

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 13, 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
Douglas Krauss, Member
Bryan McNamara, Member
Dennis Wysocki, Member

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

Absent: David Malinowski, Park & Rec Member
Andrew Newbon, Park & Rec Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. McNamara seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016 as written.

UPDATE ON PARK PROJECTS

Mr. Mark Eisold was present to provide an update on Park Projects.

Community Center

Mr. Eisold stated the Notice to Proceed for the Community Center was issued the beginning of September, and next week they have the Pre-Construction meeting to get the project started. It is scheduled to be completed by May, 2017. Mr. Eisold showed the outline of the Community Center with parking in the front and additional reserve parking which could be constructed as needed in the future.

He stated they have a curb ramp at a location he showed on the Plan as well as another area that could be used for parking as long as it is not too wet. He stated they will put in a defined, stable path at a location he showed on the Plan which will go to a walkway and to the snack bar. Ms. Bunn asked if it will be wide enough for the mower and the groomer. Mr. Eisold stated the existing path is now only 5', and they could widen that if they feel they need more than 5'. He stated for the new area, they can construct it however they want.

Mr. Jason Simon was present and showed another path which he feels should be formalized.

Mr. Eisold showed on the Plan which parking spots will be paved, and which areas will not as they are reserved spaces to be paved potentially in the future if needed. Mr. Krauss asked if the parking lot will be lit, and Mr. Eisold showed the Plan for the parking which shows light standards. He noted an area which will be grass.

Ms. Catherine Beath, 1049 Countess Drive, asked the height of the light standards. Ms. Bunn stated they are regular parking lot lights. Mr. Eisold stated he can get more information to Ms. Beath on this. Ms. Beath stated the lower and less obtrusive they are the better as there are residences in the area. He stated this area does go down a little bit, and there is a berm; however, Ms. Beath stated she still feels they will see them.

Mr. Eisold showed the front entrance of the building where there is a drop off. He also showed the handicap spaces and how the drop off would take place. Mr. Eisold stated there is not a lot of space in front of the building; and while there was more originally, they increased the amount of landscaping in the front of the building. Mr. Kraus asked if there is sufficient space for cars to back in and out, and Mr. Eisold stated there is.

Mr. Wysocki asked for more specific information about the landscaping, and Mr. Eisold stated there is a berm and quite a few trees. Ms. Beath stated there are shrubs as well. Mr. Wysocki stated trees that would be higher than the light standards would be a good idea, and Ms. Beath stated that would be true in the summer. Mr. Wysocki stated they do have evergreens. Ms. Beath stated the existing Township lights are very tall and bright, and Mr. Eisold stated he feels the light standards are going to be 15' max. Ms. Bunn stated they would be similar to what they have at McCaffrey and the Fire Station parking lot.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is a walking path in front of the Community Center, and Mr. Eisold stated they wanted to get the community Center in place, and they look at the path system. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the Township could do the bike path. Mr. Eisold stated they will also look into a cross walk were it makes the most sense.

Mr. Simon asked if they will have a stop sign coming out of the Community Center, and Mr. Eisold stated they will. He stated the driveway will be across the street from an existing driveway.

Ms. Beath stated there is a lot of traffic on Oxford Valley Road now; and while the speed limit is 35 miles per hour, no one does that. She asked if they have considered lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour, and Mr. Eisold stated they can look into that. He stated this is a Township road. Mr. Eisold stated they had planned to repave the road once the Community Center is done. Ms. Bunn stated just because it is a Township road, it does not mean that they can just lower the speed limit at a whim, and they have to follow guidelines.

Mr. Gordon asked how many parking spaces they feel they are losing because of the Community Center, and Mr. Simon stated during the Tournament people come with trailers since teams are coming from a distance. Mr. Simon stated he feels they need to consider Community Center programming during Tournament weekends because PAA will be occupying all the fields; and if there are activities taking place at the Community Center, it will be problematic. Ms. Beach stated PAA does a great job keeping cars off the neighborhood streets.

Ms. Liney stated Seniors suggested that there be a Groundbreaking event. She stated according to the timeline it seems that construction could start September 19. It was suggested that the Groundbreaking Ceremony take place prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting on September 21. Park & Rec members were asked to attend along with the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Liney stated she will discuss this with Mr. Benedetto.

Ms. Beath stated there are a number of neighbors who were at the Planning Commission meeting, and they want to make sure that this works for the community but also mitigate any negative impact on the homeowners in the area. She stated they are going to have to develop some rules and a mission statement for the purpose of the Community Center other than Seniors.

Ms. Bunn stated this has already been done. Ms. Beath asked if they got any neighborhood impact, and Ms. Bunn stated this has been discussed for the past fifteen years. Ms. Beath stated she is discussing specifics around if they are going to allow private parties, alcohol, and what times lights will go out as those are the things that are important to the people who live in that area. Ms. Liney stated they can look into that.

Mr. Simon stated PAA had previously been approached if they wanted office space at the Community Center; and while they indicated they did not, they did not rule out having their monthly Board meetings there. Mr. Fritchey stated they have large meeting spaces available.

Dog Park

Mr. Eisold showed the Plan for the Dog Park and noted that he has provided a detailed schedule. He stated a lot of the schedule is based on the DCNR Grant award. Mr. Gordon asked the timing on this; and Mr. Eisold stated while it is not fixed, it is between October 16 to February 17. He stated he does not feel they would start until after the winter to put the fencing in. Mr. Gordon asked if this project is only happening if they get the Grant, and Ms. Liney stated it is happening regardless. Mr. Eisold stated he feels they will start construction in mid to late April. Mr. Simon stated he understands that this is special fencing that has to be dug deep, and Mr. Eisold agreed that it goes into approximately 18". Mr. Eisold stated he feels they will be done by mid summer.

Mr. Eisold showed the Sketch they used for the Grant and stated they held 125' off the parking lot which is what was negotiated with the residents. He stated they had a one acre large dog area, .8 acres for the small dogs, and a half acre rotation area. He stated this may be changed slightly. He showed the tree line, and he stated they do not want to take trees down along the Railroad, so it may come in a little bit. Mr. Wysocki stated when they do that he feels they should take a little bit away from the small dog area and add it to the rotation area since it will be used occasionally by the large dogs when the large dog area needs to be closed.

Mr. Simon asked about the rotation times, and Mr. Wysocki stated he believes it is based on usage and how the grass holds up. Mr. Simon asked the height of the fence, and Mr. Eisold stated he believes it is 6' high.

Mr. Eisold stated there will be a pad initially, but a pavilion is not part of the original construction. He stated the Township is in the process of purchasing property from the HOA which will be a friendly condemnation, and he feels ultimately they will expand the parking into that area.

Mr. Eisold showed on the Plan the double gate system.

Ms. Liney stated they are going to have to consider the paperwork end of this as it relates to staff availability since they process the Pool in the off season from January to July. Mr. Fritchey stated they cannot start issuing these until it is built. Ms. Bunn stated they will not be able to open it until the grass grows.

Mr. Eisold stated they will not be ripping anything up as there is existing grass. He stated they will have to re-seed around the fence areas. Mr. Eisold stated there is a decent turf there now.

Mr. Fritchey stated they need to be prepared to move ahead with the Registrations before they do the actual construction. Mr. Gordon asked when the staff is busiest with Pool Registrations, and Ms. Liney stated they are not as busy in the fall. Mr. Gordon stated they cannot do Dog Park Registrations now since it is too early. Ms. Liney stated there would not be a problem if Registrations for the Dog Park started past July. Mr. Simon suggested that they offer an early Registration so that they can start raising money. Mr. Gordon asked when they start getting busy with Pool Registrations, and Ms. Liney stated it is from January to July. The Discount period ends in March.

Mr. Krauss stated the Committee that was working on fundraising has put together some forms and guidelines based on other sites although this does have to come before the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Fritchey suggested that they come to the next Park & Recreation Board meeting.

Memorial Park

Mr. Eisold showed the Arboretum schedule adding that Phase I was completed in April. He stated there is one tree that died, and the contractor will be back to replace it as there is an eighteen month replacement policy. Mr. Eisold stated signage for Phase I is completed, and there will be a kilometer walking/running path with the signs along it. He stated Phase II is currently underway, and the first group of trees was planted a few weeks ago; however, there are some trees that cannot go in until October. He stated the signage for Phase II is also in process. He stated they are designing Phase III which will be installed mid to late October. He stated the walking path will be asphalt.

Ms. Liney stated she is hearing concerns about cutting through in the middle of the chimney with a path since different groups like football and Frisbee use that area. Mr. Fritchey stated there is still a large clear area at the top of the chimney, and by next year the wetlands crossing should be accomplished.

Mr. Eisold stated they are working on the wetlands crossing, and they will need a General Permit. He stated it is only 10' wide where they are crossing. He stated they will put the road in and the parking as originally designed as well as a bike path/walking path adjacent to the road. He stated he feels this will be done in the spring.

Ms. Liney stated the Park crew would like to have some kind of garage up there so that they do not have to continue to drive the equipment from the Township Building which is time consuming and hard on the equipment. Mr. Gordon asked if the garage could be at Snipes, and Ms. Liney stated it could be at Snipes or Memorial Park. Mr. Gordon stated the salt bins are already at Snipes, and they could possibly have a garage behind the salt bins.

Mr. Eisold stated there was a discussion with Toll Bros., and they are open to constructing one large or two small pavilions at other locations rather than at the five acre parcel at Regency provided the cost is the same. Mr. Eisold stated the thought was to put one pavilion on the east side of Memorial Park and the other one at Snipes.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there was ever any thought to having access to the chimney part off of Brookfield Road. Mr. Fritchey and Ms. Bunn stated they felt this was private property, and Mr. Eisold agreed to look into this.

Mr. Wysocki stated they should also consider the possibility of putting in platform tennis which is a very popular winter sport in the Northeast. He stated it is a small tennis court built on a raised platform heated underneath so that it is not impacted by snow. He stated it is surrounded by chicken wire, and it is played like tennis but off the chicken wire using a wooden paddle. It was noted it may be possible to play pickle ball on this court as well.

Snipes Tract

Mr. Eisold showed the sketch for Snipes which include three full size football/Lacrosse fields with a smaller field along Dolington Road. He stated there is a concession stand with restroom and a pavilion. He showed the location of the existing salt shed; and Public Works has indicated that when it is empty it is not difficult to move, so they are probably going to try to move it.

Mr. Simon stated he feels the Concession Stand will fail if they put it at the proposed location. He stated the traffic at the Fred Allan complex is limited because of its location on the other side of the parking lot. He suggested a different location he showed on the Plan which was inside of the parking area which he feels more people will use. Mr. Eisold agreed to look into this. Ms. Liney stated the location suggested by Mr. Simon would also bring the restrooms closer to the fields.

Mr. Eisold stated since they are at the beginning of the planning, they could change the design. Mr. Eisold described how traffic will flow.

Mr. Krauss asked about watering the fields, and Mr. Eisold stated they will have to put in a well at the beginning of the projects. Mr. Krauss asked if lights are still part of the projects, and Mr. Fritchey stated there were in the Bid Plan.

Mr. McNamara asked if there is still an area that could accommodate the indoor tennis that was previously presented, and Mr. Eisold stated if the Township wanted to have that, he feels there would be at least five acres available.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels the salt shed needs to be moved and gated off. Mr. Eisold stated he has discussed this with Public Works, and he showed some locations where it may be located.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is room for the user groups to put in sheds, and Mr. Gordon stated if the salt sheds are moved, they could have their sheds at that location. It was noted that football would need a large shed to accommodate all their equipment. Mr. Gordon stated football will pay for the shed, but they need to leave them the space.

Mr. Eisold stated at the Board of Supervisors meeting they discussed realignment of a portion of the road at a location he showed on the Plan, and he has a meeting tomorrow with the Township traffic engineer to look at this. Ms. Bunn stated when they considered this previously the estimate was very expensive. Mr. Eisold stated currently making the turn is very awkward for people coming from the School. Mr. Fritchey stated they have discussed fixing this intersection since the mid-90s. Ms. Bunn stated they were going to do it when they built the Fire Station in this area, and she recalls that to re-align the road was going to be \$1 million. Mr. McNamara stated he does not feel a road alignment will change the driving habits of the parents driving their children to and from School. Mr. Eisold stated he feels a re-alignment would help with the existing curve.

Mr. Gordon asked if there is a sign at the Snipes Tract as he had seen a sign for the Community Center. Ms. Liney stated the Community Center has the State money in it, and it is required that there be a sign.

Mr. Eisold showed the location of the sidewalks, and he stated they will be around the full perimeter. He stated a walkability study has been done.

Mr. Simon asked if football will move here when this plan is complete and then Mac will be expanded for YMS, and Ms. Liney agreed.

Mr. Eisold stated they need to get Permits and they hope to go to the Planning Commission in the beginning of November and then to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. McNamara asked for a cost estimate, and Mr. Eisold stated he feels it was \$2.2 million. He stated the fields will be grass. He stated if they proposed to bid for this and the Dog Park at the same time so they would bid out in the winter and hope to start at Snipes in mid to late April. He stated the goal is to get the fields graded in 2017 and seeded that fall. He stated he feels they want to expand the maintenance window of the contractor to have them be responsible for three seasons. He stated they will need a strong turf for these fields since they are for football and Lacrosse.

Mr. Simon stated Mike Attara's company at Makefield Highlands has a lot of equipment and turf experience, and he asked if it would be of value to speak to them about supporting some of this turf growth. He stated PAA approached them a few years ago to help them individually. Ms. Liney stated they did that initially with the old Golf Course management firm, and they worked with the Township and gave good ideas for Macclesfield.

Long Range Planting Plan

Mr. Eisold stated they put together a Long Range Planting Plan for the Township which is basically to in fill the different Township pieces with plantings including naturalizing the basins and installing trees at various Parks throughout the Township. He stated they have completed Phases I and II and are working on Phase III which is a design phase for different parts of the Township, and the installation will be determined as to priority.

Ms. Bunn stated she is not in favor of the naturalized basins as she has advised for many years that the Township does not have the ability to maintain the naturalized basins and have them function. Ms. Bunn stated the naturalized basins fill in and do not infiltrate as they are supposed to because the outfall gets clogs, and trash gets in there.

Mr. Krauss stated they are adding additional Park sites, and he asked if the Township has sufficient crew and labor force; and Ms. Liney stated she did put in for a full-time additional crew man for 2017 and a part-time office person for 2017. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the Supervisors are attuned to this issue.

Bike paths

Mr. Eisold stated he and Ms. Liney have been discussing bike paths, and one of the areas they discussed was in front of the Veterans Memorial; and he showed a Plan. Mr. Gordon asked about the handicap access at the Veterans Memorial, and Ms. Liney stated Ms. Huchler-Smith, Chair of the Disabled Persons Advisory Committee sent a letter asking that handicap access be provided to Veterans Square wanting the continuation of the bike path, and that letter was included in the Board's packet. Ms. Liney stated what Mr. Eisold is showing will take care of this.

Mr. Eisold showed the bike path along the Edgewood frontage. He stated they will need to determine if the path will go up to the Memorial also or whether they will go to the parking lot. Ms. Liney stated there was an e-mail from Ms. Kraeck wishing to discuss going up to the monument from Edgewood. Mr. Eisold stated they would also have to have a crossing at the intersection. Ms. Liney stated an individual who wrote to the Township actually wants to access the Farmers Market. Mr. Krauss asked if there is anything in the Master Plan as to having the path continue to Edgewood Village. Ms. Liney stated there is nothing shown on either side at this time.

MACCLESFIELD PARK DISCUSSION

Ms. Bunn stated she received numerous calls about people receiving tickets this weekend for parking at Macclesfield at the grass. Ms. Bunn stated in the back there are not enough parking spots. She also stated that only certain cars that had parked on the grass were ticketed. She stated there are also no signs in the back that state you cannot park on the grass. Ms. Liney stated YMS forwarded to her an e-mail they had sent to all of their membership last week saying that the Township will ticket you if you park on the grass, and there is to be no parking on the grass.

Ms. Liney stated she sent this to Chief Coluzzi. Ms. Bunn stated the issue is that there is no place to park; however, Ms. Bunn agreed there is parking available in the front, but they are expecting people to park all the way in the front and then walk all the way to the back. Ms. Liney stated she does not know where they could expand parking in the rear. Ms. Bunn stated she feels there is enough space to put more parking in the back. Ms. Bunn stated between 9 and 12 it is overwhelming because there is too much programming and not enough spots although by 12 there are sufficient spots. Ms. Liney stated possibly they could look at adding another sixty spaces near the Cemetery. Mr. Eisold stated he will have someone from his office look into this.

Mr. Fritchey stated he assumes Mr. O'Hara sent out the e-mail because he does not want people driving their vehicles and tearing up the grass, and Ms. Liney agreed.

DISCUSSION OF TIME CAPSULE SUGGESTION

Mr. Wysocki stated he visited a Park in another State, and one of the features they had was a time capsule. Mr. Wysocki stated he discussed the possibility of a time capsule with Mr. Fritchey. He stated next year will be the 325th Anniversary of the Township of Makefield. He provided information on what needs to be considered for a time capsule including the size, what things will be included in the capsule, and the duration of when it would be re-opened. He stated since next year is the 325th Anniversary, they could propose a 75 year capsule which could be opened on the 400th Anniversary of the Township. Mr. Wysocki stated if they want to move forward with this he would suggest commissioning a group of people to do more research than he has done and consider what they would like in the capsule which could be things of local interest, newspapers, music of the times, restaurant menus from local businesses, etc. to give a flavor of what the Township was at the time; and you could also include what was going on in the world. Mr. Gordon stated he feels a Road Tour book would be appropriate since that shows the Parks and what they looked like at the time, and Mr. Fritchey agreed since there is a lot that the Township is doing with Parks right now. Ms. Bunn stated she feels they should open it in 25 years since there would still be people around who had been involved in this. Mr. Krauss stated they could open it every twenty-five years. Mr. Gordon stated they could open it, add to it, and re-plant it every twenty-five years.

Mr. Wysocki stated there are a variety of cylinders and boxes available of different sizes. Mr. Wysocki estimated the cost to be approximately \$2,000. Mr. Wysocki stated one of the websites he looked at discussed fundraising for time capsules. He stated there is also an International Registry of time capsules that would help keep track of time capsules.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels they should have someone involved who is a designated archive leader. He stated they also need to choose a location, and he suggested Memorial Park at the flagpole. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels that would be the obvious location. Mr. Krauss stated they may be able to tie it together with Community Pride Day. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they should include a picture and article about the YMS Xplosion since it is a significant accomplishment to win a National Championship. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels there are a lot of people in the Township who would have good ideas like that as to what should be included. Mr. Wysocki stated the Commission would take care of buying the capsule, planning a burying ceremony, and registering it with the International Time Capsule Society. He also noted they may want to coordinate this with Upper Makefield since it began as Makefield in 1692, and then they split in 1737 and divided into Upper and Lower Makefield.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels Mr. Wysocki would be the logical Chair of this Committee, and he feels the Board of Supervisors would like to move forward with this. Mr. Wysocki stated he would like to recommend his wife to proceed with this project. Mr. Wysocki stated whoever is heading the Committee, they would like to know what the ground rules would be. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they would like to have a snapshot of the Township in 2016/2017.

SUPERVISOR LIASON REPORT

Mr. Fritchey stated in addition to what Mr. Eisold discussed this evening, the Township is moving ahead with the Revere Tennis courts; and the fencing is up all the way around. The courts have been blacktopped, and one surfacing has been put on with more to be put on shortly. He stated he feels the courts should be operational by the next Park & Rec meeting, and Ms. Liney agreed. Mr. Fritchey stated signage should be installed there so people know they are public courts, and there should also be signage at the Schuyler courts alerting people that there are additional public courts at Revere if all the Schuyler Courts are full. Mr. Fritchey stated they will put something on the Township Website that the Revere courts are open. He stated a Township Newsletter is also coming out in the fall.

Mr. Fritchey stated they were very happy with Community Pride Day with great participation and a great turn out. He stated he was very impressed with the fireworks. He stated a lot of volunteer organizations helped raise a lot of money including PAA and YMS for the Garden of Reflection. He stated the Dog Park group also raised money for the Dog Park.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there will be a golf outing at Makefield Highlands to raise money for Memorial Park, and Mr. Fritchey stated there will be on October 14 and funds will go the Township's 501C3 which supports all the capital projects going on which will help ease the tax burden. Mr. Wysocki stated they should be advertising this now, and Ms. Liney stated the Township Manager charged that to Mike Attara/Spirit Golf. Mr. McNamara noted outings at Makefield Highlands are very costly. Mr. Wysocki stated it should be at cost so that more money goes to the Township.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Jason Simon, PAA, stated they had been holding their meetings at Makefield Highlands since they wanted to keep the meetings inside the Township at a Township facility, but it was difficult working with them; and they have moved it to the Continental Tavern. He stated while Makefield Highlands was not

charging them to use the space, PAA was bringing them approximately thirty to thirty-five people in and they kept the bar open so they could generate revenue off of PAA on Thursday nights when it was typically quiet. He stated there were times when they were double booked, they had to be in the tent one time, the acoustics are not conducive to their meeting, and they did not seem that interested in accommodating PAA in the long run. He stated he was frustrated because PAA is a Township organization that was trying to utilize the Liquor License that exists in the Township. He stated he was on the Board of Supervisors when they hired Mr. Attara's firm; and while he feels they do a good job, he feels they should discuss their relationship with community groups if there is a renewal of their Agreement coming up. Ms. Bunn stated they could give them feedback at any time.

Mr. Simon stated PAA has spent a lot of time on growth initiatives. He stated they are in Fall Ball right now, and they have created an interlock system with Levittown Continental. He stated two hundred players signed up for Fall Ball which is where they should be. Mr. Simon stated PAA now has full control and ownership of all of the Gems Teams except for the Black Team which is the Premier Team. He stated they now have Teams up to 18-U fully staffed and rostered. He stated Babe Ruth added a new category called Extreme this year which is a hybrid tournament travel team. He stated they are working on building up the in-house program. He stated all of the Gems Teams are wearing the PAA logo on their jerseys this year along with their Gems logo.

Mr. Wysocki asked for more discussion about what it means to have the Gems under the PAA umbrella. Mr. Simon stated the Pennsbury Invitational that takes place over Fathers' Day weekend, is a recognizable girls' softball program; and by being able to umbrella all of the younger age groups with the Gems brand name, it brings recognition and helps them bring in players to try out to play for them that are at a higher caliber. He stated it also enables them to have a program of growth from the entry-level softball players through the Extreme programs and into the Gems program if those players chose to stay with it. Mr. Fritchey stated he likes what Mr. Simon is doing.

Mr. Simon stated two PAA baseball teams won District Tournaments. He stated three softball teams went to States. He stated they hosted the U-9 State Tournament, and they are going to try to host a State level Tournament every year as Stoddart is a great facility so it will be the 8, 9, or 10s that they would do it with. He stated they received a lot of compliments on both the facility and how they run it. Mr. Simon stated they want to work with Park & Recreation and the Board of Supervisors to put plans in place for lights and fields improvements at their locations as they grow their League.

Mr. Simon stated they are already planning their Registration process for next spring, and they are going through an extensive budgeting process. He stated they are well suited financially; and Mr. Krauss left them in good shape as Commissioner, and they have been able to build upon that. He stated this was the first year that they started a volunteer fee program, and they have just added a Director of Volunteers to the Board. He stated including their coaches, they had approximately 130 families participate as volunteers which helped offset some of their labor costs associated with the League. He stated if they were to just use their Registration money alone, they would operate at a deficit so they have been looking for ways to improve their financial standing; and he is proud of where they are financially. He stated they are getting ready to invest in some capital improvement projects including some batting cage runs at the new field.

Mr. Simon stated PAA is Lower Makefield's home town baseball and softball league, and they are invested in the community. He stated they participated in the Homers for Heroes Event, and they do a lot of things to be part of the community. He stated the reason that they want the fields to be in top notch shape is because they want their players to have a good and safe experience. Mr. Simon noted the Arty Peake award is hanging in the Township Building adding this is the Community Service Award they started in March, and their Magik Program Director was their first recipient. He stated the PAA volunteers put in a tremendous amount of time and effort.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the October Park Board meeting has been tentatively rescheduled to Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room as the original meeting date of October 11th is the start of Yom Kippur.

Ms. Liney stated the fall season is underway in the Park system and is always busy, with use by football, soccer, baseball, and tennis of Township recreational facilities. As in the past, three of the largest user groups have agreed to share time on Mac H at Macclesfield in an effort to meet field demands.

Ms. Liney stated the Community Pool has closed its gates on another successful summer season on September 5th, exceeding 2016 budgeted revenues. The Pool serves over 1,700 family members as well as 500 individual and senior memberships. She stated the Park crew will be performing end-of-season maintenance over the next 30 days at the Pool. One of the larger scale maintenance items will be the restoration of the concrete gutters on the Intermediate and Olympic pools.

Ms. Liney stated Preliminary 2017 operating budgets have been submitted to the Township Manager for review and discussion in the coming weeks. The Community Center, Snipes Tract, and Dog Park initial operating budgets as well as Memorial Park improvements have been added to the Park and Recreation Budget for 2017. Ms. Liney stated she will have more on the Budget at the October meeting.

Ms. Liney stated Lower Makefield Community Pride Day was held on Sunday, September 4th with the return of the Zambelli International fireworks display to conclude the event. Thousands of participants enjoyed the activities; and Ms. Liney offered a special thanks to the Park crew, Public Works, Police, Firemen, user groups, and Pool staff for their support in making this day a complete success.

Ms. Liney stated Park and Recreation was pleased and honored to support three separate and moving ceremonies marking the Fifteenth Year Anniversary of the 9-11 attacks this past weekend. Numerous local dignitaries, victim families, friends, and members of the community gathered throughout the weekend at Memorial Park for a candlelight vigil, various ceremonies, and to visit the Garden. Many community members, victim family members, and Township employees were involved in these ceremonies; and all feedback regarding these activities has been positive.

Ms. Liney stated there was a suggestion about a sign at Macclesfield Park recognizing the National Championship Team for YMS, and the Township Manager has approved this.

Mr. Fritchey commended Ms. Liney and her staff for the work done for the 9-11 Ceremonies. Mr. Gordon stated she also had to do this right after Community Pride Day.

GARDEN OF REFLECTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Gordon stated some e-mails have been exchanged, and the tone was not something he appreciated. He stated they have talked for some time about trying to come to some sort of resolution with all of the outstanding issues. Mr. Gordon stated at one point the Park & Rec Board backed off because the Board of Supervisors wanted to try to handle these issues. He stated once they get close to 9-11 they also have to back off and let those ceremonies take place; however, there is still tension in the Township, and by the tone of the e-mail and some other things he has read, it is getting worse. He stated he feels they need to find some way to resolve this so this does not happen every year. He stated there are outstanding issues with regard to Permitting, outstanding issues with regard to funding and where funds are coming from to pay for the maintenance, and there are outstanding

issues with one of the 501C3 funds and Township lack of control of those funds and how they are being advertised and used. Mr. Gordon stated they are now past September 11, and he does not want it to be put off.

Mr. Gordon stated he had previously discussed having a designated special meeting of the Park & Recreation Board where they solely address Garden of Reflection issues. He stated they would set an Agenda in advance of all of these issues, invite comment, and try to come to some resolutions which the Park Board can then take to the Board of Supervisors who would then take a vote to resolve these issues. Mr. Gordon stated he has been on the Park Board for almost ten years, and all they get from the user groups regarding Ms. Liney are compliments on how she handles things; and he does not like the way Ms. Liney is being spoken to by certain people and the tone of the e-mails. He stated he also does not like the tension that is within the Township, and they need to decide how they can bring this to a head.

Ms. Bunn stated Ms. Liney goes above and beyond for the Township, and for the way to was spoken to and about and singled out is completely unfair by those who wrote this e-mail.

Mr. Gordon stated the Board of Supervisors meeting of April 20 when the Garden of Reflection was discussed was the low point for him of being a member of the Township and the Park & Rec Board, and he does not feel that night should have ever happened. He stated he understands Mr. Benedetto was trying to give everyone a chance to speak and try to bring this to a head and bring peace, but from the tone of the recent e-mail and undercurrent that has not succeeded so they need to find some other way to do get to a fair resolution as they cannot go through this every year. He stated it is getting worse.

Mr. Gordon suggested that at the regular October Park & Rec meeting, they can discuss a special meeting to be held in November or December.

Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the majority of the Board of Supervisors feel this way, and they are concerned about Ms. Liney being vilified unfairly and subjected to unacceptable behavior from others. He stated he feels there will be further discussion and hopefully movement toward resolution of a lot of these issues. He stated there are issues of funding and what is happening with the funds as well as the circumstances under which funds are being solicited and where those funds are going. He stated there has been a turn over of financial records that are under going review, and there is the ongoing discussion as to how to move forward and what happens when there are multiple ceremonies. He stated the Board was happy about how smoothly the 9-11 activities took place this year. He stated he attended all three events and they were all different with different constituents.

Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel anyone has any problem with having the three events, it is what they have to go through to get there. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the way it went this year was as successful of an outcome as they are going to be able to expect. He stated the Board of Supervisors does share the concerns that they do not keep going through this angst. He stated people need to accept that they have to respect one another.

Ms. Bunn stated while they say this every year, every year they have the same outcome before the events happen. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they are closer to the final outcome now than they were last year at this time. Ms. Bunn stated she is concerned that some children are watching the Supervisors' meetings and seeing grown adults speaking to each other in that way. She stated maybe the solution is that no Permits get issued, and that the Township be in charge of the whole thing although it should be someone other than Ms. Liney.

Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Fritchey if the Park Board should continue to stand down, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the Board of Supervisors needs to caucus on this and determine how to move forward. He thanked Mr. Gordon for his willingness to continue to work on this to reach a sensible and civilized resolution.

Ms. Liney thanked the Park Board for their support.

Mr. Simon suggested that everyone read the meeting Minutes from the lead up to the building of the Garden of Reflection and the promises made and read the Minutes from when the Veterans Monument people came to the Board of Supervisors asking for permission to build the Monument. He stated reviewing those Minutes may help in their upcoming discussions.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gordon, Chairman

