

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – JANUARY 31, 2017

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 31, 2017. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present

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

Others:                                    Donna Liney, Recreation Director  
  Kristin Tyler, Supervisor

Absent:                                    David Fritchey, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. McNamara seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of December 13, 2016 as written.

DISCUSSION AND MOTION REGARDING SIGNS FOR VETERANS SQUARE PARK

Ms. Kathy Kraeck, Vice Chair of the Veterans Square Foundation, was present and stated the Veterans Square monument was built and dedicated in November, 2016. She stated since that time there has been temporary signage at the corner. She stated the Board of Supervisors changed the name officially from Pocket Park to Veterans Square in 2009.

Ms. Kraeck stated they had always wanted to officially identify the Park by its name. She stated their architect, Brian Mann, who designed the monument for them, also designed the signage for the corner pro bono. She did prepare a packet for the Board, and the sketch can be seen after her two-page proposal. She showed the sign that would be located at the corner of Edgewood and Heacock Roads. She stated currently there are two wooden posts at that corner which is what the Farmers Market uses seasonally from May to October for a sign. Ms. Kraeck stated that is the precise location where the Veterans Square Foundation would like to locate their permanent signage.

Ms. Kraeck stated they are proposing a masonry sign. She stated there will be a slight difference from what is shown on the Sketch. She stated the Sketch looks like it has a wall at the bottom; however, after speaking to their architect as well as Ms. Jennifer Stark, who is a local architect involved with a number of Township Boards and Michael Sullivan who is also a local architect who advised them on the monument, it was determined that they could eliminate the wall which would save them a fair amount of money. Ms. Kraeck stated they would just have the two pillars and there would be a metal screen on which the lettering would be placed. She showed the elevation view adding that the sign itself is actually curved so the design replicates the design of the monument itself.

Ms. Kraeck stated she and Mr. Treiber went out to look at the location and took measurements to see how their sign would fit at the corner since there is a swale in the area. She stated because the proposed sign is curved, it fits the corner very nicely; and it would be set back far enough so that it would not obstruct vision for traffic. She stated it measures about fifteen and a half feet long and slightly over eight feet tall. She stated they measured the area on the site and also measured the other signs in the area, and those measurements have been included in the information she had provided. She stated their proposed sign would be in keeping with those measurements.

Ms. Kraeck stated she provided a Website link as well as a handout showing what a metal sign would look like. She stated the company is a premier metal company. She stated the Wall of Honor plaques on the monument are bronze, and they are going to discuss this with their architect to see if they could take the bronze color from the monument and put it on the sign as well. She stated the pillars would be gray brick that would match the monument.

Mr. Wysocki asked who put the wooden posts in that are existing, and Ms. Kraeck stated the Farmers Market put them there. Mr. Wysocki asked Ms. Kraeck if she anticipates there being any issues with the Farmers Market. Ms. Kraeck stated they did address that. She stated they always wanted this to be an inclusive park, and they wanted to locate the monument in a community park. She reviewed the activities that have taken place at the Park. She stated they always wanted to make sure that the Farmers Market was included; and when they designed the location of the monument, they made sure to work with the people from the Farmers Market to make sure there was enough room for them. Ms. Kraeck stated they are proposing a second sign which allows for events to be posted, and that could include information about the Farmers Market. Information on the proposed second sign was also included in the packet.

Ms. Kraeck stated with regard to the large sign at the corner, Mr. Benedetto agreed to contribute his salary to pay for the sign; and she thanked him for this. Ms. Kraeck stated as a courtesy Mr. Troilo is costing the sign for them; and they feel that if Mr. Benedetto's salary is not sufficient, they feel the cost could be covered between the Foundation and the Township. Ms. Kraeck stated she provided information on the proposed sign illumination, and it could be a photo-cell so that the illumination would come on at dusk and go off at dawn, or they could add a timer to it. Ms. Kraeck stated the only wording on the sign would be "Veterans Square." Mr. Wysocki asked if they will need electricity for the lighting; and Ms. Kraeck stated it will require electricity, and Mr. Copson has already determined how he could accommodate this.

Ms. Kraeck stated the second sign would be located at the entrance to the monument off Edgewood Road. Mr. Wysocki asked if the Farmers Market would be comfortable with that location; and Ms. Kraeck stated they did not discuss it with them yet as their organizers change each year. She stated she does not feel it should be a major issue. She stated they would make the sign double-sided, and she noted the hand out about this which was included in the packet. She stated you would be able to see the sign from both directions on the road. She stated the sign would say "Veterans Square." Mr. Wysocki asked about the pieces at the bottom of the sign. Ms. Kraeck stated the posts would be aluminum which is sturdier and longer lasting than cedar and would be more resistant to lawn equipment. She stated they would be 4" in diameter. She stated underneath they would have "writers," and they could have two or three which are interchangeable. She stated you would go back to the sign people when you want to have a new message. She stated you can make the signs generic, and the signs are fairly inexpensive. She stated this allows for other organizations to make use of the signs as well for their messages. Mr. Wysocki asked who would manage the signage that would go on there, and Ms. Kraeck stated she feels that would be up to Ms. Liney. Ms. Liney stated she feels it would be a coordinated effort. Mr. Wysocki asked if the second sign would have lights, and Ms. Kraeck stated it would not.

Mr. Gordon stated they are proposing to remove the Farmers Market sign, and Ms. Liney stated they would have to remove the posts from that area on the corner. She stated she has not spoken to anyone from the Farmers Market yet. She stated what is proposed is that the Farmers Market would use the smaller, second sign on Edgewood Road; but that would not be as prominent as their current sign location. Mr. Gordon stated he wants to be fair to the Farmers Market since they may be concerned that people will not be able to see their sign from Heacock Road.

Mr. Newbon stated possibly they could have only two of the writers rather than the three that are proposed, and they could make the two signs larger than what is shown. Ms. Kraeck stated the Farmers Market has a second sign there already that is up year round, and it is on Edgewood Road. She stated they might like to re-locate that to Heacock Road.

Mr. Krauss stated he feels the proposed main sign looks great and complements the monument; however, there are other Township signs at other Parks, and he asked if there is consistent signage that they should be following. Ms. Liney stated there is not really consistent signage. Mr. Gordon noted the Garden of Reflection has a completely different sign.

Ms. Bunn questioned the life span of the metal sign since at some point the Township will have to replace it, and they will also probably be maintaining it. Ms. Kraeck stated she could find out the life span, but she feels it would be longer than a wooden sign. Ms. Bunn stated at some point the Township would have to Budget for it. Ms. Kraeck stated she get information on this and provide it to Ms. Liney.

Ms. Tyler stated they need to have the Police Department review this as to the sight triangle. She stated they also have to consider the setback from the eventual walkway. She also noted this is in the Historic District, and HARB may need to review it as well as to the sign design. Ms. Bunn asked if that District has a special Sign Ordinance, and are they within those guidelines. Ms. Tyler stated this is why she would like HARB to review it. Ms. Kraeck stated when they were designing the monument, they found that it was not within that location. Ms. Tyler stated that would make it easier; however she added HARB has been great working in a cooperative spirit. Ms. Tyler asked if the Masonic sign is lit, and Ms. Kraeck stated she believes that it is. Mr. Gordon stated Woodside is lit to. Ms. Tyler stated she does feel they need to speak with the people from the Farmers Market. She stated possibly they could move the posts that they have as there is plenty of frontage available to place the Farmers Market banner. Ms. Tyler stated she feels the metal on the corner would be helpful as it will help with wind sheer. She stated they may need to have engineering look at that.

Mr. Gordon asked Ms. Kraeck about the timing, and Ms. Kraeck stated they would like to start it in the spring once the ground thaws. Ms. Tyler stated before it comes to the Board of Supervisors they need to have the cost estimate. Ms. Bunn asked if this would have to go out to Bid, and it was noted it would not provided it is under \$25,000; and Ms. Kraeck stated it should be under \$10,000.

Ms. Bunn stated she does have a concern with the metal because of the historic nature of the area. She stated Woodside and the Masonic Hall have similar looking signs, and this would be something different. Ms. Kraeck stated she feels it will enhance the monument. Ms. Bunn stated they were trying to make a cohesive Edgewood Village area, and in her opinion this one metal sign may stick out.

Mr. Wysocki asked if this company has installed any similar signs relatively close that the Board members could look at, and Ms. Kraeck agreed to find out.

Mr. Newbon stated he likes the design of the corner sign, but he feels the “writers” should be made larger on the sign at the entranceway so that they can be easily seen.

Ms. Bunn asked that they include Ms. Tyler’s concerns in the recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Newbon seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors erection of the signage as presented by Ms. Kraeck subject to consultation with the Police Department on sight triangle issues, subject to consideration of the eventual pedestrian walkway, subject to agreement on cost share between the Veterans Foundation and the Township, subject to informing and consultation with the Farmers Market, subject to production of actual cost estimates, and subject to the design modifications suggested by Mr. Newbon on the metal sign making two slats instead of three.

Ms. Kraeck stated she will tell their architect to put the specs together for this. She asked where they plan the walkway to be, and Mr. Eisold stated he can show the plan for this. He stated it would be on Edgewood Road and typically it would be 8’ wide.

#### UPDATE FROM DOG PARK SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Greg Papazian, Chair of the Dog Park Subcommittee, was present. Ms. Liney stated the Dog Park Subcommittee has been working hard fundraising, and there were some questions as to approvals and whether or not certain things needed to come back to Park & Recreation. Ms. Liney stated there was an original Committee that included Mr. Wysocki and Ms. Bunn, and then a Subcommittee spun off.

Ms. Bunn stated they were all on one committee, and then she received an e-mail that Mr. Papazian was Chair of the Dog Park Committee and that they had been meeting quite frequently; and she and Mr. Wysocki had not been invited to any of the meetings. Ms. Bunn stated she wanted to make sure that they were not being cut out of the process, and Mr. Papazian stated they are free to attend. Ms. Bunn stated she and Mr. Wysocki stated the Committee were cut out of the process, and moving forward she does not want that to happen anymore. Mr. Benedetto stated he was at many of the meetings as a Liaison, and he stated he will take responsibility for this as he did not realize this; and he will communicate better.

Ms. Bunn stated she joined the Park & Rec Board in 1999 to get a Dog Park in the Township, and she wants to make sure that her efforts do not go by the wayside.

Mr. Papazian stated they meet the first and third Mondays of the month at the Township Building. He stated they have eight to ten people who regularly attend. He stated they have primarily been focused on awareness and fundraising activities. He stated when they were last before the Park & Rec meeting, they presented some proposed rules and concepts for the Dog Park for the Park & Rec members to review. Ms. Bunn asked if these were based on the rules that Mr. Wysocki had put together, and Mr. Krauss agreed that everything they have done models what Mr. Wysocki provided initially up front a lot of which came from Doylestown. Ms. Bunn asked that she and Mr. Wysocki be provided a copy of this before the next meeting, and Mr. Papazian agreed to do so. Ms. Bunn stated everything needs to come back to the Park & Rec Board to get approved so that they can make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Liney stated Mr. Papazian's group has been very active with fundraising, and they have sent letters out to various businesses; and they have been getting some responses with some large contributions proposed. She stated there was discussion about what they would be given in return whether it would be signage, etc.; and they wanted to bring this back to the Park Board. Mr. Papazian stated they have done fundraising on two levels – one being cash donations that either come through Mr. Fedorchak at the Township Office or other activities they have held such as Baskin Robbins when people were putting money in a jar. Mr. Gordon asked about the shirt sales; and Mr. Papazian stated they have sold t-shirt, buttons, and spirit sticks at Community Pride Day, and they have raised money there. Mr. Papazian stated in looking at the Doylestown model, they went after large cash donations. He stated they have received a commitment in the amount of \$10,000 from VSEC the animal emergency hospital in Langhorne, and CARES wants to donate \$2,500; and this brings up who would do this negotiation and who can legally state what they get in return for these donations such as a plaque at the Dog Park or a half a day a year to use the Park for what they want which are the types of things that are similar to what other Dog Parks have done in the past.

Mr. Gordon stated it seems that this should have been discussed and approved before it was sent out. He suggested that they can come back to them with what has already gone out and what they propose to do in the future so the Park & Rec Board can discuss it and be comfortable with what they are doing.

Ms. Bunn asked if a sign has already been promised for the donation of \$10,000. Ms. Tyler stated she attended the last meeting of the Dog Park Subcommittee; and when she was made aware of what was going on, she stated they could not agree to anything like this and everything needed to go to the Park & Recreation Board. She stated at the least solicitation letters need to be approved by Ms. Liney, but really by the entire Park & Rec Board. She stated the Supervisors would also have to decide if they want signage or not. Ms. Bunn stated they also need to understand how long signs would be at the Dog Park for the amount of money they are donating.

Mr. Papazian stated at other Dog Parks they usually have a sign at the entrance showing their contributors and individuals or companies that have donated money would have their name on that sign. He stated he understands that ultimately those are decisions for the Park & Rec Board as to how this is done. Mr. Gordon stated they are very happy to get the contributions, but it needs to be in an organized, approved fashion. He stated the Park & Rec Board would be making recommendations about these issues to the Board of Supervisors who ultimately make the decision.

Mr. Jason Simon suggested that the Park Board put together for the Subcommittee a menu of things that they can do as opposed to them having to come back every month asking for approvals. Mr. Gordon stated if three of the Park & Rec Board members are going to be attending the Subcommittee meetings, this will be helpful. Ms. Liney stated this was discussed a little bit at the last meeting, and late today Boucher & James did make some suggestions which she wants to go over with the Township Manager first, and then it would go to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Tyler stated when there were discussions about \$10,000 donations and what they would get for that, she provided them with the Veterans Square paver handout asking if this was a way they wanted to go. She stated they need to determine the manner of acknowledging significant and nominal donations. She stated this would also go into design whether or not they were going to have a walkway. She stated they need the Park & Rec Board to weigh in on items such as this, and she asked the Subcommittee to make sure everything goes to Park & Rec and gets approved especially when it involves mailing something to a business in the name of the Dog Park.

Mr. Wysocki stated he wants to make sure they are not dampening the spirit and energy of the Subcommittee, and he is thrilled that there is a group of people who have been working on this so impressively. He stated they do need to make sure the Supervisors are getting recommendations that have been vetted through the Park & Rec Board.

Mr. Benedetto stated the amount of work they have done compiling the list of area businesses is great. He stated there is a very dedicated group of ten to twelve people involved. Mr. Benedetto also noted that Ms. Goldstein has some great insight on Grants and what can and cannot be done.

Ms. Judy Goldstein was present, and she stated the Grant is a matching Grant, and they are in the process of working through the paperwork so they can send the Plans and Specs in to get their approval; and then they can put it out to Bid. She stated the Grant is a 50/50 match, and everything that was on the Grant Application has to be part of the project. She stated they have to send it out to Bid at prevailing wage. She stated there are also numerous extra things that would make the Dog Park special such as the agility courses, a pavilion, etc.; and she stated those are the things that the fundraising funds could be used for whether it is cash, labor, or materials. She stated there is also ongoing maintenance, activities, etc. which will involve ongoing costs. She stated most Dog Parks have sponsors. She stated the one sign they are required to have is the DCNR sign, and they need to have a picture of the sign in order to close out the Grant. She stated they can then decide what other signs they will have and how they will recognize donors. Ms. Bunn asked how long the DCNR sign has to be there, and Ms. Goldstein stated it is a permanent sign to be there forever.

Ms. Bunn asked the final number for the Grant; and Ms. Goldstein stated it is \$150,000, and \$75,000 is the Township's match which must be cash and cannot be in kind. Mr. Wysocki asked if the Township is committed to the \$75,000 which is what he felt Mr. Fritchey had indicated. Ms. Tyler stated while Mr. Fritchey may have stated this, she felt that those doing the fundraising should be raising the \$75,000. Mr. Krauss stated he understood that the \$75,000 was to come from either donations or supplemented by the Township. Ms. Tyler stated at the very least, the Township was going to underwrite the engineering. Ms. Bunn asked if money was put in the Budget this year for the Dog Park, and Ms. Liney stated very minimal Operating costs were budgeted in the Park & Recreation Budget. Ms. Goldstein stated with regard to fundraising, \$75,000 would get the Township's portion of the match and any additional would go to additional amenities. Ms. Goldstein stated the Base Bid will be all the requirements that were put in the Grant and Add Alternates

would be everything else. She stated they could proceed with those Alternates if they have additional cash from the fundraising; or if they are in-kind donations, they would not be part of the Bid, and they would be done separately. She stated they can all be done at the same time, and they would not have to close out the Grant first.

Ms. Bunn asked how long they have under the Grant to build the project, and Ms. Goldstein stated she believes it is to be closed out by the end of 2019. Ms. Bunn asked if they go out to Bid but do not have the matching portion and are still fundraising, how long do they have. Ms. Tyler stated there could be a problem with the Bidder since the Bid is only good for a certain period of time. Ms. Bunn asked if they do not have the Township's portion of the funds, how long do they have to put it out to Bid under the Grant guidelines. Ms. Goldstein stated she believes it has to be closed out by the end of 2019. Ms. Bunn asked if there is a specific start time, and Ms. Goldstein stated there is not. Ms. Goldstein also noted that they have received Extensions for DCNR Grants in the past, and is a matter of staying in communication; and they do that on a regular basis as they are required to give them updates.

Mr. Gordon stated as to the fundraising, he wants to have a plan in place; however, the Park & Recreation Board will not be meeting again until the second week in March.

Ms. Bunn asked when they were planning on send this out to Bid, and Ms. Goldstein provided information put together by Ms. Saylor on the proposed timeline.

Mr. Simon stated he understood from Mr. Fritchey who commented at the last Park & Recreation Board meeting that the Board of Supervisors was committed to completing the project if the Grant was issued, and he asked if there is now a concern about being able to do that. Ms. Tyler stated she did not attend the last Park & Rec meeting, but the Board of Supervisors did not Budget to build the Dog Park, and it was always to be through fundraising. Mr. Simon suggested that Ms. Tyler review the Minutes from the last Park & Rec meeting so that she is up to date on what was said. Ms. Tyler stated she understands this; however, a determination would have to be made by the full Board of Supervisors. She stated they did not Budget for it for this year, although they did commit to the engineering. Mr. Simon asked since there has been a change of leadership on the Board of Supervisors has the position of the Board of Supervisors changed as well; and Ms. Tyler stated she does not believe so since the Board of Supervisors never committed a Capital amount for this project, and it was always going to be a fundraising project. Mr. Simon stated that is not what was stated on the Record

at the Park & Recreation Board meeting. Ms. Tyler stated she understands that. Mr. Simon stated he feels this is an “interesting” shift in position; however, Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel it is a shift on the part of the Board of Supervisors since they never committed an amount to fund this project.

Mr. Simon stated they heard from Mr. Eisold that the project was shovel ready for April, and he asked the timeline. He stated he is interested in this because other recreation properties are impacted by this.

Ms. Bunn read from the Minutes when Mr. Fritchey stated, “The new Budget contains a lot of Capital projects that the Park Board has been promoting for a long time including Snipes, Memorial Park build out, the Community Center, and the Dog Park.” Ms. Bunn stated because of this she assumed that there was money earmarked for the Dog Park itself, and that it would not be 100% fundraising. She stated they will need clarification on this. Mr. Newbon stated they also discussed a prioritization of what projects they wanted completed, and at the conclusion of that discussion it was determined that they were putting checks next to all of them. Ms. Liney stated she feels they were thinking it would be funding from the Bond Issue which is why it was not in the Operating Budget. Ms. Tyler stated at some point they are going to have to prioritize the projects since the Bond is not limitless.

Mr. Benedetto stated he feels there was a perception by some that there would be no taxpayer dollars going to the Dog Park. He stated they do not have unlimited funds; however, they are committed to the Dog Park. He stated they do want to get it out to Bid, and they did get the Grant. He stated he believes that everyone wants to see this move forward. He stated he feels they need to discuss this at the Board of Supervisors meeting, and he does not feel anything has changed as to their commitment to get this done in a timely manner.

Mr. Simon stated he feels they are hearing a different perception from Ms. Tyler than what they heard from Mr. Fritchey; and they heard that taxpayer dollars were going to be used, and this was going to get done. He stated he does not feel that is what they are hearing tonight.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels that when Mr. Fritchey made the comment, he was reacting to the Dog Park Committee’s sense that they had to raise all of the funds; and he was simply trying to reassure them that was not the case. Mr. Wysocki stated that Mr. Fritchey may, or may not, already have alignment with the Board of Supervisors on this point; but he thinks the focus should be on how to move this forward, as he feels a majority of the stakeholders want to see this move forward.

Mr. Wysocki asked if it is possible for the Township to fund the \$75,000, and then through the fundraising to replenish the Township fund for that \$75,000. He stated he feels there is a creative solution, and Ms. Tyler agreed.

Mr. Bunn asked if money was put in the Budget for Memorial Park, and Ms. Tyler stated there was money put in for Snipes and the Memorial Park Arboretum. Ms. Bunn stated she would rather \$75,000 go to the dog Park than into additional improvements at Memorial Park because that would be resources put to something that would be used more than Phase III of the Arboretum if they have the ability to move funds from one project to another. Mr. Benedetto stated he feels they can work out these details.

Mr. Gordon stated they need to have a plan on how to handle the actions the Dog Park Subcommittee has taken so far with regard to sponsorship and how it will be handled in the future. He asked Mr. Papazian how many letters went out. Mr. Papazian stated they printed out letters and handed them out to veterinarian offices and animal hospitals, but they have not done a mass mailing. He stated it has been through personal contacts of their dogs going to the vet. Mr. Gordon suggested that since Mr. Krauss, Mr. Wysocki, and Ms. Bunn are involved and with help from Ms. Goldstein in terms of the best way of sponsorships, that the Subcommittee discuss this at their next few meetings, and then come back to the Park & Recreation Board at their meeting in March with a proposal talking about what they have done and what they would like to do in the future. He feels the Park & Recreation Board will then be able to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors who will ultimately make the decision.

Ms. Bunn asked if they are asking for cash as opposed to amenities since they have to come up with the \$75,000. Mr. Gordon stated he feels that will be a matter of debate for the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Bunn stated it would be important for fundraising since some people would prefer to buy a bench, etc.; but that is not what they need to get money for at this time as they need money for the \$75,000 to build the Park. She stated she feels they need to be specific. Mr. Krauss agreed since they have to get to the \$75,000 in cash to meet the match. Mr. Benedetto stated a Phase II could be the amenities.

Ms. Goldstein stated they need the basics which are the fence, the gate system, the parking, etc.; and this would be the \$150,000. Ms. Bunn stated those items cannot be in kind, and it has to be cash since that was part of the Base Bid; and Ms. Goldstein agreed.

Mr. Bill Baldwin asked if they have any idea as to how many members they will have, and Mr. Gordon stated they do not. Mr. Wysocki stated there were some numbers they had looked at from Doylestown and Core Creek. Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Baldwin if he is suggesting that they could request advance payments on the first year of Membership or something similar, and Mr. Baldwin agreed. Mr. Krauss stated the Committee did talk about this; however, since they did not have an initial timeline and the Grant had not been approved, they felt at that time it would be premature. Mr. Baldwin stated \$75,000 is a big number to have to raise. He stated those interested in having a Dog Park may be willing to do this to help bring the Dog Park to fruition. Mr. Wysocki stated the Township may be willing to front the money and be reimbursed through the memberships and the fundraising.

Mr. Baldwin stated if the Township requires Dog Licenses, they would have a list of who might be interested, and they could do a mailing to them asking if they were interested in an initial membership.

Mr. Simon stated Mr. Eisold had indicated that the project was going to be shovel ready in April, and Mr. Eisold stated they do have the schedule which shows it going out to Bid in May. Ms. Goldstein stated the Grant was awarded later than it could have been which was in October. Mr. Simon stated he is very concerned that representations were made in this room, and there was a discussion at the last meeting about redirecting the fundraising efforts toward obstacle courses and the other amenities because the Township had seemingly represented at that meeting that they were going to cover the Dog Park. Mr. Simon stated there have been other examples in the community, and he noted specifically the Veterans Park where a lot of fundraising was done; and Supervisor Dobson had committed \$20,000 at the “eleventh hour” to push the project over so that they could complete the fundraising for that project which took years and years. He noted that project also probably had more widespread appeal. He asked what would be the timeline to be able to represent to the Township and the Dog Park Committee to get this completed according to the timeline Mr. Eisold has shown. Mr. Gordon stated he does not know how to answer this question other than the funding and making sure that the project keeps moving. Ms. Tyler stated they can also discuss this at the Supervisors meeting if they wish; however, nothing should slow down the Subcommittee from continuing to fundraise. Mr. Simon stated this is not what he is asking, and his question was about the \$75,000 that needs to be matched in order to execute the project. Ms. Bunn stated based on the schedule, Ms. Saylor was proposing to present the final package to the Park & Recreation Board in March, and she assumes Ms. Saylor will come to the March meeting with cost estimates and the Plans.

Ms. Bunn stated at that point they will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, and she feels they can still meet that. She stated they will then go out to Bid, and depending on how Bids come in will determine whether they can stay on track. She stated she is assuming that between now and April, there will be a determination from the Board of Supervisors whether they are willing to front the \$75,000 and then get it back from memberships and fundraising.

Mr. Simon stated he plans to go to the Board of Supervisors meeting when this is on their Agenda; and he will advise that there was a discussion about redirecting the fundraising for ancillary components, and that the Township was going to pay for the other portion of the program. He stated they heard this discussion take place between Supervisor Fritchey and the regular attendees. He stated he understands that there has now been a shift; however, Ms. Tyler stated there has not been a shift, and they must consider when the Supervisors talked about this project. She stated they did have the discussion that it was going to be a fundraising/Grant match project, and they had the discussion that it should not be tax dollars, but should be done by fundraising and would be accomplished that way because of the nature of the Park. She stated she does not dispute that the conversations that have been occurring at Park & Rec actually occurred; however, that was not authorized by the Board of Supervisors yet. Mr. Simon stated while he respects that, representations shifted during the discussion in this room regarding the Dog Park. Mr. Krauss stated he feels it was not just that they were to raise money for alternate items.

#### UPDATE ON LMT PARK PROJECTS

Mr. Mark Eisold and Ms. Judy Goldstein were present. Mr. Eisold stated at the last meeting there was some discussion on what to include within the eastern expansion of Memorial Park. A Plan was shown this evening showing the road in, the pedestrian path going from the Garden of Reflection to a parking area, four tennis courts, bocce, horse shoe pits, and there was discussion about exercise stations around the circular path Mr. Eisold showed on the Plan. He also showed where disc golf would be located, and he stated twelve holes are proposed.

Mr. Eisold stated there had also been discussion about providing for some additional parking adjacent to the current parking since parking has been a premium at certain times with so many people going to the playground. He stated when they laid out the path, they kept it away so that they could at some point have an expansion of the parking lot. Ms. Goldstein stated Ms. Saylor has sketched out thirty-eight spaces. It would be another double bay below the existing parking.

Mr. Eisold stated there are Permit issues they need to deal with, and they have done soil testing to apply for the Permits needed to install the additional impervious surface. He also showed where there is a small crossing of the wetlands which will require some culverts and a General Permit from DEP to allow them to do this. He showed where there is an existing crossing.

Mr. Wysocki asked if there will just be a path or will it be for cars as well, and Mr. Eisold stated it will be for both. He showed the location of the drive and adjacent to that there is a separate path.

Ms. Goldstein stated they were asked to identify potential future projects for a DCNR Grant, and Ms. Goldstein suggested the four tennis courts. Mr. Wysocki suggested platform tennis which could be used in the winter. He stated he feels it could also be used for pickle ball, and Ms. Goldstein stated regular tennis courts could also be used for pickle ball.

Mr. Newbon asked why they are recommending twelve holes for the disc golf rather than just having nine, and you could play two rounds of nine if desired. Ms. Goldstein stated disc golf plays nine, twelve, and eighteen holes; and twelve is a comfortable number, and they do tournaments at twelve. Mr. Wysocki expressed concern with discs flying for some distance; and Ms. Goldstein stated this is why they have the shortest ones near the driveway. Mr. Krauss also noted the location of Woodside Road, and Ms. Goldstein stated they would be 150' from the road.

Ms. Liney expressed concern with the proximity with the disc golf going up to the Garden of Reflection monument with the ones that are on either side of the driveway. Ms. Goldstein stated they knew they had to stay away from the Memorial, but did not know they needed to stay away from the flagpole; and Ms. Liney stated the flag circle is still part of it. Mr. Wysocki asked if the area in the chimney could be utilized. Mr. Eisold stated originally they looked at trying to put it on the east side expansion; but they then decided with twelve holes, they needed some additional area. Mr. Eisold stated they could remove some of them from the driveway and just have nine holes. Ms. Goldstein stated they did consider the chimney, but there are some informal play areas there, and there would be no way to drive up there and park to start and end. She stated you would want to be close to a parking lot to start and end. Mr. Wysocki stated he has seen parks that have disc golf, and they share space although if there is a game going on, you would not play through.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels where they have proposed the disc golf it looks tight on the east side, and he feels it would be a better use of the chimney for the disc golf. He stated he has not seen the ball field used there, and Ms. Liney agreed it is not used often. Mr. Gordon stated he would prefer to see the disc golf around the existing ball field and have twelve holes go around the chimney. Ms. Goldstein stated she feels they could get nine holes at the chimney. Mr. Gordon stated if they start and end it around the existing ball field, it would not be that far away.

Ms. Goldstein sketched what they could do at that location. Mr. Gordon stated he feels it looks crowded as proposed on the east side, and this would be a better use of the chimney. He stated this would also result in more room to expand other things that work on the east side, and it would also get the disc golf away from the road. The Park & Recreation Board were in favor of this proposal.

Ms. Bunn asked the length of the existing path, and Mr. Eisold stated it is .6 miles. Ms. Bunn asked if there would be a way to make it a full mile, and Mr. Eisold stated with the east side, there may be a way to combine the paths which would make it close to a full mile. Ms. Bunn stated they could also bring it closer to the road circling the entire perimeter. Mr. Eisold stated the slope does fall off close to the road on the south side, and they tried to keep it on the level area. Ms. Bunn noted an area on the Plan where it could be extended further. It was noted that this is an asphalt path.

Mr. Eisold stated they were also asked to look at what facilities could be incorporated into some kind of a Grant, and they came up with four tennis courts which would be approximately \$300,000. Ms. Goldstein stated there would be a 50/50 match, and this DCNR Grant would need to be submitted in early April.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they have dismissed the group that had come in to build a tennis complex with a dome, and Mr. Gordon stated he believes they have.

Mr. McNamara stated they could put tennis courts at Snipes at the corner since there are going to be lights there anyway since he does not feel they will be getting lights on the tennis courts at Memorial Park.

Mr. Newbon stated while he recognizes that it is no longer being considered, he felt the domed tennis made a lot of sense. He noted the costs of the tennis courts that are being paid for by the taxpayers for a very small number of Township residents who use them. Mr. Wysocki stated there is nothing that would stop the individuals who approached them from moving forward with that proposal if they used private property. He stated they were looking to get free land from the Township.

Mr. Gordon stated the debate was that they were going to allow someone to privately build something on public land that they were going to use for profit and a lot of private use which was the uncomfortable part.

Ms. Tyler asked if they have roughed out the cost for the improvements at Memorial Park as shown, and Mr. Eisold stated he believes it was \$2 million to \$2.4 million for construction costs.

Mr. Gordon asked that they review Snipes before they make a decision on the Grant for the tennis courts at Memorial Park.

Mr. Eisold stated with regard to Snipes they were waiting for the Zoning situation to expire, and he believes February 9<sup>th</sup> is the date that the Appeal period expires. He stated they did not want to do too much until that time period had passed.

Ms. Liney stated she did distribute this evening comments that were received from the EAC on the Snipes Tract. She stated they wanted to downsize the field sizes as the area is woodlands and should not be developed. Ms. Bunn asked what they based this on and were they concerned with the size or the number of the fields. Ms. Goldstein stated they were concerned with the size of the fields as well as the need for the fields. Mr. Krauss stated their premise is also false since have an understanding that it is just football as opposed to a multi-purpose field.

Ms. Goldstein stated there were a couple of faulty assumptions in their letter. Mr. Gordon asked if they have ever gone to Macclesfield on a night when there are practices or on a Saturday. Ms. Goldstein stated they also questioned the woodlands buffer; however, she stated it is a nursery, and they have been taking trees out of it for years. Mr. Gordon stated they will read the letter and decide if they want to comment on it at their next meeting.

Mr. Eisold stated the Plans were also presented to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Gordon asked if there is an option to put tennis courts at Snipes in terms of space, and Mr. McNamara noted the upper right hand corner. Ms. Goldstein stated that is where there is an intermediate sized field which they were told there was a need for from the Association; and it would be up to the Township to decide what they want to put there. Ms. Goldstein stated they must remember that if they do decide to put tennis courts there, that would be impervious; and the stormwater system has been designed for the amenities there now. Mr. Eisold stated there is space there. Ms. Goldstein noted there is merit to the comment about lights since if they are going to light fields, they would want to concentrate them together.

Ms. Bunn stated the issue with the lights on the tennis courts is that the Township would absorb all of those costs because they do not have a Permitting League to take over those costs. Mr. Gordon stated previously they had a coin system for the lights, and you bought tokens from the Township if you wanted to play on the lit tennis courts.

Mr. Gordon asked that they come back with a Plan showing how tennis courts could fit in at Snipes so they can look at that as well as at Memorial Park.

There was discussion about impact to the proposed skate park at Snipes with the traffic improvements; and Mr. Eisold stated the traffic improvements will be more subtle and at the intersection itself, and they will not re-do the road. Ms. Goldstein stated the basin was closest to the corner, and the skate park was above the basin.

Ms. Bunn stated they would have to have more parking if they do tennis at Snipes, and Ms. Goldstein agreed since there is very limited parking in that area right now.

Mr. Eisold stated he sent Mr. Liney the cost for the Caiola lights, and the Park & Rec Board had been provided with that. He stated a design was done for this some time ago, and the costs are being provided for information purposes. Mr. Gordon asked about the funding for the lights, and Mr. Eisold stated he does not know where that would come from, and he is not sure whether or not that was included in the Bond number.

Ms. Tyler stated with regard to the Bond, they borrowed \$15 million, and \$7.5 million is for the sewer issues. She stated \$4 million was spent on open space and \$500,000 is for Public Works vehicles. Ms. Tyler stated this leaves \$3 million for the Community Center and Snipes. Mr. Gordon stated the \$1 million Grant for the Community Center is not included in the \$3 million, and Ms. Tyler agreed. Ms. Tyler stated the buy in for the Township for the Community Center is over \$2 million, and Snipes is projected at \$2.4 million. She stated those two projects alone would use up all of the Grant money. She stated earlier she discussed prioritization of projects, and that is very important. Mr. Gordon stated they need to have a full understanding of all of the costs for these projects including Snipes, Memorial Park, the Dog Park, and the Community Center. Ms. Tyler stated the Community Center has already been Bid out. Mr. Gordon stated they may prioritize things differently based on the costs and the money available, so they need more information. He stated the Dog Park is such a little amount of money for something that has been talked about for years, and Ms. Tyler stated she feels that will get the priority but it may then impact the amenities at Snipes.

Ms. Bunn asked about the Open Space purchases, and Ms. Tyler stated they bought the Hildebrandt property on Big Oak and Stony Hill and Ms. Guzikowski's property. Ms. Tyler stated that money has already been spent as those deals have both been closed.

Mr. Benedetto stated with regard to the lights at Caiola he believes they are in the Budget for 2017, and it has nothing to do with the Bond Issue. Ms. Bunn stated they need to know if there was enough budgeted to cover the entire light project.

Mr. Simon stated when the Dog Park gets completed, YMS will lose field space; and when the lights are installed at Caiola, they can then move out of Macclesfield Park. He stated the prioritization conversation has to include the fact that there is a domino effect that gets triggered by the Dog Park.

Mr. Gordon stated the Dog Park would also involve the smallest amount of money. He stated they are giving so much money to all of these public projects, and to ask residents to raise money for the Park when money are not raising money for Snipes and amenities at Memorial Park or the Community Center does not seem right or fair. He stated he feels asking them to raise money for items beyond the basic Park makes sense.

Ms. Tyler stated she sees the Dog Park as being in the image as how Veterans Square monument went up, and this was her understanding of it from the beginning.

Mr. Gordon stated while the Veterans monument is incredibly meaningful, in terms of day-to-day-use, there is no comparison as to how much more benefit the Township residents will get out of the Dog Park. He stated when he drives by Veterans Square it is almost always empty although that does not mean that it is not meaningful. He stated he feels that once the Dog Park is built, it will become a community gathering center with a lot of people there.

Mr. Wysocki stated the Dog Park is also important because it is the beginning of a series of other actions, and Ms. Tyler stated she understands about the relocations. Mr. Newbon stated they are potentially pay \$2.4 million for Memorial Park, but they cannot get \$75,000 for the Dog Park. Mr. Gordon stated they need to hear how much has been allocated for Park & Rec, and then they need to hear from the engineers the estimates for all the different projects they have discussed, and then they can prioritize them for the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gordon stated before Ms. Tyler discussed this tonight, he does not feel they had a clear vision about this.

Ms. Bunn asked the Bid for the Community Center, and Mr. Eisold stated it was approximately \$2.8 million. Ms. Bunn stated they got a Grant for \$1 million, so they had to come up with \$1.8 million. Ms. Goldstein stated the land counted as the \$1 million.

Mr. Eisold stated the \$2 million to \$2.4 million was the Snipes estimate, and they have not done a final estimate for Memorial Park; and he feels Memorial Park will be much less. Ms. Goldstein stated the most expensive individual item is the tennis courts which is approximately \$300,000.

Ms. Liney stated she felt there was some play in the Bond money; however, Ms. Tyler stated that was not her understanding. Mr. Gordon asked for more information about the sewer, and Ms. Tyler stated there are upgrades needed at the Morrisville Treatment Plant as well as some infiltration preventative measures. She stated in addition to the Morrisville problem, there is also a problem with the Neshaminy Interceptor that involves a lot of communities. She stated the DEP is getting everyone on line regarding the infiltration ratios; and in order for the Township to submit their Plans and comply with what DEP is requiring, they have zoned out the Township that feeds into the Neshaminy Interceptor, and they have annual work that has to be done. Mr. Benedetto stated it could even cost more than the \$7.5 million.

Ms. Bunn asked if it is more than \$7.5 million would they then have less for Park & Recreation; however, Ms. Tyler stated they would not, and they have allocated amounts to certain projects.

Mr. Gordon stated they are being asked to look at a lot of Plans with the hope of getting the funds, and they have gone through a lot of years with not having a lot get done to improve the Park and Recreation system; and they are hoping to use this as an opportunity to do that.

Ms. Tyler stated it appears that there would be \$1.2 million after the Community Center, and that would be Snipes; and Ms. Bunn stated it would be half of Snipes.

Mr. Simon stated the historic impetus for the Veterans monument was the reaction to the Garden of Reflection and the Township's desire at that time not to take on the financial responsibility for another monument; and this is why it was directed in this way. Mr. Simon stated there has been a continuity in the conversations with the Park & Recreation Board this past year about how these projects all relate to each other including discussions with the Township Manager at many of the meetings. He stated he feels there were other concepts and conversations taking place with Mr. Fritchey and the Township Manager that Ms. Tyler is not privy to at

this time that we should be aware of for future conversations. He stated if they only do the Dog Park it will cause an inventory problem with the two of the user groups at other locations. He stated they can review the Minutes, and it will be clear that the projects are intertwined. He stated what has been indicated tonight is not a continuation of the broader discussions they have been having.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels they will have to discuss this some more as there seems to be confusion. Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel there is confusion; and she feels there are a lot of great projects, and it would be great to get them all done, but they do not have the funding for all of these projects. She stated she did not feel anyone on the Park Board was under the impression that they did; and if they were, that is a false impression. She stated they do not have unlimited funding to complete all of these, and they have to work within the budgets and prioritize what they want to get done. She stated she agrees that the Dog Park is an easy one, and she understands what Mr. Simon is stating that the Dog Park is hinged on Snipes and all the other projects, and they should consider how their prioritization is going to work.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels the lights are the second priority. He stated by building the Dog Park, YMS loses a field; and by installing the lights on Caiola, that would give more access to PAA to baseball fields which would allow them to abandon one of the fields at Macclesfield and give YMS more playing fields. He stated in the short term, he feels doing the Dog Park and the lights at Caiola is important to both user groups; and also has a wide spanning benefit to the community for the Dog Park and greater access to fields for both PAA and YMS.

Ms. Bunn stated she feels that the Park & Rec Board was given the impression that the Bond was going to cover Memorial Park, Snipes, and the rest of whatever Park & Rec had outstanding at the time. She stated this was misrepresented to the Park Board on more than one occasion whether it is true or false. She stated to see what they have now from the Bond she feels it was represented last year. She stated maybe there is money in other places in the Budget that they are not aware of, and this is why she is trying to determine what was budgeted and what was not.

Mr. Benedetto stated he feels the Memorial Park project is more of “wish list.” Ms. Bunn stated she recognizes this, but she does not feel the \$1.2 million is not going to cover Snipes. She stated they now understand that there is a domino effect, but if they do the Dog Park and the lights at Caiola, she questions how they will do Snipes which is the last piece of the puzzle. Ms. Bunn stated YMS was gracious enough not to fight them in taking the field at Heacock for the Dog Park, and she does not feel that it is fair now to tell them they can only build half of Snipes.

Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel they should be putting a lot of time and energy into looking at the expansion of Memorial Park. He stated someone must have directed the engineers to do work on this because there was a belief that there was a possibility that it was going to be funded. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel they should proceed with any more engineering as she does not want to apply for a Permit that they would need to pay for and get Extensions on. She stated the regulations may change in the future. She stated she feels they should work on Snipes first, and not spend any more money on engineering for Memorial Park. Ms. Goldstein stated what has been presented is still conceptual and there are no detailed designs. Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel they should do anything further on Memorial Park, and Ms. Goldstein asked if they should make the changes suggested this evening or shelve it at this time; and Ms. Bunn stated they should not do anything further.

Ms. Bunn asked if the \$1.3 million covers engineering or is engineering another pool of money in Budget. Ms. Tyler stated engineering is usually not part of the construction costs. Ms. Bunn stated she therefore assumes that they have money set aside for the engineering of Snipes if they can move forward with it, and Ms. Tyler stated she feels that is generally how it works.

Mr. Gordon stated at this point they are going to need guidance from the Township as to what funds are available so that they can prioritize certain projects. He stated it appears from what is available that the Memorial Park project will be a future project. He stated he feels the priorities are the Dog Park and getting lights on Caiola. He stated after that they would like to work with the Township to find funding for Snipes. Ms. Tyler stated she has it as \$2 million left in the Bond Issue for Snipes.

Mr. Eisold stated Snipes is set at this point, and he feels at this point they were just waiting for the Variance Appeal period to expire on February 9, and then it may go to the Board of Supervisors at that point. Ms. Tyler stated she feels the Supervisors are probably going to hold a Special Meeting on Snipes in light of what occurred at the Planning Commission meeting since all of the residents were not necessarily heard. Ms. Tyler stated they will invite the Park & Rec Board members to come to that meeting and participate.

Ms. Bunn asked if there is any room left at Snipes any kind of value engineering, and is there a way to cut costs that would bring it more in line with the pool of money they actually have. As an example, she asked if the road has to be paved or could they leave it screenings right now and just pave parking spaces.

She asked what they could value engineer out, and put it in as an Add Alternate. Ms. Goldstein stated some of them would not even be value engineering, and they could take out the restroom/concession and pavilion and they could be Add Alternates to the Base Bid without getting into value engineering. Ms. Bunn stated when they look at this they need to have a Base Bid that they have the money for. Ms. Bunn stated they may be able to get away with not paving the road right now and possibly it could be included in the Road Program at some point. Ms. Bunn stated they know they need the fields and access and some kind of restroom facilities such as port-a-johns like they had at Macclesfield for a while. Ms. Goldstein stated they can look into this to make sure there are choices when the Bids come in. Ms. Bunn stated she feels the Base Bid should be no more than \$1.8 million which would leave room for unknowns. Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel the skate park is a priority, and they want to get fields that people can play sports on and adding from there. Ms. Goldstein asked about the lights, and Mr. Gordon stated the lights are important. Ms. Bunn stated she would consider that to be in the Base Bid since you cannot play football without the lights, and Mr. Gordon agreed. Ms. Goldstein stated she understands that, but that is a big-ticket item that would be in the Base Bid.

Mr. Eisold stated if the fields are just planted in grass, that will take some time, and there was some talk about a Bid Alternate to sod the fields which would make them playable much sooner. Mr. Gordon stated that is an option that they would like to be able to consider; but if it is determined that they can only afford to do grass fields and will have to wait an extra year, that would be okay as they want to get them going. Ms. Bunn stated she would not have a problem with the lights as a Bid Alternate since if it comes in too high, they could Bid that as a separate item and just target electrical contractors. Ms. Goldstein stated they would need to put the conduit in as part of the Base Bid, and Ms. Bunn agreed.

Ms. Tyler stated when they started this discussion about Snipes, she felt there was some clearing services which would be a substantial savings to the Township of approximately \$100,000; and she asked if this had been discussed with the football organization. Mr. O'Hara stated he and Mr. Eisold had discussed that, but they have not had a follow up conversation, and Mr. Eisold knew that they had expertise in the Club that could do a lot of the clearing since they have done that as their professional career. Ms. Tyler stated that could be the difference between bathrooms and the concession and not having those, and she asked that they continue that conversation to see what options there are, liability, and insurance to see if that is feasible as it could substantially decrease the cost of the project.

Ms. Goldstein stated with regard to the Dog Park update, the land from Makefield Glen is about to be conveyed to the Township. She stated the large dog area will be pushing up closer to the stream. She stated some reconfiguration had to be done, and she provided Plans showing this tonight. Mr. Eisold stated the thought was that for the large dogs they now have a combination grass and wood chip wooded area.

Ms. Bunn stated the Township did receive some complaints on Facebook about tree clearing that was done in the area; however, Ms. Bunn stated those trees were all dead. She stated nothing of value was taken down. Mr. Eisold stated the focus of the clearing was to get all the scrub brush out since at this time of year it would be easier to clear it out than it would be in the spring. Ms. Bunn stated there were complaints that they could now see through it, and she feels they should be able see through it as opposed to seeing understory. Mr. Eisold stated all the trees that were taken out were dead, and some of them were dangerous.

#### LEAGUE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Sean O'Hara, YMS, stated Coach Greaves was named National Coach of the Year. He stated they are planning the EPIC Tournament for Mothers' Day weekend, and he will submit the paperwork to Ms. Liney. He stated they are having their first Annual Golf Outing at Makefield Highlands as a fundraiser for scholarships at YMS. Mr. O'Hara thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Mr. Simon, PAA, stated they are preparing for their 2017 season and Registration will be open for several more weeks. He stated Opening Day will be April 1. He stated they are working with Ms. Liney to get her the information she needs to complete the Permitting process, and they have Permitted with the School District as well for the practice facilities they utilize. He stated they want to meet with Ms. Liney and Mr. Eisold about some continuing investment in repairs at the Stoddart fields. Mr. Simon stated the Softball Tournament is scheduled for Fathers' Day weekend, and they will have a Memorial Day weekend Tournament and probably something in the fall as well. Mr. Simon stated they have a launched a new Website this year that their National Charter organization wanted them to use. He stated last year was a highly successful year, and they expect to have a repeat of the same.

Mr. McNamara asked how many players they have, and Mr. Simon stated the total was approximately 800. Mr. McNamara stated the EAC had indicated in their letter they wanted information on the need for fields. Mr. Simon stated the population ebbs and flows, and currently younger families are moving into the Township.

Mr. Simon discussed the changes with their new Website.

Mr. O'Hara stated Mr. McNamara had asked about the baseball numbers, and he knows that the football numbers are also going up. He stated lacrosse also went before the Board of Supervisors and provided a good overview on their numbers.

Mr. O'Hara stated his point is that all the User groups are going up in numbers; and the argument he had heard was that the School population was dropping so they felt the numbers in the User groups would be dropping, but that is not the case.

Mr. Simon stated they will be doing a fundraiser; and Mr. Baldwin stated he was approached by a professional fundraising company that specializes in sports Leagues, Adrenalin, and they were pushing a plastic discount card. He stated it would be at no cost to PAA, and the company would go out and get local vendors to come up with a discount shown on the back of the card as well as some higher-level sponsors with a one-time offer. He stated he has had discussions with Chief Coluzzi, and they are not allowed to sell them door-to-door; but they are allowed to set up in front of the Shop Rite. He stated as they have discussed previously, PAA does not break even without the sponsorships. He thanked Park & Rec for helping them with the batting cages and other items.

Mr. Baldwin stated they will continue with the sponsors on the fences and the back of the T-shirts. He stated this brings in approximately \$30,000; and they are hoping to at least double that with this new fundraiser.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they are locked in to the card vendor, and Mr. Baldwin stated they are for a year for the discount card. He reviewed how the program works which has an on-line portion and is a National program, but the logos on the back of the card are local. Mr. Baldwin stated they will sell the cards for \$25, and the cards are good for a year. He stated they will roll it out on Opening Day, and the vendor has suggested that the best way to do it is to push it for a two-week period. He stated once over 2,000 cards are sold, PAA gets 75% of the money.

Mr. Wysocki stated he did this program for YMS, and at Registration they decided how many cards they wanted every player to be responsible for and they put those in their Registration packet, and they paid for it up front. He stated some parents did not want to be burdened with selling the cards, so they just paid the money.

Mr. Simon stated last year they instituted a volunteer fee so there is already that commitment when families register. He stated they can donate several hours back to them and refund that money back to them. Mr. Simon stated PAA is an expensive sport to run, and he discussed the various expenses. Mr. Baldwin stated for this year they decided not to make the fundraiser mandatory.

Ms. Bunn stated while she appreciates the issues, she feels to mandate that everyone has to sell a certain amount is wrong considering there are so many other things children are selling for School and other activities they are involved in.

Mr. Simon stated the reason they wanted to advise the Park & Rec Board about this is because they wanted them to know about the significant level of effort that is being exerted to manage the fees. Mr. Simon provided additional information about their expenses and the improvements they want to make.

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated the Park crew has been working under the direction of the Township engineer's office to convert Macclesfield Park to two-way traffic. There has been a slight delay with line striping due to inclement weather, but two-way traffic should be in effect by the end of February, 2017; and Ms. Liney will alert the user groups so they can advise their members of the change.

Ms. Liney stated the Township has begun the process to issue spring field Use Permits and scheduling space for the picnic groves at Kids Kingdom and Memorial Park.

Ms. Liney stated plans are underway for several special events in 2017 being coordinated through the Park & Recreation office including Community Pride Day which has been scheduled for Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> of Labor Day weekend and will include a fireworks display choreographed to music this year. She stated the Veterans Day Parade has been scheduled for Sunday, November 12. Ms. Liney agreed to keep the Park Board informed as information becomes available.

Ms. Liney stated the Seniors will again be hosting the annual AARP free tax return service in the Township Building on Monday mornings starting February 6<sup>th</sup> and running through April 10<sup>th</sup>. This service is highly utilized by the community with bookings solid through early April.

Ms. Liney stated the Township has enrolled all Park & Recreation Board members in the PA Park & Recreation Society for 2017.

Ms. Liney stated Registration for the Community Pool at the early discount rate of \$395 for resident families is underway. The discount period will end Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Liney stated the Township has received two appeals from non-resident Seniors who are not eligible for a reduced Pool Membership rate, but have requested it through an Appeal to the Park Board. Ms. Liney stated the Board of Supervisors did discuss rates during the Budget process and confirmed reduced Pool rates for residents only. She stated she also confirmed this with the Township Manager. She stated if the Park Board has a different recommendation, she can pass that on.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels the discount should be limited to Township residents, and they had opened up the program as a courtesy under certain circumstances for non-residents; but he does not feel they need to expand the discount program to non-residents. Ms. Bunn stated she understood that they were including Yardley Borough as residents, and Ms. Liney agreed. It was agreed that the Park Board was in support of limiting the discount to residents.

Ms. Liney requested formal confirmation of the Reorganization that was discussed at the December Park Board meeting for 2017 with Mr. David Gordon as Chair, Ms. Patricia Bunn as Vice Chair, and Mr. Drew Newbon as Secretary; and this was confirmed by the Park Board.

Ms. Liney stated she has enjoyed working in the Township with the community and the Park Board for the past twenty-two plus years, and she will be retiring this June. She stated the Township Manager has asked that she stay on as a contractor, and she will probably look at doing that part-time. She thanked the Park Board for their support adding she could never have done the job without their support.

There being no further business, Mr. McNamara moved, Mr. Newbon seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Newbon, Secretary

