated the Contract with the Concession Stand operator requires that the Park Board approve the pricing for 2012. There was discussion about the impact on the Concession Stand during the bad weather last year, and Ms. Smith stated the Concession Stand operator did not open on bad days.

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Concession Stand 2012 Menu.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Tyler apologized for not giving the Park & Recreation Board the opportunity to come to the Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss naming the softball fields in honor of Fred Allan. Ms. Tyler stated there will be a Dedication Ceremony at the fields, and she will make sure that the Park & Recreation Board is involved in that. Ms. Tyler stated Mr. McCaffrey is going to do fundraising, and they will not be spending taxpayer dollars for the signs.

Ms. Tyler stated she attended a Meet and Greet with the LMT Seniors, and she updated them on the Community Center. She stated there was concern expressed by the Seniors that the Park & Rec Board was against them, and she assured them that this was not the case. There was discussion as to where the Seniors stand as it relates to Park & Recreation. Ms. Liney stated they have their own Supervisor liaison. Mr. Fritchey stated they are not under Park & Rec per se, but they are a constituency that has their own recreational demands, and to the extent that their needs come under the Park & Rec purview, they come to the Park & Rec Board. Ms. Bunn stated she has never heard any Park Board member say there are against the Seniors. Ms. Bunn stated an individual who put the Seniors Newsletter together did state that she was against the Senior Center at the Samost Tract because they wanted more ball fields, and she stated this was taken out of context and not what she presented. She stated what was presented was that there is a Master Plan for that property; and in order to have the Community Center at that location, they would have to go back and do the Master Plan process over again, and the Park Board felt that there were better uses for that land than the Community Center. Mr. Fritchey stated the Park & Recreation Board supported a Senior Center when no one else in the Township supported it with the exception of Frank Fazzalore.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on May 2nd adopted a Resolution to re-name the Lower Makefield Softball Complex on Oxford Valley Road the Fred Allan Complex. Ms. Liney stated Fred contributed much to the community over the years, and Park & Recreation is proud to be able to be in a position to recognize his service. She stated the Township has already received a donation commitment from the PAA organization toward this project. Ms. Liney stated she has started the process for new signage at the site, and expects to receive samples of signs by the end of this week. Ms. Liney stated she understands the Board of Supervisors plans to have a ribbon cutting renaming this Complex, and she will keep the Park Board in the loop.

Ms. Liney stated the Chair of the Township's Citizens Budget Committee has requested that she advise the Park Board that the CBC is working aggressively toward the creation of a Park & Recreation and Pool Capital Budget Fund. Chair Joe Menard has advised that the CBC is setting the goal of 2013 Operating Budgets for this fund to be included. Ms. Liney stated Mr. Menard has had discussions with Mr. Fedorchak and believes he has a commitment from Mr. Fedorchak to set up Capital Funds. Mr. Fritchey stated he felt they already had this, and Ms. Liney stated they do not. Mr. McDonald stated Mr. Menard felt they should set these up so that some of the projects that have been discussed over the years, could move forward.

Ms. Liney stated the Lower Makefield Seniors Group held elections today for three seats on the Seniors Board of Directors. Russ Brittain, Ellie Hammill, and Shirley Henderson were appointed to two year terms.

Ms. Liney stated that despite the recent damp weather, they were able to complete the annual staining of the Kids Kingdom playground on Monday. The playground will be closed to allow the stain to dry through this Friday. Painting at the Grant -funded project of the Community Park tennis and basketball courts is still within the scheduled timeframe. She stated they are targeting the end of May for completion of this work. Painting of the pools and gel application on the slides also should be completed the end of this week, as well as the tree buffer on the Revere tennis courts.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. McDonald stated the EPIC Tournament will be held this weekend, and there are approximately 225 teams involved at six venues. He stated the fields are not in the best shape. He stated YMS did get a huge roller. Ms. Tyler asked why the fields are in bad shape this early in the year, and it was noted it is due to over-use. Mr. McDonald stated they do not have the ability to rest the fields. Mr. Fritchey stated if they did not have the turf field, they would be in worse shape, and this is good reason why they should proceed with Snipes.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary