

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on December 13, 2011. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Fritchey announced that Henry Carpenter has resigned from the Park & Recreation Board.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Fritchey, Chairman
Dave Gordon, Member
Andrew Newbon, Member
Fran McDonald, Member

Others: Donna Liney, Park & Recreation director

Absent: Patricia Bunn, Secretary Park & Rec Board
Dennis Wysocki, Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McDonald moved, Mr. Gordon seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2011 as written.

UPDATE ON DRAFT OPERATING BUDGETS FOR 2012

Ms. Liney stated the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the Township Budget at their meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011. In the Board's packets a Summary Sheet of additional modifications in the Park and Recreation and Pool Budgets was enclosed. No tax increase is proposed for 2012.

Mr. McDonald asked if there were additional cuts to Park & Recreation, and Ms. Liney stated that there were some after the Budget meeting. She stated there was a proposed \$54,000 cut but they got some of those reinstated. She stated approximately \$18,000 was eventually cut. She stated they did cut \$25,000 out of the bike path, but they put that back in. She stated they had cut \$6,000 for the seasonal people; but since she is down to a three-man Park crew, this was put back in. Ms. Liney stated with regard to the Pool Budget they had cut some money for the ADA-required lift, but this was then reinstated.

Ms. Liney stated with regard to the intra-fund transfer, they have changed the formula and next year rather than \$100,000 being transferred from the Pool to the General Fund, it will be approximately \$28,000. She stated it was also \$100,000 for Park & Recreation, and next year it will be approximately \$30,000. Ms. Liney stated she is still not totally balanced as the revenues are off by approximately \$15,000 compared to expenditures, and the Board of Supervisors was trying to reduce this.

Mr. McDonald asked if there were any additional increases to the user Fees, and Ms. Liney stated there were not.

Mr. Fritchey stated this is still not the Final Budget, and Ms. Liney agreed. She stated the Budget is being advertised.

There was further discussion about the User Fees; and Ms. Liney stated with regard to the fees paid by non-residents this matter was raised during the Budget Session and one of the newer Supervisors did not realize that the User Fee is paid twice a year. She stated if there is a non-resident paying \$36 and \$36 this is actually more than the amount paid by a Township resident who pays the average tax of \$51. She stated the User Fees are actually covering the costs as Macclesfield was \$90,000 to run, and the revenues from the User Fees from football and soccer were \$90,000.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Township will have the opportunity to thank twenty-six volunteer coordinators, officers, and Board members of the Lower Makefield Seniors Group this Friday at their annual holiday event.

Ms. Liney stated Park crew is gearing up for a busy winter season. The crew recently completed renovations on Fields 1 and 2 at Stoddart involving dugout layouts and batter-on-deck areas. Next on the schedule are the bocce courts renovations for the Seniors at Roelofs, and then the crew will return to Stoddart to upgrade to Field 3. Ms. Liney stated this work is being accomplished in house at a cost savings to the Township as they continue to look for creative ways to save tax dollars.

Ms. Liney stated that during the winter snow and ice season the three-man Park crew will shift to emergency snow removal on the roadways.

Ms. Liney thanked all the members of the Park & Recreation Board for their continued support and effort with the community this past year, and stated she looks forward to a successful 2012.

Mr. Gordon asked for a status report on the Pool work, and Ms. Liney stated nothing was Budgeted, but this year there may be extra revenues due to the change in the inter-fund transfer. She stated she feels they are being cautious for 2012 because the Pool was not covering their expenditures. She stated in 2012 they should cover expenditures, and then they may consider moving forward with proposed projects.

Ms. Liney stated the capital project for 2012 is the ADA chair. Ms. Liney stated the Disabled Persons Advisory Board looked at the chairs, and they agreed they would prefer the chair which is proposed.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Liney welcomed Chris Raffle who was present this evening and is the Swim and Dive Team liaison. Ms. Raffle stated they are getting together a list of equipment such as floatation devices that they purchased and share with Pool members which is now missing.

Mr. Gordon asked who is heading the search for a Coach, and Ms. Raffle agreed to provide information on this to Mr. Gordon.

Ms. Liney stated the only user groups that has an outstanding balance is Football for the light fee. She stated the amount owed is approximately \$6,000.

There being no further business, Mr. Newbon moved, Mr. McDonald seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Fritchey, Chairman