

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on February 15, 2012. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Newbon moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2011 as written.

REORGANIZATION OF PARK & RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Fritchey moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Fran McDonald as Vice Chairman of the Park & Recreation Board for 2012.

Mr. Gordon moved, Mr. McDonald seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect David Fritchey as Chairman and Patricia Bunn as Secretary of the Park & Recreation Board for 2012.

DISCUSSION OF LOWER MAKEFIELD COMMUNITY POOL

Ms. Janet Smith, Pool Manager was present along with a number of Swim and Dive Team Board members including the Swim Team President, Sandy Borowsky.

Ms. Liney stated the Community Pool Budget is a user-based budget, and no tax dollars support the Pool. She stated that in 2011 the Pool generated 97% of projected revenue; reflecting a slight gap in Membership enrollment of about 30 families. The 2012 Budget projects revenue of \$729,000 and expenses of \$706,000. The Pool has a cash balance of approximately \$300,000.

Ms. Liney stated in preparation for the coming season, the Township has completed installation of two ADA compliant chair lifts, one in the lap pool on the same side as the steps, and one in the Olympic pool across from the dual slides. She stated they have also had a sleeve for a chair installed in the intermediate pool. The lifts are battery operated, have covers, and are movable.

Ms. Liney stated the Township has had several productive meetings with representatives of the Swim and Dive Team, and they are pleased to be able to accommodate 80% of the Swim Team requests for 2012.

Ms. Liney stated that as the Township is faced with the reality of an extended down turn in the economy, the Pool management is being creative with ways to attract new members. She stated one of the areas they believe can generate additional Pool interest is in the number of program offerings at the Pool for the Membership; and Pool Manager, Janet Smith, will describe some of what they have planned for this year.

Ms. Smith stated she is happy to be back as Pool Manager for her second season. She stated they have received seventy-eight total Applications for employment at the Pool, and fifty-seven of them are returning staff with twenty-one new people. She stated she will be holding interviews for the new applicants, and will have the letters out by April 1 to welcome the staff for the year. Ms. Smith stated she is also working on re-writing the Newsletter to the members.

Ms. Smith stated the pre-season will begin the end of April, and they work every Saturday until the start the season on Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Smith stated she will also conduct some mandatory meetings and in-service training during the pre-season for maintenance, guards, gatekeepers, and swim lesson instructors to make sure that all of the staff is clear on the rules and what is expected in their behavior and professionalism as staff members of the Pool.

Ms. Smith stated the ADA chairs have been installed and air-conditioning has been installed in the Pool office which will be very helpful as they had a very hot summer last year, and there were major difficulties with the computers and Police security system in the office because of the heat. Ms. Smith stated all chlorinator pumps have been sent out to be serviced or replaced and the chlorinators will be checked before the opening of the Pool to make sure everything is working correctly.

Ms. Smith stated she has provided a hand-out on the new programs they have come up with to generate some revenue and interest at the Pool. She stated they have tried to come up with programs that are interesting for all age groups. She stated the Mommy and Me swim program to familiarize young children between the ages of six months and three years to water and prepare them for enrolling in the regular swim lessons. She stated she was involved in the Council Rock Swim Program, and they had this program which was very successful. She stated they have had a lot of requests for such a program. She stated this will be held during the alternative classes on Wednesday evenings hoping that they will be able to get working Moms to come in. This program will start in the baby pool and then move to the intermediate pool. She stated they must have a diaper, and a parent or caregiver must be in the water with the child. She stated it is mostly just to acclimate them to water, so that they do not have a fear of water when they get to the regular swim lessons. She stated this program was very successful where she worked previously.

Ms. Smith stated there are patrons at the Pool who have some medical issues, and she felt it would be good to have the aerobics instructor come in and do a Forever Fit Class which would be low-impact, low-key class. This will be offered along with the regular aerobics classes. Ms. Smith stated the Forever Fit Class will be twice a week for forty-five minutes. She stated there is no charge for the aerobics, and there will be no charge for this class either. She feels there are a number of members who will benefit from this new class.

Ms. Smith stated they are also planning a Swim Camp for members between the ages of six and ten. They are planning to hold two, one-week sessions from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. They are proposing to hold this the last week of July, first week of August; and they will charge \$60 per week with a limit of twenty participants for each week. Ms. Smith stated she discussed this with one of the older guards about taking on this program as she is currently in College and doing a lot of work in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and she was thrilled to be asked to be part of this. Ms. Smith stated in addition, they can use the tennis and basketball courts, have games, and they will provide a snack.

Ms. Smith stated Heather Jorris, the Swim Team Coach, has offered to provide a Boot Camp for lap swimmers; and this would be held for forty-five minutes to an hour in the evening when the Pool first opens; and they will be open an extra hour from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lap pool. She stated the Pool will be open to all patrons for that additional hour, but this program will be added. For three weeks, two sessions a week, they will charge \$35. She stated there will be two more sessions for six sessions, two times a week which will be held in the morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. before Swim Team practice. She stated they have tried to add some programming for everyone.

Mr. Newbon asked with regard to the Boot Camp how they will accommodate this if a lot of people sign up for this; and Ms. Smith stated she discussed this with Ms. Jorris, and she stated she would be able to accommodate up to forty people and half the lap pool.

Mr. Wysocki asked if these programs will be available for members only, and Ms. Smith agreed. He asked if they would ever consider opening these programs up to non-members, and Ms. Liney stated they are trying to provide more programs hoping to generate membership and close the gap. She stated this is why they have the services at such a competitive rate. She added that guests would not be eligible for these programs, and you would have to be a member.

Ms. Liney stated there is a Senior limited membership, but they cannot access the Pool until after 4:00 p.m. so they would have to move up to a Senior Individual membership if they want to access these programs.

Mr. McDonald stated they could evaluate this at the end of the season, but he feels Ms. Jorris has done a great job. Ms. Smith stated the staff is very excited about it.

Ms. Tyler asked if she feels they could offer additional Swim Camps as she feels this will be very popular. Ms. Smith stated they have planned to two, and possibly they could add a third. She stated she will have to watch staff availability toward August as a lot of their staff goes back to School.

Mr. Gordon asked how the programs will be advertised to the Township. Ms. Liney stated they will do a blast e-mail to the Pool members. She stated she is also working with the Courier Times on an advertisement for all the Summer Camps the Township is running; and she will include the Pool Camp in this, although it will indicate that Camp is for Pool members only. Ms. Liney stated Ms. Borowsky also had good ideas for marketing suggesting that they may be able to tap into the Pennsbury School District for Schools located in Lower Makefield. Ms. Liney stated Ms. Borowsky also suggested a referral program; and if a member refers someone who joins, the referring member would get some guest passes. Ms. Smith stated the Swim Camp was also Ms. Borowsky's idea.

Ms. Bunn asked if they are opening up swim lessons to non-members; and Ms. Liney stated they are not, and all programs require that you be a member. Ms. Bunn stated she felt that they had discussed opening up swim lessons to non-members. Ms. Liney stated they are trying to increase Memberships, and they try to keep the Family Membership rates competitive. Ms. Bunn stated there are a lot of families that have pools, but they may want to get swim lessons for their children. Mr. Newbon stated they could consider charging non-members a premium rate for these programs. Mr. Gordon stated he

understands that the swim lessons always max out with members, and Ms. Liney agreed. She stated insurance could also be an issue as the Pool members are insured by the insurance policy. Ms. Bunn asked how they could then allow guests, and Mr. Gordon stated they sign a Waiver. Ms. Bunn stated they could sign a Waiver for non-member swim lessons as well. Mr. Newbon stated if the Member-only swim lessons are maxing out, he would not want to open it to non members.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the plan they have presented is a sound plan, and they are trying to increase memberships. He stated they will see how the Membership Applications run through the spring. He feels the economy is picking up, and the Memberships will pick up as well. He feels they have good, attractive program offerings which should help the Membership pick up, and it will be successful. He stated if this is not the case, and they find they have plenty of space in the Pool and not enough revenue, they can consider this further on an ad-hoc basis. Mr. McDonald stated if this is the case, they would have to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and Ms. Liney agreed.

Ms. Chris Raffle stated the Swim Team previously participated in the “backpack program” at the Lower Makefield Elementary Schools; and if you want something to go into every backpack, you have to supply an individual to do it, and there are parameters that need to be followed. Another individual stated everything now goes by e-mail on the Pennsbury Website. Ms. Raffle asked about the possibility of offering swim lessons to non members in August when it is less crowded; however, Ms. Smith stated they have to be careful about staffing because much of the staff goes back to School. Another individual stated they need to be careful since if they are looking to increase Memberships, opening up these programs to non-members could negatively impact the Memberships since people may just want to come for a specific program and then not join the Pool. Ms. Liney stated she agrees that they cannot be too liberal as it is not in the best interest of the facility.

Mr. Wysocki asked what else they do to advertise Pool Membership, and Ms. Liney stated it is on the Township Website and the Township’s Cable TV Channel. She stated Pool members are on an e-mail list so they will get notice of the programs, and she would like to blast the new programs out to all Township residents. Mr. McDonald asked if they could work with the other User groups, and Ms. Liney agreed to look into this. Mr. Gordon stated possibly they could post signs throughout the Township as well similar to the signs used by the Leagues and political candidates. He stated these could be placed at key intersections in the Township.

Mr. McDonald asked the number of Pool staff at the beginning of the season compared to the end of the season, and Ms. Smith stated they started out with approximately 100, but by the end of the season they are down to about 15 to 20.

Mr. Gordon asked if they need to pay people to sit at the exits, and Ms. Smith stated if you want to come back into the Pool, you have to be checked out. Ms. Liney stated the person on that second gate is also supposed to be able to check in as well; and while this does not always happen, they are trying to improve that. Mr. Newbon stated he feels they should consider a finger reader rather than having to have a card.

Ms. Sandy Borowsky stated she is President of the Lower Makefield Township Swim and Dive Team and took over this responsibility in mid-July. She stated they have a robust Swim and Dive Team and project to have 350 swimmers and 60 divers ages 5 to 18. She stated they are the largest member of the Lower Bucks League; and they are so large that the Team as a whole is split up into two Teams, and each of those Teams is still significantly bigger than the next largest Team in the Lower Bucks League. She stated they are one of the largest Teams in Pennsylvania. She stated they are run by parent volunteers with a paid coaching structure, and they have approximately 20 Swim and Dive coaches. She stated Heather Jorris has been their Head Coach for six years, but since she is moving, they will transition to a new Head Coach and will be changing the coaching structure somewhat. Ms. Borowsky stated their season begins on Memorial Day and runs through the end of July. She stated they host Meets throughout the season, and have the nicest facility by far of any of the neighboring Teams. She stated their Team has grown significantly since Ms. Jorris took over the program.

Mr. McDonald asked if they have identified the new Coach yet, and Ms. Borowsky stated they have identified the new Coach and she will meet with them tomorrow.

Ms. Borowsky explained how the two Teams are structured at the Pool. Mr. Gordon stated for the most part the Gators have a slightly higher level of swimmer than the Crocs, and they swim one Division above them so they never swim against each other.

Ms. Tyler asked the requirements for those wishing to be on the Team, and Ms. Borowsky stated they require those wishing to be on the Team to be at least six years old although they do accept five year olds provided they are at a maturity level so that they can be part of a Team, follow directions, listen, etc. She stated for the Swim Team they must be able to swim one lap unassisted crawl stroke or freestyle stroke and a half a lap back stroke. She stated they do have a try-out. She stated for the Dive Team they only have to be able to swim from the diving board to the ladder and do not need to know how to dive. Ms. Borowsky stated they have a great Dive Coach who coaches all-year round.

Mr. Gordon stated what is great about this sport is the mentoring aspect because you have people on the Team ranging in age up to eighteen competing together on the same Team, and it is one of the few sports where you can compete co-ed.

Mr. Gordon thanked Ms. Smith for her work last year on behalf of the Township. He stated at the end of last season they lost some of the management staff, and the Pool could only open because of Ms. Smith's Licensing if she was there. He asked her how many consecutive days she was at the Pool at the end of the season, and Ms. Smith stated it was way over twenty. She stated they also had to get through the hurricane and power outages, and she thanked the Township staff for all their help during that time.

Ms. Tyler agreed to report on the new Programs at the Pool at the Board of Supervisors' meeting tomorrow evening. Ms. Tyler stated she is also an Edgewood Mom and would be willing to help with distribution of flyers about the Pool at Edgewood School. Ms. Tyler stated she feels the Swim Camp in particular has the potential to be very successful.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Ms. Bunn thanked the Park & Recreation Board for giving her the opportunity to work on the Community Center Committee. She stated there were five members on the Committee including herself, Tony Bush, Dave Rogers, Gail McPhaden, and Frank Fazzalore. She stated they are presenting their first and second choice sites at the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow; however, they are a split Committee, and it was not a unanimous decision. She stated she does not feel they will ever be unanimous on their first choice. She stated a majority picked the Samost Tract as their first choice, and they would like to see it located where the tennis courts were to be located. She stated they were unanimous on the second choice which is Snipes closer to Quarry Hill, and it was a land swap for the fire house. Ms. Bunn stated they considered all Township open space. She stated one of the choices was the Patterson Farm barn re-use; and while this would be her first choice, they did not know how much it would cost to renovate the barn. She stated another top choice was Veterans Square to be located behind the proposed Memorial where she feels there is plenty of room for a "decent-sized" building with plenty of parking. Three of the Committee members were concerned with parking at this location and felt that there should be thirty handicapped spots which she does not feel is possible. She feels the people who are recommending this feel that this is more of a Senior Center than a Community Center.

Ms. Bunn asked for feedback from the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Wysocki asked if there was a pre-defined criteria, and Ms. Bunn stated it was a very split Committee and what was important to three of the members was not important to all five members. Ms. Bunn stated those on the Committee representing the Seniors felt the Center should be located across the street from the Township Building because the Seniors were familiar with driving in this direction, and they would not want to drive in a different direction. Ms. Bunn stated she personally did not feel this should be a top criteria for a location for the Center. Mr. Fritchey stated this is supposed to be a Community Center and not just a Senior Center.

Ms. Bunn stated they looked at the Library site where they could fit a 7,500 square foot building with parking, but two of the people on the Committee felt that they needed a 12,000 square foot building; and she does see that they will ever reach an agreement on the Committee.

Mr. Gordon stated he understood that this was tied to the State Grant, and he felt there were restrictions in terms of what can be done. Mr. McDonald stated the Township had to have a match so that if it is a \$1 million Grant, the Township has to have a \$1 million land match. Mr. Gordon asked if all of these places qualify, and Ms. Bunn stated the only one that was questionable was Veterans Square.

Mr. Newbon stated he felt that the Samost Tract as to be a recreational facility, and he is concerned that they have discussed the Plans for that site already. Ms. Bunn stated she did discuss this with the Committee. Mr. Newbon stated they already had Plans for Samost that was to be developed, and they went through the Approval process including input from the surrounding property owners. He stated he would prefer to have it at the Patterson Farm since there is significant amount of space available, and it is a beautiful barn. Mr. Fritchey stated they would have ample parking and potential for expansion at that location as well. He stated if they put the Center were the tennis were proposed at Samost, there are a number of constraints at that site.

Ms. Bunn stated her first choice was Veterans Square where they could have a 10,000 square foot building, but they were concerned that there was no room for expansion. Ms. Bunn stated they have \$1 million, and she does not feel they should be building something in 2012 with the thought of expanding it. She questions where they would get money to expand it since the \$1 million must include land development, utilities, parking, earth-moving, construction, etc. She stated she questions if they will even be able to build the building for \$1 million. Mr. Fritchey stated while this is true today, in five to ten years, the financial situation may be different so that it may be possible to have an expansion. Ms. Bunn stated she feels 10,000 square feet should be sufficient although they did use a footprint provided by Mr. Majewski of 12,500 square feet which could be accommodated at all of these locations except at the Library.

Ms. Bunn stated others on the Committee indicated that they did not want the Center at Veterans Square because they felt it was going to detract from the Memorial. Ms. Bunn stated she feels it should be at Veterans Square because it will attract people to come to and maintain the Memorial. Ms. Bunn stated they also wanted Edgewood Village to be the Town Center, and she feels this would be the right location for a Community Center. Mr. Fritchey stated it would also be appropriate to commemorate Veterans at a Community Center. Ms. Bunn stated she agrees that because people would be going to the Community Center, they would go to the Memorial more; and it will be more likely to be maintained.

Mr. Newbon stated he feels the Samost Tract should be eliminated and Snipes should be close to the bottom of the list. He stated he would prefer Patterson Farm or Veterans Square. Ms. Bunn stated there are concerns with Patterson Farm related to the costs of building a 1,000 foot paved driveway up to the barn and bringing in utilities. Ms. Bunn stated she questions whether they need a paved driveway and feels it could remain gravel. Mr. Fritchey stated it could be built on other land at Patterson Farm as opposed to re-using the barn.

Mr. McDonald stated his concern with Patterson Farm is that it is preserved space, and they continue as a Township to talk about using that space for something other than what it was intended for as preserved space. He stated he is concerned that if they continue to take parcels of that land, the land will no longer exist in five to ten years. Ms. Bunn stated they are not talking about using the areas that are being farmed. Mr. Fritchey asked what parts have been taken out, and Mr. McDonald stated they are selling off the Satterthwaite parcel now. Mr. Gordon stated his idea of preserving it is to keep it from being developed by a housing developer. He stated he did vote for preserving this open space and is totally comfortable with using it as a Community Center. Mr. Newbon agreed and stated he does not feel open space necessarily means it is a field with nothing on it. Mr. McDonald stated while he does not disagree, a majority of that land is for farming; and he would like to see this continue. Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel the Community Center at that location would stop it from being farmed.

Ms. Bunn reminded the Board that when they were on the Road Tour there was plenty of room behind the barn and to the side that were not being farmed so there is sufficient space. Ms. Bunn stated if they were able to sell the Satterthwaite Parcel, it would still be preserved, and would not be torn down and developed into fifteen homes. She stated she does not feel it will be viable if the Township holds onto that portion of the property since the Township does not have the money to maintain the property; and she feels they should sell it to someone who will be able to restore it properly.

Mr. Newbon asked the approximate costs for re-use of the barn since they will not need footings or walls; and Ms. Bunn stated this has not been explored and an architect was not brought in, and they were only trying to locate a site.

Mr. Gordon asked if they would lose the Farmers' Market if they had the Center at Veterans Square, and Ms. Bunn stated they would not since they could still do that in the parking lot. Ms. Liney stated she is not sure where they would park if they were using the parking lot for the vendors.

Mr. Fritchey stated with regard to Samost and Snipes, they would be taking away a fairly finite resource in that this was to be active recreation land, and now they would be putting in a building and a parking lot. He stated they do not have unlimited active recreation space, so from that perspective he is not in favor of putting the Center at either of those locations, although at least it is a recreational use. He stated he feels having the Center at Veterans Square would actually help the Memorial as otherwise, he is concerned that most people will just be driving by it at forty-five miles an hour and not looking at it.

Ms. Bunn stated she would like to have a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board to the Board of Supervisors on their opinion of the possible sites. Mr. Wysocki stated he suggested some of the sites be taken out of consideration because they already have intended uses. Ms. Bunn stated she did advise the Committee that if the Board of Supervisors agreed to have the Center at either Samost or Snipes, it would have to go back to the Park & Recreation Board for a recommendation on amending the Approved Master Plan. She stated she advised that it would also have to be re-advertised as the site for a Community Center, and they would have to get community input since currently what is approved for Samost are tennis courts and not a 10,000 square foot building which might not be possible.

Mr. Wysocki moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to eliminate Samost and Snipes from consideration based on existing designs, Master Plans, and community approval. The Park & Recreation Board favors further consideration and research of Patterson Farm and Veterans Square as the two most viable. The Park & Recreation Board re-affirms that the Community Center should be built.

Ms. Tyler stated Veterans Square may not satisfy the terms of the Grant with regard to the match and the value of the land. She stated with respect to Patterson farm, it would be very expensive to run utilities and a road which would then leave them with less money for the building. Mr. McDonald asked if the Bright Farms group that is considering use of the Patterson Farm would not be bringing in utilities there as well. Ms. Bunn stated there were a number of locations at the Patterson Farm which were considered for the Community Center including the barn re-use, the area near the Brown House and the area in Edgewood Village. She stated there was no perfect site. She stated the area where they are considering locating the Bright Farms project was very close to the Y intersection where there is poor site distance, and she would have a concern with Seniors driving in and out of that location; and it would not be a good place for a driveway in this location for a high-occupancy use which the Community Center would be. She stated if it were to be used by Bright Farms it would not involve a lot of traffic in and out, and it would probably be okay.

Mr. Gordon asked if they ever considered building up at the Township Building, and it was noted consideration had been given to this and it was found not to be viable.

Mr. Gordon left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Wysocki stated once after the sites are narrowed down, there needs to be a more serious assessment done with regard to cost, etc., and he asked who would do this; and Ms. Tyler stated they would have to hire an architect. He stated he feels there should be decisions based less on emotion and more on rational criteria; and he feels the Committee should have a list of criteria to judge the sites on as this would take the emotion out of it.

There was discussion whether the Golf Course was considered, and Ms. Bunn stated it was considered but found not to be viable as it would detract from the character of the Golf Course.

Ms. Bunn stated she is concerned what will happen if they take Samost and Snipes off, they cannot meet the land match at Veteran's Square, and they cannot afford to have it at Patterson Farm, and then there would then be nothing left. She stated she feels they could make Snipes work, and they could swap the amount of land that the fire house was going to use for the Community Center.

Ms. Bunn reviewed all the locations that had been considered – Patterson Farm barn re-use, Samost, Snipes, Veterans Square, Five Mile Woods, Macclesfield Park, Makefield Highlands, Matrix/Octagon Center Parcel 5, Memorial Park, parcel between Railroad and Township Complex, Patterson Farm near the Brown House, Patterson Farm-Edgewood Village.

There was further discussion about amending the Motion, but it was determined to leave the Motion as originally stating nothing that they had worked on both the Samost and Snipes Tracts for years, and they had community input.

Mr. Newbon seconded the Motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wysocki stated he still feels that the Committee should identify criteria for the Supervisors which he feels would help make the selection more process objective.

Ms. Bunn stated there is no one site that is perfect. She stated she feels that the addition to the Library would be a perfect location, but she does not feel that site is viable as she would not want to see the Library move out either.

Mr. Fritchey asked where the Veterans Square Committee stands with fundraising; and Ms. Bunn stated this was one of the reasons they felt this was an attractive compromise because they could then share the cost of the infrastructure. She stated if they could get the land match for that location, she feels it would be ideal.

Mr. McDonald left the meeting at this time.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Tyler stated they are concerned about the limited space or additional active recreation. She stated she is concerned that there have not been any capital improvement projects for almost a decade, and they need to find out what are the top priorities of the Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Fritchey stated they have accelerated the emphasis on Samost since they obtained the Grant so they would put this first. He stated they have been trying to get a Community Center built for fifteen years, and they now have a Grant of \$1 million that can be used which should help to get this project started. He stated they have a completed Plan for Snipes which could be executed for approximately \$2 million. He stated this would provide additional soccer fields. He stated the soccer program has been able to operate primarily because of the installation of the turf field by YMS; and if they did not have the turf field, Macclesfield would have been in very poor condition by now. He stated they need more soccer fields. Mr. Fritchey stated they did a Comprehensive Plan in the early 1990's and it was found that there was a need for a Community Park that would allow for family recreation with a mix of active and passive recreation, and it would not be an athletic complex; and this is what is now Memorial Park. He stated only portions of this have been completed. He stated they are moving ahead with an inclusive playground at Memorial Park, but Memorial Park has always lagged behind because there is not really a user-group constituency lobbying for development of this Park. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the entire Park system could be completed at a cost of approximately \$5 million.

Mr. Newbon stated the Park & Recreation Board did lay out a five-year Plan; and Ms. Liney stated this was the 2015 LMT Vision Plan, and it does include the phasing and prices for each Park.

Mr. Fritchey stated over the past fifteen years, there have been Boards of Supervisors that have been extremely reluctant to have any tax increases in good times and in bad and the Fee-In-Lieu money that came in from developers has dried up because they have not been building houses, and they are closer to build-out. He stated if the economy were to improve, and they started building, they would have additional Fee-In-Lieu money.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the weather this winter has been cooperative, and the Park crew has been able to accomplish a number of projects in the past two months. She stated extensive work on the fields at the Roelofs and Stoddart Complexes has been completed, as well as Budgeted improvements to a number of the facilities in the Township Park system.

Ms. Liney stated field applications are being reviewed, and Permits will be issued the end of February for the spring season. Camps have been scheduled for the summer season, and their paperwork is being processed.

Ms. Liney stated the Seniors are hosting the annual AARP free tax return preparation in the Township Building on Monday mornings through April 9th. This service is highly utilized by the community with bookings solid through mid-March.

Ms. Liney stated as discussed earlier, the Community Center Committee will be presenting several sites for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at the Board's meeting tomorrow evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion about the date of the next Park & Recreation Board meeting, and Ms. Liney stated she will be in touch with the Board with the exact date.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary

