

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 14, 2015. Chairman Fritchey called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Fritchey, Chairman  
David Gordon, Vice Chairman  
Patricia Bunn, Secretary (joined meeting in progress)  
David Malinowski, Member  
Bryan McNamara, Member  
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager  
Donna Liney, Park & Recreation Director

Absent: Andrew Newbon, Park & Rec Board Member  
Dobby Dobson, Supervisor Liaison

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. McNamara seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March, 10, 2015 as written.

#### PROPOSAL FOR GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD

Ms. Kathryn Myer was present with her mother, Ms. Melinda Myer. Ms. Melinda Myer stated she is a Title I reading instructor and discussed the importance of children continuing to read over the summer. She stated she and her daughter were discussing Kathryn's interest in reading and being Pool member, and they wanted to combine the two and foster reading at the Pool.

Ms. Kathryn Myer stated she would hold a book drive beforehand to get books for the Pool and there would be a corner for reading at the Pool for approximately one hour for a week. She stated she would also have other Eighth graders come and read as well. She stated she would also like to make a book holder for books inside so that they would be available at the Pool for the whole summer. Ms. Melinda Myer stated they would make a structure that could be left and stock it with books. She stated they would also encourage buddy reading.

Mr. Fritchey asked how long they propose to do this, and Ms. Melinda Myer stated they could discuss this with the Pool Manager and possibly they could do the reading for a week or two at the beginning of the summer, and they would have the book share left for use over the summer. Ms. Kathryn Myer stated they would leave the books there, but they would talk to the Pool Manager to see if this was okay. Mr. Fritchey stated the Pool Manager is very supportive of this plan as is the Park Board.

Ms. Bunn joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Kathryn Myer stated she needs to do fifty hours of community service for her Silver Award. Ms. Melinda Myer stated the next level is the Gold Award which is equivalent to an Eagle Scout. Ms. Bunn stated her daughter just went through the Silver Award and advised that she needs to be very specific with her proposal when she presents it. She stated they also have to have other girls on board to help with the project.

Ms. Melinda Myer stated they will need to know what the Pool would want in terms of the container to hold the books. She stated she feels it needs to be sustainable. She stated they would also like to have a brochure at the Township about the importance of reading.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels this would be a good project that would continue over the years so it would be good to have someone who will need to achieve the Silver Award next year to assist this year so that it could continue. Ms. Bunn stated for a Silver Award you have to have a unique project. Mr. Gordon stated he still feels it would be good to start this project and then build on it. Ms. Melinda Myer stated there are younger girls who may be interested in continuing this.

The Board indicated that they are in favor of this project, Ms. Liney asked that they contact her if they need anything.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Gordon, Yardley-Morrisville Road, stated he and his sons have been involved with YMS in the past. He stated he is concerned about usage of the turf field at Macclesfield Park. He stated he feels the YMS paid staff in particular are patrolling Macclesfield Park during the day and essentially “throwing” anyone off the turf field who are using it whether there is Permitted use going on or not. He stated his son was home from College and he and some of his friends were playing soccer on the field, and one of the paid coaches showed up and told them the

field was exclusively for YMS use. Mr. Gordon stated this was a time when the rest of the fields in the Park were wet from snow so there was no other field there for them to use.

Mr. Gordon stated he was involved in YMS for a number of years when the Club was proposing to build the field. He stated he knows that there was a concern at the time that if the Club was going to invest all of the money in building the turf field, they did not want to be competing with football and field hockey and other organizations for time on that field; and there was a lot of discussion about that with the Park & Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gordon stated he felt that the decision was there was a concept of an exclusive Permit and he felt that was that YMS would be the only organization that would be given a Permit to use the field, and he does not think it was ever intended to mean that YMS was the only group that could use it and it would prohibit other members of the community from using that field when YMS was not using it.

Mr. Gordon provided excerpts from the Park & Recreation Board meeting Minutes when YMS was presenting the concept of the field. He stated there were a number of questions from Mr. Fritchey and other members of the Board about this topic and what would happen if YMS was not using the field and if other people would be permitted to go on it, and the feedback from YMS representatives was that this would be allowed and there would no harm being done so that there would be no reason why that would not be allowed. Mr. Gordon stated the fields are now there, and it seems that the employees of YMS seem to feel that the field is private property and it is their privilege to control who is using that field 24/7.

Mr. Gordon stated in the information provided he also included a quote from the Township Code on field usage and clearly if there is a Permitted use or maintenance going on those take priority, but it seems to him that the Code is clear that if those things are not going on, it is first-come, first-served; and he does not feel that members of a private organization should be controlling when members of the community can use the field.

Mr. Fritchey stated and Park & Recreation Board makes broad policy recommendations to the Township, and they do not have the authority to enter into Contracts, commit money, or make final decisions of a financial or policy nature. He stated the Park & Recreation Board makes their recommendations to the Township and the Supervisors can accept or reject them as they see fit.

Mr. Fritchey stated Mr. Gordon has provided them with excerpts from some of the Park & Recreation Board meetings where there were statements made by various YMS representatives indicating that others would be able to go onto the turf field when they were not using them. Mr. Fritchey stated ultimately the Park & Rec Board considered whether they wanted to get into the business of leasing fields which was a novel concept that some members of the Park Board had reservations about but they felt that this was the prudent thing to do because the fields receive so much wear; and if they had a turf field, this would save the balance of the facility for everybody.

Mr. Fritchey stated they recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they entertain the proposal from YMS. Mr. Fritchey stated YMS went before the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors agreed to enter into a Lease Agreement with YMS. He stated the Township solicitor and YMS representatives negotiated a Lease. Mr. Fritchey stated the Lease is a "contractual agreement for a period of twelve years commencing 9/5/07, and terminating 9/4/19 or the earlier termination of the Lease Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement." Mr. Fritchey stated "YMS has the right to terminate the Lease Agreement on thirty days notice; and in terms of renewal for as long as YMS shall maintain a turf field at the leased premises, YMS shall have the right to renew this Lease Agreement for one additional period of twelve years upon the same terms and conditions as set forth herein." Mr. Fritchey stated written notice would have to be provided on or before August 1. Mr. Fritchey stated this means that YMS can continue with this until 2031 barring some other unforeseen situation.

Mr. Fritchey stated with regard to requests for use of the field, he noted Paragraph 3.03 in the Lease which pertains to "third party requests to use the turf field." Mr. Fritchey stated this provision states, "Any and all requests by any third party to use all or a portion of the turf field shall be directed to YMS. No party other than YMS can provide consent to use the turf field. YMS's consent for the use of the turf field by any third party may be withheld in YMS's sole and absolute discretion subject however on the limitations as to use of the Leased area and the remainder of Macclesfield Park as otherwise provided herein." Mr. Fritchey stated it also states, "YMS shall be liable to LMT under the indemnity provisions of this Lease Agreement for any losses or damages suffered as a result of or during the course of the use of the leased premises by a third party other than LMT."

Mr. Fritchey stated what happened is that the representatives of the Township and the representatives of the YMS entered into a Contractual Agreement that will run for at least four more years that says they have absolute and sole discretion about others using the field. He stated there is nothing that the Park & Recreation Board can do on Mr. Gordon's behalf, and his recourse would be to discuss with YMS and see if they are not using it would it be a problem for them to use it. Mr. Gordon

stated he has had that conversation. Mr. Fritchey stated there is a Contract that has been entered into, and they have effectively ceded control of that portion of Macclesfield Park to a user group.

Mr. Michael Gordon stated he had not seen that Contract; however, he still feels that the presentations that were made earlier in the process were somewhat disingenuous in terms of YMS's presentation as to how the field would be used and how it would be used within the community. He stated he recognizes that there is a Contract which supersedes that. Mr. Fritchey stated he understands Mr. Gordon's concerns, but it is possible that different people spoke at the Park & Recreation Board than negotiated the Contract.

Mr. Dave Gordon stated he does not feel they were thinking about "free play" when they were talking about allowing others to use it adding that they do allow the Pennsbury Soccer Teams to use it several times a year. He stated there is also other Regional play that they do allow that are outside of the community. Mr. Gordon stated it was a major investment for YMS in the amount of approximately \$750,000, and the field is only scheduled to last ten years; and they are already putting money away for a replacement field. He stated there is probably a fear that people would be coming on using shoes that they should not use or doing things that they should not do, and that YMS is ultimately responsible for replacing things that are destroyed.

Ms. Bunn stated she recalls that the lenders had certain criteria and YMS had to have some sort of exclusivity. Mr. Michael Gordon stated he interpreted that as it related to Permits for other groups that would be competing with YMS, and what he is describing is free play when the fields were not being used. Ms. Bunn stated free play can be dangerous when no one is watching it. Ms. Bunn stated if Mr. Michael Gordon's son wanted to have a League in the summer, he could contact YMS to see if they would entertain use of the field for that purpose.

#### DISCUSSION OF REVERE TENNIS COURTS

Mr. James Brandau was present. Mr. Fedorchak stated a few years ago a resident in Yardley Hunt was trying to construct a swimming pool, and in the course of this he found construction debris which was left there by the Toll Bros. contractor. Mr. Fedorchak stated they continued to find more debris on other properties as well. He stated a sinkhole developed in another area of Yardley Hunt which was also found to be the result of construction debris.

Mr. Fedorchak stated the construction debris was tested and it is just construction debris. He stated the Township engineers worked with Toll Bros. and DEP was involved as well. He stated the debris was disposed of in the right way, and Toll Bros. reimbursed the Township for all of their expenses which were considerable.

Mr. Fedorchak stated some of that debris was touching the tennis courts in the Revere Road area so they have closed those courts. He stated the area is being stabilized, and they would like the Park & Recreation Board to consider the future of these tennis courts. Mr. Fedorchak stated the Township engineer has concerns about the stability of the area.

Mr. Gordon stated they toured them on the Road Tour a few years ago, and they were close to unplayable at that time. Mr. Gordon asked if the Courts were actively being used, and Mr. Brandau stated he has been there since 1987; and as years have gone by there are fewer and fewer people using them. He stated there is one court where the net is up and it is still functioning as a tennis courts, and in the last two to three weeks, two groups of children have been on there. Mr. Gordon stated the Schuyler Courts are only a block away, and they are available unless there is a Camp going on.

Mr. Fedorchak stated they are at a point where they need to decide if they are going to put a significant amount of money into them, and they should decide if this is money well spent. Mr. Fritchey stated he does not feel it would be.

Ms. Bunn asked what they would do with the area if the courts were removed, and Mr. Fedorchak stated it would just be open space. Mr. Brandau stated there is a section of woods between his property and the tennis courts of approximately thirty feet. He stated over the years there have been dirt and noise problems, and now there is almost no one using those courts. He stated he has seen more children on motor bikes in that area than anyone playing tennis.

Mr. Gordon stated he often drives Schuyler, and it is very rare that all four of those courts are full. He stated those courts are in good shape and are also in Yardley Hunt.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they need to consider what to do about the courts and what recourse they should pursue. He stated there seems to be an ongoing dialogue with Toll Bros. in this regard. Mr. Fritchey stated there are plans to put tennis courts in Memorial Park, and Mr. Malinowski asked if they could trade these courts for courts elsewhere; and Mr. Fedorchak agreed to discuss this with them.

Ms. Bunn asked if the Township could get Toll Bros. to remove the hardscape and return it to grass, and Mr. Fedorchak stated he could discuss this with them as well. Mr. Fritchey stated this is the issue of remediation of returning terrain to an acceptable state, and there is also the issue of the recreational commitment that they have.

Mr. Wysocki asked Mr. Brandau if the courts were no longer there, what would he like to see; and Mr. Brandau stated there is a woods off of Revere and possibly they could return some of the land to woods and grass. Mr. Wysocki asked the number of courts, and it was noted there are four. Mr. Brandau stated there are the four courts and a parking area. Ms. Liney stated it is an acre and a half with twelve parking spaces.

Mr. Wysocki stated he does not feel that they are at a point where they would want to give up tennis capacity particularly when there are the camps going on. Mr. Fritchey stated they do not want to go into a recreation venue deficit situation. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels the north side of the Township could use tennis courts.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels it would take a significant amount of money up to six figures to upgrade the existing courts; and Mr. Fritchey stated he would not be comfortable about putting a significant amount of money into that site.

Mr. McNamara stated he is concerned that if they do nothing and someone is on the property, a sinkhole could come up. He stated if they do not dig down enough and only take up the hardscaping and put grass over it, a sink hole could also open up as well. Mr. Fedorchak stated at this point the engineers have indicated that they do not believe that there is anything under the courts although he will discuss this further with the Township engineer.

Mr. Brandau stated at this point he feels they are an eyesore.

Mr. Gordon moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend that Mr. Fedorchak contact Toll Bros. to explore the possibility of having them fund the remediation of the area to bring it back to its natural state to the satisfaction of the Township engineer and to fund new tennis courts in another area to be determined by the Township.

## DISCUSSION OF DOG PARK IN THE TOWNSHIP

Ms. Liney stated the Township is excited and making good progress with the planned dog park for Lower Makefield. Ten volunteers have come forward to sign up for this working subcommittee for the Township. Ms. Liney stated they appreciate Trish Bunn stepping up and agreeing to chair this undertaking, and the Park and Recreation office will be supporting it. The subcommittee will begin researching information and examining the sites recommended by the Township engineer in the near future.

Ms. Bunn stated she joined the Park & Rec Board in 1999 because she wanted there to be a dog park in the Township.

Ms. Liney asked that Ms. Bunn contact her when she will hold meetings since she is getting e-mails from people asking about this.

Mr. Fritchey stated they want to review the sample rules and regulations, discuss the size, and membership criteria as well as the location. He stated he understands there are nine possible locations.

Mr. Jason Simon asked if they need to engage the Township engineer to design this and if there will be costs to the Township. Ms. Bunn stated the area will have to be fenced, and Mr. Fritchey stated there may be land clearance issues and parking issues. Mr. Fedorchak stated a Land Development Plan will be required.

## PAA LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Jason Simon, PAA, stated on Saturday they had the Opening Day Parade which went extremely well. Mr. Simon stated PAA is focusing on programming, and they are very focused on making sure the younger age groups are having an excellent experience. He stated they have provided clinics which started in January and the clinics were included in the Registration fee. Mr. Simon stated since they do not have an indoor facility, they have had to use local indoor facilities. He stated they had a softball clinic a week before Opening Day and one hundred girls showed up. He stated in addition to having professional coaches they also have the older players helping the younger players out at these clinics. He stated members of the Pennsbury Gems were at the Clinics supporting the younger athletes. He stated in the in-house program they have also assigned each of the Travel Teams and their coaches to mentor younger age groups within the in-house programs. He stated there will be four sessions, forty-five minutes each during the season. He stated included in their fees is six to seven months of engagement. He stated last summer they ran sand lot baseball program for

the Stoddart age players and the Babe Ruth players, and their Permits were able to extend through the end of July; and they played pick-up baseball after the regular season ended which worked out well continuing the experience.

Mr. Simon stated for the older age group, they are fielding a Senior Babe Ruth Team and a classic baseball team as well. He stated the field capacity at Macclesfield is stretched very thin, and they are hoping that Caiola will come on line shortly. Mr. Simon stated they are trying to create a “buzz” around everything they are doing.

Mr. Simon stated they were able to put new sheds at three of the locations. He noted the outstanding effort by Bill Baldwin, who leads fundraising at the Club. Mr. Simon stated they are now kicking off a second fundraising program this week, and they want to build six new batting cages.

Mr. Simon stated their coaches, Executive Board, and the Directors at the different levels are working very hard; and there is a different tone since he has been in the League.

Mr. Simon stated with regard to the new fields, he stated the back half of the lower parking lot is not paved; and he asked the plans for this. Ms. Bunn stated she felt they were not going to pave this because if they tried to make a structured parking lot there, they would lose spaces. Mr. Simon stated he had not heard that.

Mr. Fedorchak stated there are handicapped spaces on the west side which will be paved. Mr. Simon stated he does not recall that there was a discussion that the whole thing was not going to be paved, and there is a pretty dramatic drop off between the paved portion and the gravel. Mr. Fedorchak stated he recalls that they always agreed to pave the upper parking lot, but he does not recall in those discussions that they agreed to pave the lower parking lot. Mr. Simon stated he is thrilled that the upper parking lot is paved and he understands the economics. He stated the way the paved spots were lined out it is tight. He stated he does recall that they discussed paving the entire facility, and he feels it is worth looking at because currently it does not look good aesthetically.

Mr. Simon stated they originally had asked for a 36' backstop on the 90' field, and the engineer went with the minimum recommendation of 24'; he feels they should observe as the season goes on how foul balls are contained with that based upon where home plate is. He stated they are concerned about the cost of the baseballs;

and balls are fouled back into the brush, and they are losing baseballs, this will have an economic impact on PAA. He stated they issue two new balls per home team per game; and if they have to put more balls in play, this will result in an exponential cost increase.

Mr. Simon stated he is also worried how foul balls coming down the left field foul line on the 90' field play out with the way the parking is, and they may have to put up some kind of netting. He stated at Macclesfield no one parks between the right field foul pole of Macclesfield A and the left field foul pole of Mac B because foul balls fly out there and cars are getting hit. He stated he would not want to see this situation at Caiola when a simple fix could be standard poles and netting down the left field foul line to contain the balls. Ms. Bunn suggested that they strike these parking spaces differently to indicate this is a foul ball hazard area. Mr. Simon stated he suggested this at Macclesfield as well. Mr. Simon stated he is concerned at Caiola that people will not be parking in this area, and now they are condensing into the smaller area.

Mr. Simon stated their Operating Budget based upon the fees they charge does not cover the cost of operating their League so they are very dependent on fundraising and other activities as they feel that they have reached the pinnacle of what they can charge to people to play. Mr. Simon stated with regard to the concern of losing balls, when they were designing the field, they asked for a 12' higher fence; and if they had done that, this problem would not have come into play.

Mr. Simon asked about the timing on the punch list for the new fields, and Ms. Liney stated she forwarded some points to the Township engineer that they wanted to make sure were addressed before the Township accepted the fields. She stated she asked Boucher & James to go point by point and verify that everything has been corrected, but she has not heard back from them yet. Mr. Simon stated they had hoped that the fields would be open by Mothers Day weekend, but if they are not, PAA will not play that weekend. Ms. Liney stated she is still hopeful that they will be open by then.

Mr. Simon stated his concern was that on their tour, the pitcher's mound was not in the right place on the 70' field, and they do not have an update on this. Ms. Liney stated they are located where they should be, but they are not sure about the height right now. She stated it was moved back. Mr. Simon asked who builds the mounds; and Ms. Liney stated the Park crew does a lot of the mound work, but currently she is down two workers this week. Mr. Simon asked if they would allow PAA to build the mounds even though it is still the contractor's responsibility; and Ms. Liney stated they could do this after the fields are accepted. Mr. Simon asked if they would consider accepting

the fields with the mounds not being correct knowing that PAA would correct them; and Ms. Liney stated she does not feel they would. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels it would be a small matter for the contractor to fix them now.

Ms. Liney stated she will contact Boucher & James and provide Mr. Simon with an update.

Mr. Gordon stated this evening he saw play was still taking place on Field 1 at 7:35 p.m., and he feels it is too dark to play then as it is dangerous. Mr. Simon agreed and stated they communicate quickly with their Managers and he will bring this to their attention.

Mr. Simon stated they changed umpiring crews for the Leagues for their professional umpires, and they also put in a program in place on the Majors fields which typically has one professional umpire at home plate and they are now putting on one of the older, youth umpires to ump the bases. Ms. Bunn stated at her son's game they did an excellent job. She stated when there was an issue, the ump stopped the game and did showed what was done wrong and the professional ump explained this to the youth ump as well.

Mr. Simon stated they ran an RFP for the umpire services, and they wanted to make sure that the umpires were actively engaged in the process. He stated they have put the umpires on retainers and the League pays for the services and the Managers no longer have to deal with this and it is a better way to control cash. Mr. Simon stated the umpires used a scheduling system called Arbiter, and in Arbiter, you are able to evaluate and give feedback on the umpire crews. He stated what they are looking for is what Ms. Bunn described in that they are engaged in the game, in the right positioning, speaking properly to the Managers and the players, and they have an understanding of the level they are at, and are providing good service.

Ms. Bunn commended them on the coaching clinics as well which are a big improvement.

Mr. Malinowski stated at the 90' field in the batter's eye you can see the traffic, and he asked if there is a way to mitigate this which PAA would help with. Mr. Simon stated they have been engaged in different aspects of capital improvement such as the sheds and the batting cages. He stated possibly scoreboards would help with this; and while they are interested in doing this, they are prioritizing items. He stated possibly if there was a simpler solution such as a green, wooden structure they could work with the Township on this.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Simon stated he feels the residents should be reminded that they are responsible to clear their overhanging trees and bushes that are impacting the bike paths as it is causing runners, etc. from using the bike paths and they are instead in the street.

## YMS LEAGUE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Sean O'Hara thanked Mr. Simon and PAA for allowing YMS to use Field H since in March they had a big weekend and some of the YMS Permitted fields were taking on water.

Mr. O'Hara noted the number of items they have recently had to purchase including twenty new nets, a goal was broken over Easter weekend, and there was damage on the field. He stated hopefully the security cameras are moving forward. Mr. O'Hara stated the Mother's Day Tournament has 310 Teams coming, and it will be their biggest Tournament ever with 500 hotel rooms sold so far. He stated the girls side of YMS is doing very well, and they have a team that has advanced to the Nationals again this year. He also noted a piece of equipment purchased to help maintain the fields. Mr. O'Hara stated last year Pennsbury and Holy Ghost played on the fields in the fall, and this year in the fall they have four high school that will be playing there – Pennsbury, Holy Ghost, Morrisville, and Conwell Egan. He stated they are not charging them for this. He stated Conwell Egan indicated they would like to have their whole season played at Macclesfield, but unfortunately they cannot do that.

Mr. Wysocki asked how they handle the concession stand when the high schools are using the field, and Mr. O'Hara stated the Club runs it for those events other than Pennsbury which runs it themselves.

Mr. Gordon advised Mr. O'Hara of the discussion earlier this evening by a concerned citizen prior to Mr. O'Hara's arrival about free play use on the turf field. Mr. O'Hara stated he was aware of this situation. Mr. Gordon stated they addressed it and Mr. Fritchey read portions of the Lease which related to this and indicated that YMS has exclusive rights to the field and that YMS does allow teams to use it but it is not really about free play. Mr. Gordon stated he explained to the resident about concerns about maintenance and the investment of YMS; and he feels the resident did understand.

Mr. Fedorchak stated with regard to the surveillance cameras, he received a proposal for the all-inclusive playground in the amount of \$5,000 to \$6,000; and this is in the works. He stated the proposal for the Garden of Reflection was approximately \$10,000, and he approved this. He stated there will be cabling and other associated set-up costs. Mr. Fedorchak stated at Macclesfield Park the proposal was \$21,000 with cameras at the front, shelter, etc.; and he asked that they split it into two projects, and he is waiting for a revised proposal to come back; and he will then report back to the Park Board. There was discussion about what location would be most important, and it was suggested the front entrance would be the most important since this is where vehicles would be coming in.

Mr. O'Hara stated June 13 and 14 will be the third Tournament which is designated for the younger players.

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Township was happy to be a part of the PAA Opening Day festivities this past Saturday at the Stoddart fields. Hundreds of PAA players, coaches, families, and friends paraded in the complex, enjoyed free soft pretzels, cotton candy, and tested their pitching speeds on a fast pitch inflatable. She stated it was an enjoyable and successful Opening Day for all.

Ms. Liney stated the Township is working with the Township engineer to see if the newly-constructed 70 and 90 foot fields at the upper level of the Caiola Complex can be dedicated to the Township on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Parking lot striping was completed, and the engineers will confirm and advise when all punch list items have been completed for acceptance by the Township.

Ms. Liney stated the Township would like to acknowledge the organizations – YMS, PAA, and St. Ignatius for their mutual cooperation this season in accommodating special requests and field times by the user groups.

Ms. Liney stated spring bocce has started for the Lower Makefield Seniors and is being held every Monday and Friday at the Fred Allan Complex on Oxford Valley Road.

Ms. Liney stated the Garden of Reflections fountains have been activated and that site is proving to be a popular spot for prom pictures with the local high schools. She stated Moon Landscaping will begin servicing the Garden next week.

Ms. Liney stated the pedestrian crossing on Woodside Road at the entry to Memorial Park has been paved. The Park crew will stripe the road by the end of this month.

Ms. Liney stated the new signage identifying The Secret Garden Playground at Memorial Park has been installed. Feeney's Nursery will be donating six red oak trees which the Park crew will plant for the perimeter of the new playground.

Ms. Liney stated she and the Township Manager met with the Pool concession stand contractor, MLE Enterprises, as requested by the Park Board. The contractor has agreed to a significant reduction to the Township for the reimbursement of hot dogs for dollar dog day. \$.50 per hotdog for the 2015 season, which based on last year's sales, will result in \$1,700 savings for the Pool Budget this summer. Ms. Liney stated they will continue to monitor the contractor and will adjust the Lease Rental amount if appropriate.

Ms. Liney stated at the request of the Township Manager, Park & Recreation has been researching possible Grants for furniture for the planned Community Center. She stated to date she has spoken with the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, which indicated if there were funds, it would be very limited. They recently awarded a \$3,000 Grant from Parx Casino, and that was their most significant award. Ms. Liney stated she also contacted the DCNR Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, the Commonwealth Financing Authority, and Representative Santarsiero's office, without success. She stated they will continue to research with the hope something will become available.

There being no further business, Mr. Gordon moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary