

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on October 13, 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
Brian 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. Malinowski moved and Mr. Wysocki seconded to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2015 as written. Motion carried with Mr. McNamara abstained.

EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL TO INSTALL GAZEBO

Mr. Jake Mako was present and stated he was planning on building an 8' by 10' gazebo that will be built mostly of pressure-treated lumber with a cedar shake roof. He stated wherever it is built it will provide a place for people to get out of the sun. He stated originally he talked about building it at Veterans Square Park, but he heard that there was already a plan for a pavilion there so he is open to new places.

Mr. Fritchey stated there is an architectural concept plan that has been approved for Veterans Square. He stated it is a relatively small site, and one of the items they proposed is a pavilion which would be a rather substantial undertaking which he feels would be seriously challenging for Mr. Mako to undertake. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels a project on the scale that Mr. Mako is proposing would be better suited to another venue, and there are venues in the Township that could use a gazebo.

Mr. Fritchey stated Macclesfield Park and Memorial Park would be possibilities. Mr. Fritchey encouraged Mr. Mako to look at those two parks. He stated with regard to Macclesfield Park he should be in touch with YMS to make sure that what he is proposing would not impact where they paint lines for the soccer fields. He stated he should also coordinate with Ms. Liney to proceed with this at any of the Township parks. Mr. Fritchey suggested that Mr. Mako look into this further and come back to the Park Board in November with an alternative location.

Mr. Fritchey asked Mr. Mako when he would like to complete the project in order to get his Eagle ranking; and Mr. Mako stated he would like to complete it by next spring, and he will come back next month with a suggested location. Mr. Mako stated he needs to get approval first from the Township and then he will move forward to submit the project paperwork. He stated that must get approved before he can start fundraising. Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Mako his plan for fundraising, and Mr. Mako stated he was planning on doing a few car washes, possibly a spaghetti dinner, and Gofundme on the Internet describing the project to help raise funds. Mr. Mako stated he feels he will need to raise approximately \$2,500. Mr. Wysocki noted that if he does consider Macclesfield, he feels YMS may be willing to work with him on fundraising.

Ms. Grace Godshalk stated before they send Mr. Mako to Memorial Park, he should be given a copy of the Master Plan. She stated he could not put this in the arboretum. Mr. Fritchey stated this is why he was told to coordinate this with Ms. Liney. Ms. Liney stated she will contact Mr. Mako tomorrow to work this out. She added that she feels there are gazebos shown on the Master Plan for Memorial Park.

DISCUSSION OF GARDEN OF REFLECTION

Mr. Fedorchak stated a number of reports were included in the Board's packet. He noted the one marked 9-11 Memorial Revenues and Expenses. Mr. Fedorchak stated this is a worksheet and not a finished product in order to give a sense going back to 2002 the revenues received, the sources of those revenues, and the expenses over this twelve to thirteen year period. Mr. Fedorchak stated with regard to Revenues, the largest amount came from a HUD Grant that Ms. Godshalk, Ms. Saracini, and Ms. Bane were able to secure through Mike Fitzpatrick. He stated this came in two pieces – one was \$750,000 and the other approximately \$80,000 so the total of that one item alone was approximately \$830,000. Mr. Fedorchak stated in addition to that there were a number of other Grants, one being the Department of Community and Economic Development totaling \$25,000, and another Grant from

the Forestry Service which was a USDA Grant in the amount of \$90,000. He stated these total more than \$950,000. He stated in addition to that there were contributions from a number of Governments including Bucks County which gave approximately \$40,000 and Upper Makefield which gave a few thousand. He stated in total approximately \$1 million came from Governmental entities. He stated there was also a substantial amount of fundraising over this period. He stated that number when totaled over the years is approximately \$1.3 million. Mr. Fedorchak stated over the thirteen year period approximately \$2.4 million was raised.

Mr. Fritchey stated the overwhelming majority of the money raised was raised before January 1 of 2008, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed. Mr. Fritchey stated the last Governmental injection of funds occurred in 2007; and Mr. Fedorchak stated while another contribution may have come in from another community in Bucks County after that time, for the most part Mr. Fritchey is correct.

Ms. Bunn joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Fritchey stated of the approximately \$2.4 million that has come in, \$2 million of those revenues came in by the end of 2007; and Mr. Fedorchak agreed. Mr. Fedorchak stated there is a Township 501C3 called the Community Foundation, and they have been receiving the proceeds from various fundraising activities and placing it there to secure the tax deductible nature of the contribution.

Mr. Fedorchak stated around 2010/2011 there is a drop off in the Revenues since previously they were receiving approximately \$80,000 which he feels was primarily the proceeds from the Golf Scramble and the Run. He stated after 2010/2011 all of the proceeds from the Golf Scramble and the Run went to Ms. Saracini and her 501C3. Ms. Saracini agreed with the dates Mr. Fedorchak noted.

Mr. Fritchey stated for 2015 it shows revenue of \$41,000, and it indicated "\$40,000 from the Foundation Account." Mr. Fedorchak agreed, adding they needed to transfer \$40,000 from the Foundation Account to cover the Township expenses. Mr. Fritchey asked if the Foundation Account was funded by monies before 2010, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed. He stated there have also been ongoing fundraising efforts on the part of Ms. Godshalk, Ms. Reiss, and Ms. Bane which has been Designer Bag BINGO. Mr. Fedorchak stated there is a detailed print out of the Revenues that came into the Foundation, and he provided that information to those present this evening.

Mr. Fritchey asked if there is an estimate of what the current fund balance is in the Foundation after the \$40,000 transfer. Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels it is approximately \$55,000 which is dedicated to the Garden of Reflection. Mr. Fritchey stated if they have another year where they contribute another \$40,000, at this time next year they would have a balance of \$15,000 plus whatever is raised during the next year; and Mr. Fedorchak agreed. Mr. Fedorchak stated the Community Foundation is in the middle of their audit, and he will have that report in approximately one month so that he will have a more precise number at that time.

Mr. Fedorchak stated with regard to Expenses, they have generated very general categories to provide a sense of how things have flowed on the Expense side over the last thirteen to fourteen years. He stated Capital Expenses are all the expenses that have gone into the construction of the Memorial which total \$1.6 million out of the \$2.4 million over the thirteen year period. He stated there is also the category called 9-11 events, and the larger items were early on when they were also paying for the Golf Course expenses associated with the Golf outing. He stated this category includes anything that had to do with the 9-11 fundraising events. He stated this totals close to \$200,000. He noted the category Repairs and Expenses shows \$53,000. He stated that category did not start until approximately 2009.

Ms. Liney stated in 2010 there were electrical repairs to transformers and damaged lights, and in 2011 a portion of the landscape services was charged to this account by the Finance Director. Mr. Fedorchak stated the lights continue to be an issue to this day.

Mr. Fedorchak noted the Utilities category and stated this is the water and electric, and this totals \$160,000 over this period. He stated Architect and Engineering was approximately \$120,000, mostly in the early stages.

Mr. Fedorchak noted Contracted Services in the amount of \$200,000, and Ms. Liney stated this is the landscaping over the years.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there are any plans for other significant capital investment there, and Mr. Fedorchak stated it would be reinvestment since pumps fail, etc. He stated they do not have plans to add any features.

Ms. Liney stated there are several hundred lights at the Memorial, and they are going to need to be replaced because they are in the ground absorbing water, and they decay. She stated the estimated cost of each light is \$150 per light, and that will be an upcoming larger than normal repair. Mr. Gordon asked if the lights are a design flaw and asked if there was any way to fix that so that it does not keep recurring; however, Ms. Liney stated an electrical engineer looked at this. He had recommended that the lights not be in the ground. She stated they did raise the transformers, but you cannot keep the water out of the lights that are installed in ground.

Mr. Fritchey stated from 2002 to 2010, they have all the construction costs plus all of the architectural and engineering costs; and that constitutes 70% of the expenditures. He stated since that time expenses have ranged from \$30,000 to \$70,000 per year. Ms. Liney stated they are experiencing approximately \$10,000 a year less because they changed landscapers.

Mr. Wysocki stated it seems that there will be an issue next year if they are averaging \$40,000 per year in expenses, and they expect a higher than average year next year given the light situation. He stated the Revenues they have been taking in have been averaging \$3,000 a year so that they are running a deficit.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels they will be investing more in the repair and maintenance category not only for the lights but also some of the concrete is starting to get cracked. He stated he feels they may have one or possibly two years where they will be able to cover their expenses if there is another fundraising activity such as the Handbag BINGO.

Ms. Judi Reiss stated they are not sure that they are going to do another Handbag BINGO, but they do want to do a fundraiser. She stated there are only eight of them working on this, and they could use some more community support. Mr. Fedorchak stated there is a Special Events Committee; however, Ms. Reiss stated there have been 9-11 events, and the Special Events Committee remained very silent. Mr. Fedorchak stated there is Township staff that would be willing to help, and Ms. Reiss stated the Township staff is phenomenal.

Mrs. Godshalk stated the Garden of Reflection is paying for all the water there, and she is especially concerned about that since the children's playground is now there. Ms. Liney stated there is a separate meter for the water; and there are two invoices that are approved for Memorial Park. She will verify this.

There was discussion on the landscaping, and Mr. Gordon stated he understands that landscapers were hired just for the Garden of Reflection, and the Park crew takes care of the rest of Memorial Park; and Ms. Liney agreed that the four acres of the Garden is contracted out. There was a question about the entrance, and Ms. Liney stated that is considered to be part of the Garden. Mr. Fedorchak asked Ms. Liney to break out exactly what is in the Contract.

Ms. Saracini stated what goes into the Contract is the front entranceway, the avenue up, the flag circle, the oak garden, and the Garden of Reflection; and Ms. Liney agreed. Ms. Saracini stated she went to the Board of Supervisors and it was specifically a gift from the Garden of Reflection Committee to the rest of the Park.

Ms. Saracini stated they knew that the Township did not have the funds to do anything at Memorial Park to make the entranceway into the Garden of Reflection any better, so it was a gift from the Garden of Reflection Committee and Liuba Lashchyk to give the entranceway including the wall and the signs, the avenue up with all the trees, the flag circle to include the flag and the irrigation, and the plantings, and the entire oak garden of over 130 trees. She stated it was agreed to by the Board of Supervisors that the maintenance of all of that would not be a Garden of Reflection expense. She stated the only thing that the Garden of Reflection was responsible for was the Garden proper – just where the Garden of Reflection is where the trees are around in a circle, and everything inside that leading up to the wetlands. She stated everything else was to be a Township expense. She stated since 2006 when the Memorial was dedicated, the landscaping that was Township responsibility was taken out of Garden of Reflection funds for all of those years; and it continues to be taken out of those funds.

Ms. Liney stated those areas Ms. Saracini has just described are included in the landscaping contract, and they are considered part of the Garden. Ms. Saracini stated the Garden of Reflection should not be charged with Memorial Park landscaping, and there is more money that needs to be credited back to the Garden of Reflection for all those years that the landscaping monies were taken out.

Mr. Fedorchak stated they will go back and attempt to quantify and separate the two.

Ms. Liney stated when specifications were written for the landscaping contract to be bid, these areas were included since the beginning. She stated Park & Recreation does not charge Park time against the Garden; and when they were looking at expenditures, every day it takes one hour for a Park crewman to go up and clear the fountain and the area around it. She stated those expenditures were double digit figures over the course of the year, so they felt it was close to a balance. Ms. Saracini stated this is also part of the Township's responsibility that is for something the community uses, and the Garden of Reflection should not be charged that amount of money.

Mr. Fedorchak stated they can identify the piece of the Contract that Ms. Saracini has identified should not have been included, and he would also like to look at Ms. Liney's numbers so that they can compare them and have a further discussion on those items.

Mrs. Godshalk stated if you look at what it cost to landscape the entrance and the roadway and arboretum which everyone has enjoyed, it was a large figure.

Ms. Reiss stated they are supposed to be getting twenty seedlings, and Ms. Liney stated she has volunteers who will be doing this – an Eagle Scout and Woodside Presbyterian Church. She hopes it will be done on Sunday, November 1.

Ms. Bunn stated she recalls that when they allowed the Garden of Reflection to put in the oak garden, that it was going to be part of their responsibility; and it was not on the Township's plans. She stated she recalls that they allowed the Garden of Reflection to expand their scope. Ms. Liney stated that is the debate now.

Mr. Gordon stated there are two pieces as there was the oak garden and the entrance piece. Ms. Liney stated there is also the flag circle. Ms. Liney added that those three pieces were always included in the scope of work for the contractor who did the Garden landscaping.

Mr. Gordon stated he recalls the reason why they wanted a professional landscaper for this was because of the berm and detail work which the Park crew does not have the time or equipment to do. Mr. Gordon stated in the summer they have college students doing mowing. Ms. Liney stated they do not have the personnel to do this kind of work. Mr. Gordon stated if the Garden of Reflection was not there all they would be doing would be mowing the grass in Memorial Park, and Ms. Liney agreed that it would just be straight mowing. Mr. Gordon asked if the entrance is straight mowing, and Ms. Liney stated it is not, and it is detailed going around the trees along the boulevard. Ms. Saracini stated these are just trees. Ms. Liney stated they have to be mulched, and they have to be weeded; and there is care involved with them which is more manicured than they do in the Park system for the Municipality providing a Level 2 service.

Ms. Saracini stated she does not feel that needs to be Garden of Reflection responsibility, and she did go to the Board of Supervisors and specifically spoke to them about all of these areas, and told them it would not be Garden of Reflection responsibility, but they would gift it. She stated they paid for all the trees or got them donated. She stated there was no expense to the Township for any of those areas from the entrance wall, up to the flag circle, and up to the whole oak garden. She stated at the same meeting, they separated the maintenance for the Garden of Reflection to be from the Garden fund; but the rest of it, even though they gifted it, was agreed to with the Board of Supervisors that the Garden of Reflection would not be responsible for that. She stated it was a gift from the Garden of Reflection to the Township in order to beautify the Township and in order to create what Park & Rec had wanted which was the park to be 50/50 passive/active. She stated the Garden of Reflection was helping to contribute to the passive part with the oak garden because the rest of the Park is pretty active. She stated this was agreed to by the Park & Rec Board and then the Board of Supervisors that the Garden of Reflection would not be financially responsible for those areas.

Mrs. Godshalk stated one reason that the oak garden came to be was because there were going to be softball fields and a playground very close to the Memorial. She stated they went out there and moved it over, and then the bathroom was contributed and space was needed for that.

Mr. Fritchey stated everyone has their own recollection; however, Mrs. Godshalk stated it is not a recollection. Mr. Fritchey stated there are Minutes of these meetings that would indicate what was agreed to and what is clear and unclear so they need to look at those Minutes carefully. He stated whatever accounting allocations are made and whatever is decided regarding what is part of the Garden, there is still a deficit in funding current operations that has to be bridged. He stated they have to be able to operate in the present time and have an appropriate dignified, presentable Garden and Park that is inviting and desirable to everyone in the Township.

Mr. Gordon stated they are hoping to come to an agreement voluntarily over the next few months on who is responsible for what or they will have to go before the Board of Supervisors for an agreement on what is the Garden's responsibility. He stated if mistakes have been made due to miscalculations of items in the past, they will work that out.

Ms. Reiss stated the Garden of Reflection is the official Pennsylvania Memorial, and there may be State funding that they could get annually for upkeep. Mr. Fedorchak stated Dave Steil moved that initiative through, and he thought there was a condition attached to that which was that the State would not be giving the Township money; and Ms. Saracini agreed. She stated if they would get State funds, that would mean that the State would have control. She noted how Washington Crossing State Park is maintained, and they did not want the Garden of Reflection to be maintained as the State maintains that Park.

Mrs. Godshalk states she felt the County Commissions had indicated that they sent a check every year to the Garden of Reflection. Ms. Saracini stated those funds come to her. Mrs. Godshalk asked how much she is getting, and Ms. Saracini stated it is \$2,000.

Mr. Gordon stated this is another issue that they have to discuss since there is confusion in terms of people giving money. Mr. Gordon stated it appears that there are sufficient funds under the Township's control for a year to a year and a half to maintain the Garden or possibly a few years; but there are still the funds that Ms. Saracini has that they are going to have to work out. He stated if this cannot be resolved voluntarily, they are going to need an opinion from the Township solicitor. He stated people who are making a donation to Ms. Saracini's fund feel like the Township has control over it, and he feels this is misleading. He stated they are

going to have to determine what rights the Township has to that money. He stated he hopes they can voluntarily work things out, as they want Ms. Saracini to keep raising money and be comfortable and be part of this; however, they also need to make sure that they are protecting the Township's interests. He stated there cannot have an endowment out there as they run out of funds to pay for year to year maintenance going on now. He stated they will need to consider this at a future time once they get a point where everyone is comfortable with regard to the monies and the maintenance.

Mr. Eric Stark stated he is on the Board of the private non-profit 501C3 raising money for an endowment fund. He stated part of the reason they established the endowment fund was because they had been asking for an accounting for seven years of the money they had worked very hard to raise over the last twelve years, and they have never received an actual accounting. He stated he understands work has been done on this now, but they have not been provided a copy of that either. He stated they would like to review the information that was provided tonight to see if they can help identify other things that should be credited back to the Garden Fund that would extend the period of time, and this would give their Board more time to raise money to fulfill the endowment. He stated their goal is \$2 million so that the interest off the endowment will cover the annual maintenance expenses in perpetuity and so that it will not fall onto the taxpayers.

Mr. Gordon stated everyone is uniformly in support of the idea of an endowment; but they need to make sure that yearly maintenance is taken care of first, and then anything left over goes to the endowment. He stated they are getting to the point where the amount the Township has to take care of the yearly expenses is getting low, and they are not at the point where they have an understanding that if those funds run out, that the endowment will take care of the yearly expenses.

Mr. Stark stated they cannot discuss that until they see the accounting, and Mr. Gordon stated today is the first step in getting that. Mr. Fedorchak agreed to provide Ms. Saracini and Mr. Stark with that information.

Ms. Saracini stated there is a Preservation Committee with eight people on it; and if they need \$50,000 that would be \$6,500 apiece so that is all that they would have to raise for the year, and it should not be too hard for them to raise that amount until the money in the endowment is available. She stated eight people should be able to raise \$6,500 each in a year. Ms. Reiss stated she feels it is more difficult when Ms. Saracini already has a Golf Outing and the Run which are probably the most popular fundraisers you can do in a community.

Mr. Fritchey stated if they get to the point where there is a self-perpetuating endowment which will cover everything that is wonderful, and everyone is in favor of that; but they have to get to that point. He stated it is clear that they are operating at an annual deficit at this point in time, and the revenues are not matching up with the expenditures. He stated they need to determine how they can eliminate the deficit and continue to meet current operating expenses. He stated if they can do that without impacting the endowment, that is good; but if they cannot figure out a way to do this, there is going to be a problem. He stated they can continue to drill down on the numbers and try to make everyone feel reasonably comfortable that things are being done in an equitable appropriate fashion. He stated this would help with everyone's fundraising both for the future as well as for current operations; and this is what they need to accomplish. He stated there must be money raised for ongoing expenses.

DISCUSSION OF DOG PARK

Mr. Wysocki stated the Dog Park Executive Committee met on October 6 with Ms. Tyler, Mr. Fedorchak, himself, and Maryellen Saylor, the Township engineer, attending. He stated they went through the preliminary lay outs for the five sites that had been discussed which were Heacock Road soccer field, the Snipes tract, Oxford Valley Road at the Railroad, Memorial Park, and the back of the Samost Tract. Mr. Wysocki stated the engineer provided potential lay outs and provided rough estimates for each of them. He stated the major components that the engineer factored into the estimates included fencing, a covered pavilion at the entrance, electronic entry system to make sure users are registered users, water and electric, water fountains for dogs and humans, benches, waste receptacles, and parking; and they used the model of the Doylestown Dog Park. Mr. Wysocki stated the costs ranged from \$200,000 to \$300,000 per site.

Mr. Wysocki stated after further consideration of costs and other factors, they ruled out two of the Parks – Samost because it was felt to be too close to the neighbors in the back and Memorial Park because it was the most expensive to build out and needed a lot of additional work that the other sites did not need and because it was also the one that was the most removed from the center of the Township.

Mr. Wysocki stated some "tweaks" needed to be made to the designs for the three remaining sites. He noted Ms. Saylor had an entrance built into the Snipes tract coming off of Dolington Road because she did not know that there was already an existing entrance on the site across from Elm Lowne. He stated he feels once all the plans are "tweaked," they should then bring them back to the larger Committee so they can review the three sites and move the project forward.

Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel Ms. Saylor should not put any more time into plans for the Oxford Valley tract because it is right near the shooting range and the Railroad tracks which is not good a combination for dogs.

Mr. Wysocki stated Ms. Saylor had an aerial view, and it seems that the middle area is open; and while Ms. Bunn stated while it is open, it is still really close to the shooting range, and she feels this would be "skittish" for the dogs as well as the proximity to the train which is right there. Mr. Wysocki stated there was also a thought with this site that they could put in a parking lot that could be shared with the Church.

Mr. Fritchey stated Ms. Saylor indicated in her e-mail that she anticipated having further plans within a week. Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not feel she will be able to do that before a month since he has given her a number of other things to do. Mr. Fritchey stated if she has this done by the end of the month the Sub Committee could meet again by the end of the month, and they could then report back at the next Park & Recreation Board meeting in November; and Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels they should be able to do that.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels they were able to get everything they wanted at the Snipes Tract and the Heacock Site. He stated there was a section that was a reserve section at both of those sites. Mr. Wysocki stated what Ms. Saylor factored in which they also have at Doylestown, is a third area. He stated they have a large dog area, a small dog area, and a third area of approximately one acre which is a rotational area so that if they need to recover one area, you can do that. He stated it is gated in such a way so that they can do this.

Mr. McNamara stated he had a discussion with a number of people in Carriage Hill and what they do now is put up temporary flexible fencing at an area by Silver Lake where they take their dogs. He stated they are excited about a dog park.

Mr. Fritchey stated they have not yet had discussions about funding this, and it has not appeared in the Budget; and Mr. Fedorchak agreed that it was not in the 2015 Budget, and nothing has been included in the 2016 Budget for it either.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Fedorchak stated they are continuing to have negotiations with Toll Bros. about the tennis courts. He stated he and Mr. Garton met with Mr. Murphy and a representative from Toll Bros., and Toll Bros. has offered \$40,000; but they are asking that they go back to see if they cannot give more. Mr. Fedorchak stated they are looking at two tennis courts and not four, although this is still open for

discussion. Mr. Fedorchak stated the area that was landfilled has had the material removed is directly beneath at two of the courts. He stated while they did everything the right way, he feels over the course of time it will continue to sink. Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels replacing two courts makes the most sense. Ms. Bunn asked if they really need any courts; and Mr. Fedorchak stated they do, and the Board of Supervisors has committed to putting in courts. He stated whether it is two or three courts will be determined by how much they can extract from Toll.

Mr. McNamara stated some residents have expressed concern that there are not enough courts available to residents in the summer.

Mr. Fedorchak stated Toll is indicating that they only effected one court, but the Township is saying they effected two. He stated Toll's position is also that the courts were not in the best of shape to begin with. Mr. Gordon asked if they rebuild only two, will they just get rid of the other two; and Mr. Fedorchak agreed adding they would bring in fill and seed and possibly some picnic tables. Mr. Fedorchak stated they should also install a sign indicating that they are public tennis courts.

Mr. Fedorchak stated there are other issues with Toll in that there is a provision in the Settlement Agreement they have with Matrix that dates back a decade. He stated there is a requirement on the part of Toll Bros. to pay the Township a certain amount of money over the next three-year period. Mr. Fedorchak stated he has calculated a number based on what he feels is best accounting practices to get to that point, but Toll has chosen a different path and come up with a different number. Mr. Fedorchak stated they are working to get all of these issues resolved.

Mr. Fedorchak reported that the Township Volunteer event was extremely well attended.

DOG PARK DISCUSSION

There was further discussion about the dog park, and Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel all the activities have to be in the center of the Township, and she feels they should consider Memorial Park. She stated currently people are going into Morrisville to an unsecure dog park or go to Core Creek. She stated those going to Core Creek are already passing by Memorial Park. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels they have presented good options which are not as expensive. Mr. Fedorchak stated they could put that back on for discussion.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Township is mid-way through the fall 2015 season in the Park system, with football, baseball, soccer, and tennis all permitted for use of Township facilities. Frisbee is also scheduled for a tournament at Memorial Park the end of October and early November. As in the past, three of the user groups are sharing time on lighted Macclesfield field H in an effort to meet their need for space.

Ms. Liney stated another successful Columbus Day soccer tournament was held this past weekend. This event involved thousands of participants, families, and friends enjoying the use of Township facilities and would not have been possible without the outstanding coordination of the volunteers of the Yardley Makefield Soccer Club.

Ms. Liney stated the Pennsbury High School boys and girls soccer teams are scheduled for their Senior Recognition Night games next week at Macclesfield, 10/19 for the boys and 10/21 for the girls. These games are always well attended, and the Township is happy to host them.

Ms. Liney stated the LMT Farmers Market has completed another successful season. The Market expanded food vendors this season, and the farmers and the community appreciated this offering.

Ms. Liney stated the Veterans Day Parade is planned for Sunday, November 8th at 1:00 p.m. departing from Edgewood and Long Acre Roads and marching down to Veterans Square. The renowned Pennsbury Marching Band as well as Veterans and local Scout Troops will participate in this year's Parade.

Ms. Liney stated as a follow up to a resident inquiry re tennis courts made at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 7, she returned a phone message on the Park and Recreation machine that was left on October 5th, when she returned October 8th, and spoke with the resident, who acknowledged his frustration from years ago when he made an inquiry to the Township and did not receive a response from Public Works. He apologized for stating she did not return phone calls. The resident was satisfied when she reviewed the tennis court situation, and explained YM Tennis is a priority program with a user fee paid to the Township, along with an explanation of the Township courts that are available for play. Ms. Liney stated she is working on signage for posting at all the Township tennis courts which will indicate where additional courts are available in Lower Makefield. She stated she should have these signs installed by the end of November.

Mr. Fritchey asked about the recent vandalism at Macclesfield Park, and Ms. Liney stated they are in the process of completing the installation of the surveillance cameras. She stated Comcast has to make some final connections. Ms. Liney stated she understands the Police were there this weekend, and Chief Coluzzi has assured her that the cameras will be up and running. Mr. Fritchey asked if someone from Police Department will be providing an update at the next Park & Recreation Board meeting, and Ms. Liney stated she can arrange to have that done.

Mr. McNamara asked if there could be a gate at the front entrance so that people cannot get in and turf the fields; however, Ms. Liney stated while there is a gate, years ago it was preferred that they not close the gate so that the Police could access the facilities at night. She stated the Park crew is also done early so it would involve someone else shutting the gate, and it would have to be the user groups shutting the gates. Ms. Bunn stated there would be concern if there were a fire or an ambulance needed to gain access, and they would have to get out to open the gate.

Mr. Fritchey stated the need an update from the Police on what has been done to improve surveillance and the cameras and be assured that they are functioning. Mr. Fritchey stated there have been four incidences of vandalism in a short period of time when the cameras were up, but the results were unacceptable.

Mr. Gordon asked if there will be a sign indicating that the property is protected by video surveillance, and Ms. Liney stated she is not sure about this.

Ms. Bunn asked if just Macclesfield has the cameras, and Ms. Liney stated they are also at Memorial Park.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bunn, Secretary