

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 12, 2016. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Gordon, Chair
 Patricia Bunn, Vice Chair
 Andrew Newbon, Secretary
 Doug Krauss, Member
 David Malinowski, Member
 Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Donna Liney, Park & Recreation Director
 David Fritchey, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Brian McNamara, Park & Rec Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Krauss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2016 as written.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL FOR COMPLETION OF INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND MASTER PLAN PLANTINGS & ENTRY

Eagle Scout Candidate Louis Fancher, 1206 Linden Avenue, was present and noted the copy of his proposal that had been provided to the Board in their packet. He stated he will be planting seven trees as well as a trellis at the entrance as shown on the back of Page 2 of his proposal. It was noted this will be more substantial than the trellis that is proposed on the Plan. He stated he proposes to do the project in the fall since that is the best time to plant the trees. He stated he will be doing fundraising, and is hoping to get the trees for free from the Township tree bank. He stated he will water the trees during the first season.

Mr. Gordon asked the type of trees, and Mr. Fancher stated they are red oaks. Mr. Newbon asked how tall red oaks get; and Ms. Bunn stated they get pretty tall, but you want oak trees around play structures since they have a strong support, and they will not be dropping branches. Mr. Krauss asked if it will cover all of the area in shade since sometimes people do want some sun in the playground so it does not get too cold. Ms. Judy Goldstein stated some of them will be shading different parts during the day. She noted that they are a slow growing tree.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the trellis will be anchored to the ground; and Mr. Fancher stated there will be concrete in the ground, and he will use a post-hole digger, and put the four by four in, and fill it with concrete.

Ms. Liney stated the trees he will be using are from the tree bank, and Ms. Bunn asked if they will be a good-sized tree. Ms. Liney stated they are working with Ms. Goldstein since they are bidding out the Arboretum as well; and they want to dig out the trees for the spring since it is best to dig them out in the spring, and they will then have them burlapped and planted in the fall. Ms. Bunn stated she would rather see a little bit bigger of a caliper to go here because kids will “yank” on them, so it should be at least a 2 ½” to 3” caliper rather than a 1” caliper.

Mr. Wysocki stated the planting area will be outside of the fence; and Ms. Bunn stated while that is true, children will try to climb on them, and she would like to do everything they can to make sure the trees will survive.

Mr. Newbon asked how close the trees will be to the fence, and Mr. Fancher stated they would be approximately 5’ from the fence. Ms. Bunn stated an oak has a leader that goes down, and it will not go out like a maple so there should not be a problem.

Mr. Fritchey asked if he was also considering some maples, and Mr. Fancher showed the Plan where there a maples proposed. Ms. Bunn stated she would prefer a river birch in that area. She stated a river birch would also be less maintenance and better looking.

Mr. Fancher asked if the trellis should be painted, added that he will be using pressure-treated wood. Mr. Gordon suggesting find a stain that would match the existing fence, and this was acceptable to the rest of the Board. Mr. Wysocki stated staining would be better than paint since paint would be a maintenance issue.

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Newbon seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Eagle Scout project as presented.

PRESENTATION AND CONCENSUS TO PROCEED WITH PHASE I MEMORIAL PARK ARBORETUM PLAN

Ms. Judy Stern Goldstein was present. Ms. Goldstein provided copies of the power point to be shown. She showed the proposed location of the Arboretum at the beginning of the “chimney” on the far side of the pipeline. She stated it will not interfere with any of the planned improvement, and it is located at the high point of the Park which is very close to the high point of the Township. Ms. Goldstein stated the concept is to use the four woodland groups and four corners of the compass (north, south, east, west) each with a different woodland group that is found within the region/Township; and then highlighting the different groupings of those trees intermixed with understory trees. She stated there are a total of twenty-five trees with one tree to be in the center. She stated north would be the climax forest, south the young emerging woodland, west being mature forest, and east the sweetgum/oak coastal plain forest; and in the middle would be the Princeton American elm which will be the central tree. She noted the pictures provided of some of the trees and the sheet showing the planting plan.

Ms. Goldstein stated what they have proposed is a pretty good representation of native trees within the area which will be planted in semi-naturalistic groupings. She stated the Township along with the EAC are planning to have a community tree planting commemorating Arbor Day on April 30. She stated they have sent out phone bids with very specific specifications for the planting, the care, and the maintenance of the trees; and also that all of the trees would be planted before April 30 with the exception of six which will be the trees planted in the eastern portion although the holes for those would be dug, and the trees placed there; and at the community plantings, those present would be finishing the planting, and the contractor will be required to be on site at that time to finish it and make sure the trees are planted in accordance with their specs since the contractors are required to maintain them for the first year.

Ms. Goldstein stated they have some Bids in already. She stated they sent requests out to thirteen nurseries. She stated they did hear from some nurseries that they are not planting yet, and some of them indicated that their schedules were too full or that they no longer do installations.

Mr. Wysocki asked the function of an arboretum. Ms. Goldstein stated it is like a tree museum, and it is a way of identifying specific species of trees and letting the public see what they look like. She stated it is also a way of connecting people to nature with some passive education. Mr. Wysocki asked the logic behind the proposed location given the size of the Park. Ms. Goldstein stated it was close to the high point of Township with the central tree being planted at the high point of the Township.

She stated these are some of the most mature trees you will see in the region once they mature, and they will be around for many years. She stated the Arboretum will be growing out of the high point which will be majestic.

Mr. Krauss asked how large this will be in terms of acreage. Ms. Bunn stated it will be slightly larger than the size of the baseball field. Mr. Fritchey stated they would like to have a path coming up the western perimeter of the Park near the property line, and there could be groupings of trees along that at some point with the area being discussed now to be the destination of this path.

Mr. Newbon asked if they considered moving the Arboretum up toward the top of the “chimney,” since they may want to use the chimney area for some type of passive recreation use. Mr. Wysocki asked what was in the Master Plan for that area, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels there was a ball field and a pavilion deep into the chimney. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the Arboretum is meant to be a focal point and not meant to be shoved up into the corner of the Park. She stated eventually an Eagle Scout could put in a path and make it more formal.

Ms. Goldstein stated this proposal will also provide shade in an area where there is not much shade.

It was the consensus of the Park & Recreation Board that they are in favor of the Plan proposed.

UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SNIPES TRACT

Ms. Goldstein provided information on the Snipes Tract Plan this evening. Ms. Goldstein stated they met on the site last Tuesday. Ms. Liney stated those there included Mr. O’Hara, the football representative, Mr. Eisold, Ms. Goldstein, and herself. Ms. Goldstein stated the plan is to use the existing entrance. She stated they wanted to keep as much buffer as they could along the perimeter near the residences. She stated they wanted to try to get three full-sized football fields at 120 by 70 yards and a mid sized field at 80 by 50 yards. She stated they wanted to use the same kind of loop that they have at Macclesfield with everything on the inside and parking dispersed. They were looking to have between 130 and 150 parking spaces, and they have shown 130 now with room to add more.

Ms. Goldstein stated they did a series of sketches with one having everything aligned north/south which is optimal for playing; and while for the spectators it is better to go east/west that is for major stadiums, not just playing fields.

Mr. Wysocki asked the space between the fields, and Ms. Goldstein stated they did twenty yards between the fields. Mr. Gordon asked how much space there is between C and D at Macclesfield, and Mr. O'Hara stated it is approximately thirty yards. Ms. Goldstein stated they were asked to provide twenty yards. She also showed some area where they could transplant trees and plant them in naturalistic ways. She stated it would be an advantage to use the trees from the site.

Ms. Goldstein stated while the fields are sized for football, they can also be used for lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey. Mr. Wysocki asked if they are far enough away from the highway taking into consideration the dispersion of balls, and Ms. Goldstein stated this should not be an issue. She stated they did want to keep at least twenty yards off the parking.

Mr. Krauss stated the parking at Macclesfield with the loop requires people to pull in and back out. Ms. Goldstein stated on this proposal, you would only have parking on the inside of the loop; and no one will be parking on the far side, crossing the driveway, and coming in like they have currently at Macclesfield. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels that the one-way at Macclesfield is an issue since if you are playing at A, the only way out is to go all the way around, through all the other traffic, and add to the congestion. He stated if you could just back up and pull out and leave the Park, it would be much better. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the baseball area should be changed to have two-way.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the perimeter will be fenced, and Ms. Goldstein stated they had not discussed this. Mr. Wysocki expressed concerns with a loose lacrosse ball; and Ms. Goldstein stated while lacrosse can play on it, it was originally designed for football. Ms. Liney stated lacrosse would be sharing with football. She added that while currently lacrosse is not using Township fields, they have indicated that they would be interested in returning to the Township to play if there were more fields available for them. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel they should be focusing on lacrosse since the reason they do not use the Township fields are because of the user fees, and that is not going to change. She stated she does not see them coming back in the near future. Mr. Benedetto stated he feels they are interested in coming back, and they do want to be a part of this discussion. Ms. Goldstein stated they could put up netting.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels there needs to be more of a division between the fields since he feels twenty yards between fields on the sidelines with lacrosse is "alarming." Mr. Fritchey stated he feels something needs to be done to contain the balls. Mr. Newbon stated the concern is on the ends when they are shooting at the net. Mr. Fritchey stated at the end, it could hit a car. Mr. Wysocki stated since they are at the planning stage, he feels they could avoid these issues; and he would prefer that there be a generous space between fields. Ms. Goldstein stated she feels

that they can provide more space. She stated they designed this for football as they did not realize that lacrosse was going to be in there; and adding lacrosse in does change this. Mr. Wysocki asked if there are going to be bleachers, and Ms. Goldstein stated they did not discuss that when they were in the field. Mr. Wysocki asked if there is anything that constrains them from putting in more space in between the fields, and Ms. Bunn stated it would require more clearing and more road.

Ms. Goldstein showed some other layouts that were prepared. Ms. Goldstein noted some versions where the mid sized field is outside of the loop taking more advantage of the open field that exists. Ms. Goldstein stated she prefers it inside the loop; however, Ms. Bunn and Mr. Wysocki stated they prefer it out of the loop.

Mr. Fritchey stated in the original Plan they were principally going to have soccer fields but they were also going to have a skate park. He stated the Township just hired a new Public Works Director who was very successful in raising corporate donations for a skate park in the City of Bethlehem. Mr. Fritchey stated he does not know where else they would put a skate park other than at Snipes. Mr. Fritchey stated a skate park is now not being shown, and he asked if they have room for it. Ms. Bunn stated that it was supposed to be in the corner at a location she showed on the Plan, and she stated she feels that they still have room for that.

Ms. Goldstein stated it seems that they are in favor of Option 4, and they can modify it to provide more room between fields for lacrosse and the skate park.

Mr. O'Hara stated they have discussed a plan that would work for the development of Snipes with the goal of moving football to Snipes, and soccer would then take over the football fields at Macclesfield. Ms. Bunn asked if football is giving up their fields at Macclesfield, are they lighting these new fields; and Mr. O'Hara stated that was part of the discussion as well. Mr. Gordon stated football is played in the fall, and they practice at night so they will not have a choice since it starts getting dark at 5 p.m. He stated they would not be functional without lights so that if it is going to be done, it will have to be lit. Ms. Goldstein stated they need to consider how many of them will be lit, and Ms. Bunn stated she feels they all should be lit. Ms. Goldstein asked if they would also light the mid-sized field, and Ms. Bunn stated she feels they should although she recognizes that it could impact a few houses. She stated they lit Macclesfield, and there are more houses there than there are here. Mr. Gordon stated there is new lighting that does not leave the field. Ms. Goldstein stated she is also in favor of bollard lighting in the parking lot so they do not have to light up the whole parking area.

Mr. Krauss stated they are only proposing to have the one entrance shown, and it was agreed that is the plan. Mr. Krauss asked if the football representative indicated they were interested in having a concession stand. He suggested that they discuss this with them before planning everything. Ms. Goldstein stated currently the proposal is to keep the salt shed, and she showed its location on the Plan. She stated this is owned by the Township, and it is used to get salt for that portion of the Township.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there is room to build a gazebo at some point, and Ms. Goldstein noted a potential location on the plan.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels a pavilion like they have at the softball complex would be more useful than a gazebo.

Ms. Bunn asked what is the plan for restroom facilities. Ms. Goldstein stated they had not discussed that. She stated if they are going to have lacrosse, they would probably have tournaments. Mr. Fritchey stated at some point he feels they will want to have what they have at the Fred Allan Complex with a concession stand with restroom facilities with a pavilion; but that would probably cost \$500,000. Mr. Krauss stated he feels that they should be planning for where they could be located and he is not stating they would do it up front, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels that there is room for that. It was agreed that this should be sketched out on the Plan.

Mr. Newbon noted the corner of the Plan where there is a rectangular dotted line in the top right corner, and Ms. Bunn stated this is an extra parcel that the Township owns. Ms. Goldstein stated they were not going into that area at this point although she was not sure why. Ms. Bunn stated that area could always be used for overflow parking for parking on the grass.

Ms. Bunn asked the cost of the comfort station at Memorial Park, and Mr. Gordon stated that Toll Bros. built that. Ms. Bunn asked the cost for the one at Fred Allan, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the one at Fred Allan cost a quarter of a million. Ms. Bunn stated it may not be as expensive at Snipes since it would be closer to the road and the utilities would not have to be run as far. She stated that is probably where most of the costs at Fred Allan were for the utilities.

Mr. Wysocki asked the intended surface for the fields; and Ms. Goldstein stated it would be natural turf, grass, at this point. She stated if they were willing to go with artificial turf, she would recommend just doing two fields.

Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Fritchey if there is a plan as to when this could be done; and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they need to come up with a recommended Plan from Park & Rec which would go to the Supervisors. He stated they would then have to go through the planning process; and if everything went well, they might be able to break ground in a year. Ms. Goldstein stated she was thinking late spring/early summer they would break ground assuming that she came back to the Park & Rec Board next month. Mr. Benedetto stated with Mr. Fritchey on the Board of Supervisors, the momentum is there for this to get done. He thanked YMS for giving up one of their fields for the Dog Park. Mr. Benedetto stated he wants to see this done in the next two years. He added that they have to have the lights at the Snipes facility.

Ms. Bunn asked Mr. O'Hara if he is okay with the plan to have football at Snipes and YMS taking over the football fields at Macclesfield; and Mr. O'Hara stated he and a group of individuals centered on this idea of moving football to Snipes and allowing soccer to be concentrated at Macclesfield where there equipment is which will allow them to take care of all their fields at one facility. He stated YMS, baseball, and football representatives have all been working together to determine how they can best utilize the fields for everyone. He stated there is also another discussion going on between himself and Mr. Simon about Field H and Caiola.

Ms. Bunn stated they need to consider how much will need to be put into Macclesfield if they proceed with the plan for Snipes. A number of those present indicated they did not feel this would involve a lot of work. It was noted the goal posts would have to be taken down.

Ms. Goldstein asked if they should speak to a lacrosse representative for their input before they make revisions to the Plan. Ms. Bunn stated they have heard for years from lacrosse that there were coming back to the Township, and she would not want to create a problem with a design for football and incorporate lacrosse if they are not actually going to come back. She stated they left in the early 2000s and kept saying they were coming back; however, they are not coming back because of the User Fees, and they can go elsewhere. She stated unless they are willing to make some kind of commitment that they are going to come back, she does not feel they should change the design for a user group that does not use their facilities.

Ms. Goldstein asked if they were going to use the facilities would it be boys or girls, and Ms. Bunn stated it would be both. Mr. Benedetto stated he is in contact with a lacrosse representative; and he will ask that he come to a meeting to address this since if they do not make a commitment, he agrees with Ms. Bunn.

Ms. Bunn stated while she would like to include them, they have been saying they are coming back; and when it gets to the money portion, they never come back. She stated she feels they should be thinking of the best use for this facility and not making adjustment for lacrosse balls that may or not ever hit the field. It was agreed to have lacrosse representatives contact Ms. Liney about coming to a Park & Rec Board meeting. Mr. Gordon stated the only accommodation he feels would be needed to be made would be netting in the end zones.

Mr. O'Hara stated he did reach out to a representative from lacrosse; and while they are interested, they have indicated that the problem is not so much the user fees as it is the ground that they would have. Ms. Bunn stated she felt that football and lacrosse would be at the same time. Ms. Goldstein stated when you get to the upper levels of lacrosse, you play spring, summer, and fall.

Mr. Newbon asked if there is any advantage as it relates to sunlight to having the fields going straight up. Ms. Goldstein stated the optimum field orientation for football and soccer is north/south.

Mr. Krauss agreed to reach out to the lacrosse President as he is a friend of his.

Ms. Goldstein stated she can go back and fine tune the Plan based on comments tonight; but questioned if she should do this if they are going to include lacrosse. Mr. Gordon stated there is nothing to include since they would have the same size field, and they would just next nets.

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Wysocki second and it was unanimously carried to recommend Plan 4.

Ms. Bunn stated she will add the skate park and concession/restroom as well as pavilion. It was suggested that it be like Fred Allan but include a separate canopy in addition to the smaller one. Ms. Bunn noted a location where she would like to see the concession stand which would make it more visible for the Police and make it easier for them to get in and out. Mr. Fritchey stated the skate park would be closer to the road juncture. Mr. Wysocki stated they should also show lights on the Plan.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FROM ADVANTAGE TENNIS LLC TO BUILD AND OPERATE AN INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY

Mr. Partha Bhattacharya, owner of Advantage Tennis, was present and stated they have two tennis centers currently one in West Windsor, and one in Florida.

He stated he would like to open another one in Lower Makefield. Mr. Gordon stated there have been discussions since the last time Mr. Bhattacharya was present before the Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Bhattacharya Advantage Tennis is a for-profit organization, and they are looking to lease approximately two and a half acres from the Township for six indoor tennis courts. He stated he does not believe that there is an indoor tennis facility in the Township at this time although there are several outdoor recreational play areas as well as Clubs. He stated the facility would be heavily centered around the community. He stated there will be certain times during the day that a certain number of courts would be available for free play to community members which will help people play from mid-October/November through mid-April when there is no other availability unless you drive some distance as well as pay a lot of money.

He stated they also propose to have a program similar to their other venues about health, nutrition which includes speakers and promotes the sport. He stated all other programming they offer will be offered at a discount to the Township residents.

He stated the facility will cost them several million dollars, and he would like to have a long-term Lease.

Mr. Bhattacharya stated they will also have a pro shop and office.

Mr. Gordon asked if the plan is that the roof will be retracted in the summer, and Mr. Bhattacharya stated it could stay. Mr. Gordon stated some of the advantages of indoor tennis in the summer is that you can still play in the rain and when it is 90 degrees and above, it is not fun to play out in the sun. Mr. Gordon stated he assumes it take a significant amount of effort to take the roof down; and they could not take it put it up quickly if bad weather were coming, and it would have to be either up for the season or down for the season.

Mr. Gordon asked how they are doing in West Windsor, and Mr. Bhattacharya stated they are already at a positive cash flow.

Mr. Newbon stated it appears they are proposing an annual lease payment of \$40,000 which would be payable on a monthly basis of \$3,033 a month with a built in increase of 1.5% the year after for inflation so that would be a financial benefit to the Township. Mr. Newbon stated he also shows at the bottom of the page a value of about \$145,000; and he asked what that number represents asking if that is the free court time, and Mr. Bhattacharya agreed.

There was discussion about what communities are around their West Windsor facility and other facilities in that area.

Mr. Newbon asked about the footprint they need, and it was noted that it is four acres. Mr. Newbon asked if that would be sufficient for the six courts and parking, and Mr. Bhattacharya agreed.

Mr. Gordon noted the upper right hand area which is the open field they are discussing, and he asked the approximately acreage of that area; and Ms. Liney stated that area is only approximately one acre. There was further discussion about the lot size they would need. Ms. Bunn stated they would need about 20% of what their total site is for stormwater management. Mr. Gordon asked if there have been any discussions with Ms. Liney or anyone else in the Township about possible locations, and Ms. Liney stated they have not. Mr. Fritchey stated the only place he could think of would be at Memorial Park at the side areas that are divided by the hedgerow. Ms. Bunn stated she did not feel they could go there because the stream crossing would be very expensive. Mr. Fritchey stated there would have to be another entrance off of Woodside, and Ms. Bunn agreed. Mr. Gordon stated they would be giving up land but getting a service. Mr. Newbon stated they would be getting \$40,000 that could potentially take care of the other Township tennis courts and it would provide first-class tennis for the Township residents at no cost to the taxpayers. Ms. Bunn stated while she does not disagree, she does not know where it would go.

Mr. Krauss asked about the size of the property where they wanted to build the Dunkin Donuts off of Oxford Valley, and Mr. Benedetto stated it may be four acres.

There was further discussion about the possibility of having this at Memorial Park, and Mr. Fritchey stated it could be at the east side of Memorial Park. He added that they had discussed putting in outdoor courts at that location although they had not considered parking, offices, etc. Mr. Krauss asked if there is land at Makefield Highlands that is not allocated, and it was noted that there is not.

Mr. Gordon stated Ms. Liney and Mr. Fedorchak would have to be included in the discussions about a location that would be acceptable to the Township for consideration; and conceptually the Park & Rec Board would be happy to listen further.

Mr. Newbon stated he finds the idea intriguing and of great interest, but the challenge becomes where they would put it. Ms. Bunn stated the only entity that has land left is the School District.

APPROVAL OF 2016 LMT POOL SNACK BAR MENU

Ms. Liney stated that as required by the Concession Stand Agreement with the Township, the Park Board must approve the menu pricing for the snack bar for the season. She stated that this year the Township Manager modified the Rental Agreement to reflect MLE Enterprises paying a flat rate of \$3,500 for the first \$50K in gross receipt, and then 3% of the gross above \$50K. She stated the Township will reimburse the snack bar \$.50 per hot dog for hot dog days, and the Snack Bar pays for their electrical use in season.

The Park Board unanimously approved the 2016 menu.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fritchey reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the Arboretum planting at Memorial Park and a twenty-five year Master Plan for tree replacement in the Township.

Mr. Fritchey reported that the Township has hired a Public Works Director.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Township was happy to be a part of the PAA Opening Day festivities on April 2nd including the ribbon cutting and dedicating the two new fields at the Caiola Complex. She stated hundreds of PAA players, coaches, families, and friends paraded in the Complex; and despite the weather, still had fun testing their pitching speeds on a fast pitch inflatable and enjoyed free refreshments. Ms. Liney stated the Township continues to work on these fields having overseeded and rolled both fields last week, and they will again overseed and roll in the next two weeks.

Ms. Liney stated Opening Day for the 9th season of the LMT Farmers Market is set for Thursday, May 26th. The Market typically draws several hundred people each week to purchase local produce and wares in support of the area farmers. She stated this year's market managers are Paul and Jackie Hansen of Promised Land Farm in Lower Makefield.

Ms. Liney stated the Township has requested proposals for maintenance services for the Garden of Reflection for 2016. She stated the Park crew should have the fountains operating next weekend as the Garden has proven to be a popular spot for prom pictures.

Ms. Liney stated seasonal maintenance at the Community Pool is underway. She stated all four pools have been drained and washed, and they will be caulked and grouted this week. She stated painting the pools will begin next week. The four heating units will be serviced once the pools are filled. Seams and spider cracks on the dual slides are scheduled for sanding and gel coating. The diving boards are scheduled for service and installation. The new shade pergola will be installed at the tot pool by the end of April. Pool staff will begin their work days this Saturday.

The Pool is scheduled for an update before the Park Board at the May 10th meeting.

Ms. Liney stated YMS will host the annual EPIC Girls Soccer Tournament for Mothers Day weekend. The Township will close Fields E and G following that Tournament to allow for turf recovery.

Ms. Liney stated the Township will be working with a local Girl Scout for her Silver Award project cleaning and labeling the nature trail next to the Pool.

Ms. Liney stated the Five Mile Woods will be hosting its Annual Spring Open House on Sunday, April 24th. There has been some storm cleanup at the Woods due to downed trees in the parking lot and manor house area, but the Park crew will have this facility ready to greet visitors at the Open House.

Mr. Fritchey asked about the Revere tennis courts; and Ms. Liney stated they have been advertised for bid, and the bids are scheduled to be opened next Wednesday, April 20. She added that there is a pre-bid meeting tomorrow at the Township Building. It is for re-doing three courts.

Mr. Fritchey noted that everyone is invited to the Arbor Day Celebration to help plant the trees. Ms. Liney stated she will reach out to some Scouts as well. She stated she will advise the Board of the exact time on April 30.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. O'Hara thanked everyone for their cooperation and he noted particularly renovating the restrooms at Macclesfield. Ms. Liney stated they added a urinal at the men's room, put dividers in, dropped the ceiling and installed new lighting, painted, and installed new doors.

Mr. O'Hara thanked PAA since YMS had a lot of games this weekend and PAA allowed them to use H for a few hours, and in return YMS rolled some of their fields. He stated they are working well together. Mr. Wysocki asked if at some point

they do not have to loosen soil since he felt that if they just keep rolling it, it makes it hard for the grass to grow. Mr. O'Hara stated there is an aeration process that they go through.

Mr. O'Hara stated they are working with the Scouts, and they are supplying funding for the sign and helping with the gazebo project.

Mr. O'Hara stated they are at 250 Teams for the Epic Tournament, and there is an Operating Budget of approximately \$220,000.

Mr. O'Hara stated that they plan to replace the turf field next summer, and they received a quote of \$600,000 just to do the top surface. He stated they are estimating \$1.4 now for a new turf field. Mr. O'Hara stated they currently have \$400,000 in the YMS Capital Reserve Fund, and they hope not to borrow any money to put the turf down.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they can get Grants for the replacement since they did get some Grant money for the original installation; and Mr. O'Hara stated they are looking into this, but they would really like to apply for Grants to get another turf field. Ms. Bunn asked where they were getting the Grants from; however, Mr. O'Hara stated they are not sure yet. Mr. Newbon asked where they would want to put the second turf field; however, Mr. O'Hara stated they have not determined that yet.

Mr. O'Hara stated he met with Mr. Benedetto and Mr. Fedorchak to develop a plan with football and baseball. He stated the Board has already approved the Dog Park at Heacock, and the plan would be to develop Snipes for football, YMS would get Fields E and G, and then adding lights at Caiola, and soccer would then get Field H.

Mr. Wysocki recognized Mr. O'Hara and all the others who are working together since years ago it was not as collaborative among the different groups within the Township and progress was a lot less evident on any of these issues; and now that they have this cooperative approach, it seems that much more will be able to happen. Mr. O'Hara thanked everyone for working together.

Mr. Benedetto stated at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, they approved a twenty-five year Master Plan for Tree Replacement; and he asked that Mr. O'Hara provide any wants they may have with regard to trees at Macclesfield.

He asked Ms. Liney if she would be able to attend the meeting on Thursday at 9:00 so that they can formulate the Master Plan. Mr. Benedetto stated the Tree Bank was created from developers with regard to trees they take down, and there is a formula as to the replacement based on the caliper of trees being taken down. He stated over the years the Tree Bank has built up to 170 trees that need to be replaced. He stated the focus currently is on the Arboretum, but they would like to do something twice a year.

Ms. Bunn cautioned putting any trees at Macclesfield since it is such an intensely-used complex with many children there all the time; and many parents are not providing guidance to their children about not breaking branches, hitting things at the trees, etc. She stated there should not be any additional trees installed near the parking areas. Mr. Wysocki stated he does feel they need some shade for people in the Park; and Ms. Bunn stated while she agrees, planting these little trees are not what is needed since they will get broken and die. Mr. Benedetto stated they will bring the Plan before the Park & Rec Board. Mr. Fritchey stated realistically with regard to shade in the Park, if you plant trees, until they mature they are not providing much shade for ten to fifteen years; and he feels it would be better to put in a few more pavilions where people can come in out of the sun.

Mr. Malinowski stated he is concerned that the Caiola fields will not hold up under the stress of T-ball and T-ball spectators since the outfield has not grown in. He also expressed disapproval of the construction of the pitchers' mounds and the composition of the infield. Mr. Krauss stated he just heard that they were seeding; and he feels if they are using the fields, the seed is not going to take.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Newbon, Secretary