

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 8, 2014. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

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

Others: Donna Liney, Park & Recreation Director
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Andrew Newbon, Park & Recreation Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Gordon seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2014 as corrected.

REVIEW MEMORIAL PARK INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Mr. Mark Eisold and Mr. Micah Lewis, Township engineers, were present. Mr. Eisold stated they received five Bids, evaluated them, and provided a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors who have accepted the low Bid subject to meeting the Township's Responsible Contractors Ordinance. He stated the low Bidder was Brighton Builders, LLC. He stated they had included Bid Alternate #9 which was for an alternate play surface, if the Bidder could prove that there was another surface that would meet the same standards and criteria. He stated the low Bidder did this, and the system they would use actually has a longer warranty than the original system from the design. Mr. Eisold stated his office checked out some locations using this material and found it to be a good material. A sample of the surface was shown this evening. He stated Brighton Builders has done a lot of inner-city playgrounds, and had good references of the work they have done.

Mr. Lewis stated the design is basically the same except for the surface. He stated with the previous surface they were required to have an 8" rubber curb; but with this system, they can exclude that from the Base Bid, and they feel because of this they will be able to put the fencing back in. He stated by doing this, it would cost the Township approximately \$1,000 more to do the entire fencing. He stated any other minor changes can be done through Change Orders. Mr. Fritchey asked the reduction in price using the alternate surface; and Mr. Eisold stated it was approximately a \$55,000 reduction, and the performance specs were just as good if not better than the original. Mr. Fritchey asked if they will be able to do more of the Alternatives, and Mr. Eisold stated they were looking for a project of approximately \$300,000 to \$310,000. He stated as noted by Mr. Lewis the curb would reduce the cost by approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. He stated one Alternative was the fencing, and he feels the fencing will have to be done for this project. He stated it was originally put in as an Alternate as Ms. Liney had indicated that possibly the Park staff could do this, but it seems that they may be able to swap in the fencing for the curb that was originally proposed but is no longer needed.

Ms. Bunn asked for a copy of the Bids as they were not in the packets, and this was provided this evening.

Mr. Gordon asked what happens to the surface when it gets wet, and Mr. Eisold stated the water goes through and water does not make the surface slippery.

Mr. Lewis noted he visited a playground where this surface was installed approximately two and a half years ago, and you could not see any wear. He stated it is made from recycled tires with a adhesive that holds it together. It has a five year Warranty.

Mr. Fritchey asked what Alternates will be included, and Mr. Lewis stated the only Bid Alternate they are going to incorporate at this time is the play surface, #9; and they are going to try to incorporate the fencing by eliminating the curb. Mr. Eisold stated this will be done at the time of construction through a Change Order.

Mr. Lewis showed where there is a maintenance access with a locked gate.

Mr. Fritchey asked about the remaining Alternates they are not doing, and he asked what it would cost if they added all of the remaining Alternates. Mr. Lewis stated Alternate #1 is the vine trellis in the amount of \$2,500. Alternate #2 is seven benches in the amount of \$6,000. Alternate #3 is what they are considering putting back in for \$7,100 for the fence. Alternate #4 are pavers for the entranceway in the amount of \$3,000; and Mr. Eisold stated without this Alternate there will just be asphalt there. Alternate #5 is landscaping around the exterior and does not include

the tree in the center of the courtyard. Mr. Eisold stated they are hoping to get trees from replacement trees that are due from other developers. Alternate #8 is the driveway at \$3,000.

Ms. Bunn asked if they spoke to the other contractors about this since by taking out the curb and putting in the fencing, it could flip the low Bids. Mr. Eisold stated it would not because this Contractor had the alternate play surface which saved him money. Ms. Bunn stated there was another contractor who had an alternate surface, but it was noted that they were so high it would not make a difference. Ms. Bunn stated the play surface changes the Bids by more than 25%; however, Mr. Eisold stated this was a Bid Alternate. Ms. Bunn stated she did not want there to be a future problem for the Township about changing the Bid. Mr. Eisold stated he did not feel that there would be a problem. He stated you cannot change the Contract by 25% once it is awarded. He stated the Township has the right to pick and choose which Alternates they want to include.

Mr. Fritchey asked about the timeline; and Mr. Lewis stated they are looking to have the pre-construction meeting the middle of May, and anticipate the project will be completed by mid-August.

LMT POOL MARKETING PROGRAM

Mr. Rodger Owen and Mr. Joe Menard from the Citizens Budget Committee were present. Mr. Menard stated he has been working with Ms. Liney on a number of issues. He stated during the Budget process over the last few years there was a decline of memberships and revenues for the Pool. He stated from 2009 to 2012 there was a 7% decline, and from 2012 to 2013 there was an additional 13% decline so over six years there has been a 20% decline. Mr. Menard stated they discussed what they could do better, and Mr. Owen came up with a number of ideas.

Mr. Fritchey asked what conclusion they reached about the decline; and Mr. Menard stated they do not know specifically, and what they are going to recommend in addition to what Mr. Owen will present is that there be a Steering Committee to analyze the Pool operations. He stated they do know that the demographics are changing; but the Pool memberships in terms of families does not trend to the exact change in the demographics of the Township. He stated they feel that there is something deeper going on and more people may be putting in pools, taking vacations at different times, etc.

Mr. Gordon noted the NAC opened a pool; and Mr. Menard stated while this is true, the NAC is a full-year membership, and it is expensive. Mr. Menard stated he still feels that Lower Makefield has an excellent facility. He also stated Newtown Swim Club closed, and there are not that many other pools around.

Mr. Owen stated the Pool is a fantastic facility which does not need a lot of repairs but does need a marketing program. He stated they wanted to find a marketing company that could enhance what they are projecting. He stated they interviewed three companies and chose FZ Media from Yardley who have put together a marketing plan which was presented to and accepted by the Board of Supervisors. He stated the idea is to create an energy and spirit so that they will enhance the membership, and this starts with a new logo. He stated they will have special events, new food menus, and lots of classes which they feel will bring great enthusiasm and get the members back. He stated they do not feel that lowering the price to enhance membership works, and the program will be self-funding, and they will be able to raise the price of the Pool based on the value that they will bring.

Mr. Owen stated FZ Media will be using social media as opposed to post cards and mailings which are expensive and "out of touch." He stated they will set up four e-mail campaigns – one per week – during the first month. He stated the NAC opens May 2 so they want to get members for this year. Mr. Owen stated they will target events for Moms, children ten and under, tweens, and teens. They will have "Like Us on Facebook" Campaigns and put up banners on the chain link fence now so that they can create awareness that something new is happening at the Pool. He stated they will set up an official LMT Facebook Page and post coming events and a monthly calendar with Swim Team schedules as well as Team results and approved photos. Mr. Owen stated they are also considering special events such as "Dollar Dog Night," and exercise classes for Moms such as Zumba, Yoga, and Fitness Classes which can be sponsored by local businesses in the area. He stated they are also considering Sunday Splash Events, Movie Nights, and DJs.

Ms. Liney stated on Memorial Day weekend they already have a DJ planned, on June 21 they will have a live band, on 4th of July they will have a DJ. Also about two weeks after 4th of July they will have Family Fun Day with entertainment as well. She stated they have a Movie night scheduled for August. She noted they did many of these events last year as well.

Mr. Owen stated they want to have face painters, magic shows, pavilion parties and birthday parties. He stated Newtown charges approximately \$250 for a birthday party with a cake provided, and feels they should have something similar at LMT. He stated they also want to have basketball tournaments, and New Member Specials with a \$50 certificate for free food if you join for two years and possibly a \$25 coupon for range balls at Makefield Highlands. He stated they are considering how to co-brand the marketing between Makefield Highlands and the Pool.

Mr. Owen stated they are going to immediately set up a Steering Committee which Ms. Liney will be a part of, and they were also going to see if there was someone from the Park & Recreation Board who would be interested in this who is a Pool Member. Mr. Gordon agreed to serve on this Committee.

Ms. Sandy Borowsky, President of LMT Swim & Dive Team, stated she would be interested in serving as well. Mr. Menard stated they will run this by Mr. Fedorchak.

Mr. Fritchey noted the Pennsbury School District enrollment trends, and the enrollment in Elementary Schools dropped from 5,538 to 4,516 in one year; and he feels the reason why Pool membership has dropped off is largely a demographic explanation and a response to the economic downturn. He feels this will self-correct as there is a large inventory of housing stock of homes where families with children could be accommodated coupled with the location of the Township which is a suburb for New York, Philadelphia, and the Princeton Corridor. He stated he feels the Pool will be all right in the long run; but he feels what they are proposing is also great and will be a quick fix and quicker than letting it take care of itself.

Mr. Owen stated he suspects that Mr. Fritchey is correct, but the Board of Supervisors charged them as part of their relationship with FZ Media to find out and conduct surveys so they can come back at the end of the summer and advise what they found out as to why the Pool memberships dropped off.

Mr. Menard stated the School decline does not match the demographics of just the Township since the Pennsbury School District encompasses a larger area. He stated they need to get more information including on the School side to see where the declines are taking place. Mr. Fritchey asked if he is suggesting that there is a substantial difference between Falls Township and Lower Makefield as to the drop off in school-age children. Ms. Bunn stated she was part of the School Re-Districting last year, and the trends they got from Pennsbury indicated that the Schools in the north which is considered to be Lower Makefield are under populated, and the Schools in the south are over populated. She stated they closed a School in the south and pushed everybody north. Ms. Bunn stated this means that the population in the north is declining in Pennsbury. She stated there are also "empty-nesters" who are not selling their homes because they want the property values to come back before they do so.

Mr. Menard stated they are going to reconcile what is in the Bond Prospectus as demographics versus what is happening at the Schools. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the Schools are a pretty good indication. He stated he feels the most enthusiastic users of the Pool traditionally have been families with school-age children since it is an economical, safe, community-oriented way for children to have a good time in the

summer, and it enhances socialization for families. Mr. Menard stated they are going to go after trying to attract new members but also keep the children wanting to keep coming back to the Pool.

Mr. Menard asked Ms. Liney if there any specifics as to the number of families that belong to the Swim Team from one year to the next; and Ms. Borowsky stated they had over 200 families last year with over 300 children on the Swim and Dive Team, and they expect that number will be significantly higher this year. She stated the Swim and Dive Team have a vested interest in the success of the Pool. She stated she has a lot of ideas and a number of these she had discussed with Ms. Tyler last year including some of the same ideas that they have discussed this evening. She stated they have a Facebook page for the Team, and the success of the Pool and the Team should be the same. She stated she has ideas to help grow membership from the outside as well. She stated over the years there has been no marketing to go out and get new members. She stated she does marketing for a living, and she is very interested in working on the success of the Pool. Mr. Owen stated they want to listen to everybody.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Board of Supervisors already voted to approve this. He stated he has been in the Township since 1987, and they never marketed the Pool. He stated for a number of years they had a Waiting List, but they are facing a different demographic; and he feels doing nothing is a big mistake. He stated he feels they need to find ways to communicate better and enhance the experience of the people at the Pool. He stated there is a Facebook page called Lower Makefield is a Great Place to Live which was started by a Realtor and not run by the Township. He stated there have been over 200 posts about the Pool since they had the Supervisors meeting one week ago, and some of them are good comments.

Mr. Menard stated when someone does not renew they have never gone back and sent them a postcard trying to get feedback as to why they did not re-join the Pool, and this would be a good way to get information.

FIVE MILE WOODS PRESERVE ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. John Heilferty, Naturalist, was present with Mr. John Lloyd and Ms. Jan McFarlan, Friends of the Five Mile Woods. Mr. Heilferty thanked Ms. Liney for her help and the help of her staff particularly this year when they had damage due to the weather.

Mr. Heilferty stated as noted last year, the Roving Nature Center is no longer holding camps in the Five Mile Woods as they are not operating in Pennsylvania. He stated for the second year in the a row, the Township has reached out to the Pennsbury School District which will be running two one-weeks camps this year; and these were very successful last year. He stated the teacher running the camps is a Lower Makefield Township resident who is a very talented naturalist. Mr. Heilferty stated they may also have a new group coming this year; however, Ms. Liney stated she has not yet heard back from them although she will follow up with them.

Mr. Heilferty stated they have a number of Friends of Five Mile Woods events. Mr. Lloyd stated they have a full agenda of items for the Friends. He stated they already had their maple syrup demonstrations which is run by a local arborist. He stated they had approximately sixty to eighty people present this year. Mr. Lloyd stated Mr. Heilferty also did the Frog and Salamander Walk on March 29.

Mr. Lloyd stated the Friends mostly do the work days, and do much of the Five Mile Woods maintenance recognizing that it is a nature preserve and their mission is not really to have a big footprint in terms of intervention, although they do have to maintain trails and the meeting room. He stated these are scheduled for the second Saturday of every month from March to November. Mr. Lloyd stated they also hold two Open Houses each year – one in the spring for Earth Day which this year will be held on April 27, and one in the fall after Harvest Day. He stated both of these events feature guided walks, displays, and refreshments.

Mr. Lloyd stated this year they are going to have a larger presence with Pennsbury High School. He stated the National Honor Society students need to get service hours, and they like to come to the Five Mile Woods. He stated Ms. McFarlan has cultivated a relationship with the advisor for the National Honor society, and those students will be coming on the work days.

Mr. Lloyd stated this year they will also have a field trip on June 14 to the Pine Barrens to look at that unique ecology.

Mr. Heilferty stated the deer hunt continues, and they had a productive hunting season this year with eleven deer being removed from the property. Mr. Heilferty stated this coming season he wants to be more proactive and reach out to BOWMA and work with Mr. Fedorchak to look at the last few years' hunting logs to find out

how often it is being hunted to see if they can cluster some of the time, still get the same benefit, but not close the Woods to the public for such an extended period of time. Mr. Gordon asked how often it was closed last year; and Mr. Heilferty stated there are essentially three, two-week periods in the fall and then most of January. He stated any closure in the fall is frustrating to people since it is one of the nicest times of the year to enjoy the Preserve. He stated he does appreciate the efforts of BOWMA who have been great to work with, and there were no issues this past season.

Mr. Fritchey asked if neighboring communities who have deer problems also holding deer hunts; and Mr. Heilferty stated although he has not looked into this recently, he knows that Upper Makefield is still doing deer management. Mr. Heilferty added that Five Mile Woods is not the only property in the Township that is hunted. He noted some ideas he has which he will discuss with Mr. Fedorchak about limiting hunting in the Woods on certain days of the week.

Mr. Gordon asked how they close off the Woods, and Mr. Heilferty stated they close the gate. He stated there are some issues with the tenants about this as well as the mail carriers and other delivery people who are not happy with the gate being closed and some will not get out to open the gate to make deliveries. He added that they do experience some trespassing and times when the tenants or delivery people forget to close the gate. He added that they are not surrounded by fencing and people do come in from the neighborhoods. He stated they have had trail runners in the Woods when the Woods was technically closed. He stated he would like there to be a more limited closure, and he will come up with a Plan to discuss with the Township further.

Mr. Heilferty stated he works with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and discussed a potentially new species of frog in the area which has been here all along but was misidentified. He stated they are along the Canal and a number of other locations in the Township.

Mr. Heilferty thanked the Park & Recreation Board for their continued support of the Five Mile Woods, and they will continue to market, promote, and maintain this "jewel" of the Township.

YMS REPORT

Mr. Sean O'Hara, President of YMS, was present. He thanked Ms. Liney for all the help she has given him. He stated in 2010 they had 1,888 participants; and they now have 1,901. He stated they are well aware of the School population trends, and they are working on how they can manage those numbers and bringing on new

programs. He stated they have a larger Adult League than they have in the past, and also have a program called Special Stars for children with Autism and Asperger's where YMS Travel Team players will pal up with the special needs players. He stated they have a large in-house program with over half of their players playing in the in-house program. He stated their Travel Program continues to do very well, and they have had multiple National level teams.

Mr. O'Hara stated one of their two fundraisers is the Epic Tournament for the Girls' Teams, and this year there are 300 teams participating which is 4,500 players. He stated to date they have sold 225 hotel room nights in the area. He stated for the boys they have the Columbus Weekend with 350 teams that usually attend which is 5,200 players. He stated last year they sold 1,200 hotel room nights for this Tournament. Mr. O'Hara stated the money that comes in pays for trainers and referees who are local kids and many of the referees for the in-house programs are the players from the Travel Program.

Mr. Gordon asked what they see as the stressors going forward, and he asked about the Academy Program. Mr. O'Hara stated the Academy Program is driving the quality of the program. Mr. Gordon stated he was referring to the outer Academy Programs, and Mr. O'Hara stated YMS is not a part of that Program. Mr. Gordon asked if that Program has pulled away some of the YMS top players; however, Mr. O'Hara stated while he feels it has pulled away from other programs, he feels YMS is strong enough so that it has not effected them. He stated the YMS Academy Program focuses on skill building. Mr. O'Hara stated field space continues to be a problem. He stated on the turf field there are six teams training on it every hour and a half. Mr. Fritchey stated it seems that YMS is in very good shape.

PENNWOOD POOL DISCUSSION

Mr. Josh Waldorf, Pennsbury School District Liaison to Lower Makefield, was present and stated he had provided information to the Board which had been included in their packet. He stated the Pennsbury School District has a pool that is viewed as a community pool at the Pennwood School. He stated 82% of the people who use that pool during the year are from Lower Makefield Township and would be disproportionally impacted by the decision to be made by the School Board regarding whether they should keep that pool open. He stated the Contract for the operation of the Pennwood Pool ends in June, and they are deciding whether they should extend it.

Mr. Gordon asked the specifics of the Contract, and Mr. Waldorf stated the Contract is with Penn Aquatics to run the Pool. He stated it costs approximately \$80,000 to keep it up and running; but there are a series of renovations the School District is considering moving forward on which total approximately \$250,000. Mr. Waldorf stated they spend approximately \$80,000 to run the pool, but they only bring in between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in revenue through lessons and rentals for the synchronized swimming team and the swim team.

Mr. Waldorf stated they understand that the Township has issues with regard to marketing the Township Community Pool and they would like to see if there is a way the School District could work with the Township to market the two pools together to create revenue for both pools. He stated they would like the Township to consider if they could help the School District with the \$80,000 operating budget to keep it open. He stated they would like to begin a dialogue to see if this is an area the Township is interested in working on with the School District and if there is some funding that the Board of Supervisors would approve so they could help keep the pool open until the next fiscal year.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Waldorf if he has hard numbers of how many people are using the pool and not just the percentage of Township residents. Mr. Waldorf stated he has tried to get these numbers, but has not been provided them yet. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he would like to know the number of people using it, the age categories, and the types of activities. Mr. Waldorf stated it is basically adult swimming and swim lessons for children. He stated the rentals are for the swim team and the Falconettes, which is the synchronized swim team.

Mr. Fritchey stated it seems they are running at approximately a \$25,000 deficit, and Mr. Waldorf agreed that this has been the case for a number of years. Mr. Fritchey stated he indicated that they need renovations in the amount of approximately \$250,000, and Mr. Waldorf stated that is in addition to the operating Budget. He stated if they keep it open, the School District would invest the money to renovate the Pool, but they are asking for help with the Operating Budget.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated they are looking for a subsidy from the Township in the amount of \$20,000 to \$30,000; and Mr. Waldorf agreed, and it was suggested that they come to the Park & Recreation Board first.

Mr. Gordon stated the Township's Pool is only open a limited period of time – Memorial Day to Labor Day; and while an indoor pool would be slow in the summer, the Township does not have an indoor pool for the winter, and it seems that Mr. Waldorf is looking to see if they may be able to put together some kind of joint marketing program and possibly a membership would benefit both the Township and the School District and a year-round membership could be offered that would

allow for use of the outdoor pool and access to the Pennwood Pool. Mr. Gordon stated there are a lot of lap swimmers who may be interested in this so that they would have access to a pool in the winter. Mr. Gordon stated he understands that if the School District is able to fill the gap in revenue, they would be much more likely to keep the pool open and spend the \$250,000 to do the renovations, and Mr. Waldorf agreed.

Ms. Borowsky stated she would be able to help them do this.

Ms. Bunn asked how this ties in to the overall renovations of Pennwood as she has heard that they may want to close Pennwood because it is too expensive. Mr. Waldorf stated they are in the process of doing a School-wide feasibility study which is required for them to move forward on any construction, and they anticipate having a report back in July with decisions made after that time.

Mr. Fritchey stated the Park & Recreation Board does not make recommendations about money, and this would be decided by the Board of Supervisors. He stated the other issue is whether there is a way for the Township and the School District to work together with the two pools that would be beneficial to the entire community and could be served by some marketing operation, and he feels this could be looked at by the new Steering Committee.

Ms. Bunn asked Mr. Waldorf if he is going to Falls Township as well, and he stated they have been to Falls Township. Ms. Bunn asked if they are asking Lower Makefield for the full \$80,000, and Mr. Waldorf stated they are only asking for help to fill the gap of \$25,000.

Mr. Wysocki asked who are the primary users of the pool; and Mr. Waldorf stated the primary users are Seniors, swim lessons, the Falconettes, and Penn Aquatics who use it for training.

Ms. Liney agreed to work with Mr. Waldorf on this issue. She stated the Steering Committee is hoping to set up a meeting for this Friday.

Mr. Waldorf stated he did provide Ms. Liney with information on the population in the School District which is based on births.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Stainthorpe stated Bright Farms is back up and running. He stated the CEO came to a recent meeting, and they have upgraded some of their growing operations. He stated some people are complaining about the lights at night; and the Township did have the Township engineer measure this, and it does not exceed the Glare Ordinance, but they need to discuss why the lights are on at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Board approved a lay-out for the Community Center which was Option #3 and was included in the Park & Recreation Board's packet. He stated it does go over the \$1 million Budget, but everyone felt it was best to do it right the first time rather than have to come back and expand it in two to three years. He stated they hope to have it go out to bid sometime in the fall.

Ms. Bunn stated she felt that they had discussed having offices for the various user groups, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated there are a number of rooms that could be used for different purposes. Ms. Bunn stated they had discussed that they would like the user groups to have lockable rooms that they would not have to share with each other. She stated this is supposed to be a Community Center, and she does not feel that only the Seniors should have lockable storage space. Mr. Wysocki stated there are closets/storage areas although sizes are not shown. He stated he felt that these would serve the purpose of what Ms. Bunn is discussing which would be lockable spaces for the athletic teams. Mr. Stainthorpe stated what is being shown is largely geared to Senior activities, but they could discuss this further. Ms. Bunn stated she feels that this is a Community Center and not a Senior Center, and they should provide space for the organizations just as they are providing space for the Seniors.

Mr. Wysocki asked about the large room shown; and Mr. Stainthorpe stated the large room is larger than the Township meeting room, and it can be divided in half. Mr. Wysocki stated if there is still time to influence the interior design, he feels it would be wise to provide some space for the organizations so that they could store computers, files, etc. It was noted that the shared space could be used for meetings of organizations, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated the shared space is open to anyone as the Seniors only meet during the day. He stated he will discuss the Board's concern with the architect.

Ms. Liney stated the Seniors were also interested in having input in the interior design because they would like to see the kitchen on the flip side where the gym room is shown. Mr. Stainthorpe stated none of the uses of the rooms are locked in. Ms. Bunn stated she wants to make sure that they do not lock up anything until they have input from the four user groups. Mr. Wysocki stated none of the organizations have a club house, and they would like to have a designated area where they could display their trophies, etc.; and Mr. Stainthorpe stated he is sure that this could be done.

Mr. Fritchey asked about the Garden of Reflection. Mr. Stainthorpe stated they did meet with the two groups involved with the Garden of Reflection and both of them hold fundraisers. Mr. Stainthorpe stated previously Mr. Fritchey had expressed concern about money having to come out of the Park & Rec Fund, but he understands that this is not the case as there are enough funds on hand to do the maintenance. Mr. Fritchey stated he felt they were carrying a \$60,000 deficit in the Budget. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he does not feel this is correct. Ms. Liney stated the Budget showed expenditures of \$60,000, but no revenue coming in for the Garden of Reflection; and this may be what Mr. Fritchey is referring to. Ms. Liney stated no revenue came into that account last year and only \$4,000 came in 2012. Mr. Fritchey stated it appears that the Park & Rec Budget is subsidizing the Garden of Reflection in the amount of \$60,000.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Township is holding funds for this as there is a 501C3, but he is not sure what the balance is. Mr. Wysocki asked if the deposits from the fundraisers go into that account now, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated those coming from Ms. Bane's and Ms. Godshalk's group do but those from Ms. Saracini's group do not. Mr. Fritchey asked what becomes of the funds raised by Ms. Saracini's group, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated there is not a clear understanding about this as Ms. Saracini's group raises these funds through a golf outing; and while for some time those funds were deposited with the Township, that has not happened for a few years. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they should look into this. Mr. Fritchey stated if people are raising money to maintain the Garden of Reflection; and the funds are not being used for that purpose, he feels this is a problem. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they should be asked to provide an accounting since the Township owns this land, and it is the Park & Recreation Budget that could end up paying for it. Mr. Gordon asked how they can find out what is in the 501C3, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated Mr. Fedorchak has that information. Mr. Stainthorpe stated when he raised the issue with Mr. Fedorchak he indicated that there is not a deficit, and it can be covered for a while.

Ms. Liney was asked to contact both groups involved with the Garden of Reflection to come to the Park & Recreation Board meeting in either May or June.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

It was noted that the Pennsbury Ultimate High School Frisbee Team has applied for and been granted a Permit for this weekend to host a Frisbee Tournament at Memorial Park.

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The Lower Makefield Farmers Market will be returning this year with a new Market Manager, Deidre Cloughly. This will be the 7th year of operation for the Market which typically draws several hundred people each week to purchase local produce and wares in support of the area farmers.

The Lower Makefield Veterans Committee is in the process of advertising for bids to construct the Veterans Monument. The Committee has announced a deadline of April 17th to purchase freedom pavers and wall of honor names.

The LYFT group is engaged in a messaging campaign to alert parents that providing alcohol to minors or allowing underage drinking in the home is both illegal and dangerous. LYFT has permission to display a 3' by 4' banner at Macclesfield for approximately 30 days urging parents not to host parties allowing alcohol use by teens.

The Township has requested PAA to remove the recently-installed banners at the Greg Caiola Complex, as the Township has not accepted dedication of this complex. The Township has locked the gates accessing the fields at that site. For the spring season, parking for the Stoddart baseball fields is in the front gravel parking lot, with overflow parking available in the Township Building lot.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary