

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on March 2, 2017. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Gordon, Chair
 Patricia Bunn, Vice Chair (joined meeting in progress)
 Andrew Newbon, Secretary (left meeting in progress)
 Douglas Krauss, Member
 David Malinowski, Member
 Bryan McNamara, Member
 Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 Donna Liney, Recreation Director
 David Fritchey, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Malinowski moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2017.

UPDATE FROM DOG PARK SUBCOMMITTEE AND MOTION TO APPROVE CITGO FUNDRAISER AND BRICK PROGRAM

Ms. Val Liggett, Project Manager from Boucher & James, was present to discuss the Grant status and the design. Ms. Liggett stated they are now going through the paperwork related to the Grant. She stated as of today they have the initial start up letter from the DCNR giving a run down of what they need to do to fulfill the Grant requirements so that they remain eligible to receive the money.

Ms. Bunn joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Liggett stated Plans were submitted to the Bucks County Conservation District, and the next step is to get the Grant Contract and Notice to Proceed from the DCNR which means that they are ready for the Township to send the packet to them for review and provide their comments. The Township will then make the revisions, and then get approval to send the project out to Bid. She stated they are looking to award the Bid on August 9. Ms. Liggett stated they hope to complete construction of the Dog Park by mid-November.

Ms. Liggett showed a Plan of the proposed design. She stated Ms. Liney had asked her to discuss what Park amenities are included in the Grant and what is in addition to the Grant. Ms. Liggett stated included in the Grant are the erosion and sedimentation controls, paving which includes the asphalt for the parking lot, the expanded access drive, and the concrete for the sidewalk and pads that go into the entry areas. It also includes all the fencing, landscaping to provide shade, water and electric connections, and a yard hydrant to make sure they can water the grass. She stated it also includes the electronic security system and a security camera. She stated items there were not included as part of the Grant scope include the park benches, water fountains, dog waste stations, trash cans, small and novice dog agility equipment, and the pavilion.

Mr. Krauss asked about the type of electronic system, and Ms. Liggett stated Ms. Saylor is looking into this currently to see what they will propose. Ms. Liggett stated that will be included in the Base Bid.

Ms. Bunn asked if the Bids come back higher than \$150,000, is \$75,000 all that the Grant will match; and Ms. Liggett agreed. Ms. Bunn stated if the Bids come in higher, the Township will be responsible for that; and Ms. Liggett agreed. Mr. Krauss stated if it comes in less, he assumes the match would only be half what it comes in at. Ms. Liggett stated they may be able to move some of the amenities into that to get to the \$75,000.

Mr. Wysocki asked what the entrance system would be, and Ms. Liggett stated she does not know the specifics although she believes it may be a key fob. Mr. Bunn stated she felt they were going to keep it similar to what the Pool has which is a card; however, Ms. Liney stated someone would then be required to staff. Ms. Bunn stated she felt they would be able to swipe a card without a person there to get access.

Mr. Newbon asked if they will put the Bid out with the full wish list so that they are sure that they will get to the \$150,000. Ms. Bunn stated they would have to put in their Base Bid and then include other items as Add Alternates. Ms. Liggett stated DCNR will not put in more than the \$75,000 match.

Mr. Fedorchak asked how much of the site needs to be re-graded, and Ms. Liggett stated they are trying to do as little grading as possible. She showed one area on the Plan where they will need to do grading.

Mr. Gordon asked if they are using the grass already there, and Ms. Liggett agreed although they will do re-seeding in certain areas. Ms. Liney stated there also had been discussions about wood chips in the expanded wood area, and Ms. Liggett agreed since it would be hard to grow grass in that area. She showed on the Plan the area where they propose to have the wood chips in the large dog area. Ms. Liney stated they also purchased a dog-friendly product to put over the fabric for the weeds.

Mr. Greg Papazian, President of the Dog Park Fundraising Committee, stated after the last Park & Rec Board meeting, the Committee met and Ms. Bunn attended their meeting. Mr. Papazian stated they put together information related to fundraising which was provided to the Park Board this evening. He stated tonight they are seeking four approvals from the Park & Recreation Board. He stated the first is the fundraising letter which they want to use when they meet with businesses and individuals. He stated this provides information about the Dog Park and the sponsorship levels. He stated after an entity has committed to donating they will need a document to capture the commitment, and tonight they want to talk about the Letter of Intent Agreement. Mr. Papazian stated the third item is something similar to what the Veterans Committee did with the Memorial at Veterans Square related to bricks, so they have provided a proposed bricks fundraising letter. Mr. Papazian stated the fourth item has to do with a Citgo fundraiser. He stated after the last meeting, he was approached by a representative from Big Oak Citgo who would like to do a fundraiser in conjunction with Citgo Corporation where they would donate \$.01 per gallon of gas sold during a specific period, and they would to discuss this with the Park Board tonight to get approval as it involves a banner and some signage.

Mr. Papazian noted the proposed fundraising letter. He stated it will include the history behind the Dog Park, and that their goal is to raise money to assist with it so that the taxpayers are not saddled with that. He stated the letter shows how to donate by check or credit card as well as in-kind donations and sponsorships. He stated Page 2 of the letter shows the schematic of the Park, which they can update based on the design, and discusses the sponsorship levels which is what they would like to discuss with the Park Board tonight. Mr. Papazian stated they have broken the sponsorship levels into four tiers from \$10,000 down to \$1,500.

Mr. Papazian stated the Platinum Paw Partner is for a \$10,000 donation. He stated they looked at what other Dog Parks have done in terms of fundraising, and a naming opportunity is a big draw for larger donations. He stated they are hoping to have four naming opportunities – one in each dog area, and the pavilion. He stated this would not be a large banner, rather it would be one or two feet in diameter which would have the company's logo or name. Mr. Papazian stated in addition to the naming they would also get lifetime annual registration and special recognition on the LMT Dog Park fundraising banner that they take to all of their events. Mr. Papazian stated when VSEC approached them about making a \$10,000 donation, they wanted to do a press release so they would need permission from the Board to do this. He stated they would also get special recognition and logos on the Dog Park Fundraising Committee's Website and the Facebook page, and donor tier level signage recognition at the Dog Park. Mr. Papazian stated various Dog Parks will allow very large donors to use the Park exclusively for a short period of time to do whatever activity they want to do; and for the Platinum Paw Partner, they are recommending half day access. He stated they would also offer them to have the ability to have some bricks or pavers at the Dog Park.

Mr. Krauss noted the lifetime annual registration, and asked if this would be for one or two dogs; and Mr. Papazian stated at previous meeting they discussed it would be for two dogs.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the Platinum Paw Partner is for a one-time donation of \$10,000, and Mr. Papazian agreed. He stated they could set it up to be an annual donation. Mr. Wysocki stated he felt there had been discussion about a term limit rather than in perpetuity.

Ms. Bunn stated she does not feel the Park Board would want to see the pavilions and the dog areas named as it goes against what they do in the rest of the Township. Ms. Bunn also asked if the money they are raising is going toward the \$75,000 match or has the Township agreed to pay that. Mr. Fedorchak stated they put together a Budget for 2017, and there is a fund called the Special Projects Fund; and he put an expense Budget of \$150,000 for the Dog Park, and in that same Fund he put a Revenue item of \$75,000 which represents the DCNR Grant. He stated the Budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors unanimously. Ms. Bunn stated at a prior meeting, two Supervisors indicated they were not in agreement with spending Township funds for this. Mr. Fedorchak stated they need three Supervisors to vote yes. Mr. Fritchey stated he is not aware that two Supervisors are voting no for this, and he felt everyone was in favor of doing this.

Mr. Wysocki asked about the lifetime registration benefit as he felt a concern was raised that having something into perpetuity is a long time, and there should be some term associated with it.

Ms. Bunn stated if they allow them to name something like the pavilion or one of the dog areas, she feels it should have a term on it. She stated PAA puts up signage, and that is only yearly.

Mr. Papazian stated they could put on a limit. Ms. Bunn stated if there is a limit, they will have to change the signage. Mr. Krauss stated he does not feel the signs they are looking to buy would be that costly.

Mr. Fritchey stated what would be useful for the Board of Supervisors would be to get a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board on this.

Mr. Krauss stated he feels for a \$10,000 the term limit should be ten years. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they could do ten years for \$10,000, five years for \$5,000 and three years for \$3,000. Mr. Krauss stated some of these are for specific items such as a bench, etc.; and if it wears out, someone else could make the donation to have it replaced.

Ms. Bunn stated she is concerned about who will be responsible in the future for taking down the signage and getting additional donations. She stated they cannot assume that the Dog Park Committee will stay together and be active. Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel this Park will require the same level of maintenance as some other Parks in the Township; and he feels that the Township is assuming responsibility for the Dog Park. Mr. Fritchey stated this will be a Township asset owned by the Township, and they will be responsible for the stewardship of it in the future; and they could fund that through tax revenue or continued fundraising.

Mr. Papazian stated VSEC Animal Hospital wanted to donate \$10,000 to the Dog Park, and the only thing they really wanted was some type of a naming opportunity and the ability to use it for half a day to do some marketing or an event for their customers. Mr. Wysocki asked with regard to the half-day access, rather than taking away an active part of the Park from the residents since there is a spare area would they be content with that; and Mr. Papazian stated he believes so although he was not the one doing the negotiating.

Mr. Krauss stated he feels there needs to be something in the Letter of Intent that since members have to have documentation about their dogs using the Park, that if it is opened up to a group they would have to provide the proper liability insurance since it would be open to animals that the Township does not have knowledge of. Ms. Bunn asked if this half-day access by that group would be opened to non-Township residents or strictly Township residents, and Mr. Fedorchak stated they would allow non-residents. It was noted that members could be non-residents, but there is a different fee structure for residents and non-residents. Ms. Liney stated with the Grant, they are required to have it open to the public, and they can also not charge more than double for non-residents under the Grant. Ms. Liney stated she would see this half-day access as a Special Event similar to what YMS and PAA run, and the Dog Park Committee would be the one hosting it as she has to have a Host Committee that is a sanctioned organization in the Township. She stated they do require insurance.

There was discussion on what the term limits should be. Mr. Papazian noted in the packet provided it shows a picture of what signage Doylestown has for their tier levels. He stated the signs are 8 by 12 on the board where you walk into the area. He noted the donor sign at Morrisville as well. Mr. Gordon stated it is not really naming; rather they are giving them a chance to advertise their sponsorship. Ms. Wendy Simon stated when someone donates at Doylestown, it is a lifetime situation. She stated if someone is donating a bench at the cost of \$3,000, it is for a lifetime. She also stated a tree would be \$5,000; and even though the tree would not cost \$5,000, it would need to be replaced in a certain number of years, so it is built into what you are asking for a donation.

Mr. Wysocki stated he does not feel they should have anything in perpetuity, and he feels everything should have a term. Mr. Newbon stated he feels ten years is fair for a \$10,000 donation. Ms. Simon stated the individual who has discussed contributing \$10,000 does want to have their name up there.

Mr. Gordon stated the idea of having signage does not necessarily need a period of time, and he does not feel it should say that it is lifetime; but he also does not feel they need to give it an end time. He stated he does feel that the Registration needs a limited period of time. He stated he does not feel anyone is going to be tracking that a sign needs to come down in five to ten years. Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels someone is going to have to monitor it if there is a limit of ten years. Mr. Malinowski stated if someone were to purchase a brick it would be there forever; but they are saying if you contribute \$10,000 they will take it down in ten years.

Mr. Bill Baldwin, Director of Fundraising for PAA, asked how much fundraising they will need after the Park is built. Ms. Bunn stated there are amenities that are not part of the Base Bid. Mr. Baldwin stated those amenities will probably be done after the first few years; and he asked once the Park is how they want it, how much money will they need from the fundraising as that will determine how long the term should be. He stated for \$10,000, he feels five years is appropriate as PAA has people paying \$4,000 a year to have a sign on all the fields. He stated they need to determine what revenue they need in the future; and if they have sold all their space, they do not have the opportunity to get that revenue in the future. Mr. Baldwin stated they need to know when they will need another influx of cash.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels five years for \$10,000 and three years for everything else would be appropriate recognizing that the bricks would be permanent. Mr. Wysocki stated they could float this and see what they get. Ms. Bunn asked why they would have to name an area if they are all going on the plaque as this would then not limit it just to four entities donating \$10,000. Mr. Newbon stated he agrees that they should have the tiered sign as shown in the example. Ms. Bunn stated they would therefore not naming the pavilion, etc.; and Mr. Gordon agreed it would be more of a sponsorship opportunity. Mr. Gordon stated there could be multiple sponsors, and you would get a larger sign for donating \$10,000 and a smaller sign for a lesser amount. Ms. Bunn stated they should be careful as to how they word this so that it is not “naming” rather it is “sponsored.” Ms. Simon stated they were talking about sponsorship for those four specific areas with one sponsor for each of the four areas. Ms. Bunn stated she feels a better way to do that would be to make a sign for each area as she stated they could have two donors of \$5,000 versus one for \$10,000. Mr. Gordon stated he feels the amount they pay is the size of the sign. Mr. Gordon stated he would call it “sponsorship” and not “naming;” and indicate that they will have four signs – one at the pavilion and one at each of the three Dog Park areas.

Mr. Fedorchak asked if the vision was to have four large signs located at the entrance area or at the individual areas themselves. Ms. Cate Horne stated Doylestown has one large sign at the entrance showing the different levels; and if you were to name an area, you would go to the specific area where it would show who it was sponsored by, and this would be a smaller sign.

Mr. Fritchey stated he would not want to limit the number of people who may want to donate \$10,000.

Mr. Baldwin stated while they know they have one person that wants to donate \$10,000, he would come up with a package that is even higher.

Ms. Bunn stated currently there is no place in the Plan for the bricks so they will need to come up with a spot for them. Mr. Papazian stated in Doylestown they had them on either side of the concrete walkway, and it was noted they did include that in the packet. Mr. Papazian stated they do not want to make a walkway out of the bricks as over time that could be a maintenance problem. He stated what they are proposing would work well for maintenance. Ms. Simon stated the opportunity to add more bricks would not be limited with what they are proposing since they could go out further. Ms. Simon stated they were planning to use the same company that was used at Veterans Square, and they would propose to charge the same as was charged at Veterans Square.

With regard to the language under Platinum Paw Partners, it was agreed this should be changed to “sponsorship” as opposed to “naming.” It was agreed that it would be a five year free registration for two dogs and a five year limit for the sponsorship. Special recognition on the banner would be limited to five years as well. With regard to the half day access it was agreed that it would be one time a year for five years, and it should be limited to the rotation area.

Mr. Papazian noted the information provided on the Gold Paw Partners, and he stated they were looking at the equipment they would need such as the water fountains and agility components. He stated this would be a small metal plaque as shown on the information provided. It was agreed that this would be for three years and they would change everything to three years with the exception of the bricks.

The information on the Silver Paw Partners was noted, and it was suggested that this be for three years as well. For Bronze Paw Partners it was agreed it would be for one year.

There was discussion about the purchase of a tree; and Mr. Gordon stated he would put a tree in the same category of a brick. He stated if you buy a tree, it stays as long as the tree stays. He stated he does not feel they should put a term on a tree. It was suggested that they take the trees out and include them in a category just like the bricks.

There was also discussion about the specifics of the plaques and if they should all match or if the company they are purchasing the equipment from would install the plaques.

Mr. Malinowski stated he feels the equipment should be similar to a brick, and they should not be taking off plaques from the agility equipment.

Ms. Liney stated with regard to the fundraising letter there are a few minor adjustments she passed on to Ms. Horne noting particularly that Ms. Tyler is the current Chair of the Board of Supervisors, that the Park Board is a Board and not a Committee, and the acreage of the Park will be at least six acres as opposed to three acres with the added space. Ms. Liney stated they will confirm the actual acreage with Boucher & James.

Mr. Newbon moved and Mr. Wysocki seconded to accept the fundraising letter with the changes proposed by Ms. Liney provided that Ms. Liney approves the letter before it goes to the Board of Supervisors. With regard to the Platinum Paw Partner, the recommendation is that this would be a Premium sponsorship opportunity and the term for everything with the exception of the bricks be limited to five years and half day access one time a year with the area used being the area rotated out. For the Gold Paw Partners and Silver Paw Partners it would be the same restrictions but that it be three years, and the Bronze Paw Partners would be one year.

No vote was taken.

Mr. Gordon stated things that last in perpetuity should be broken out and not be included in these sponsorship categories. He noted particular a bench, a tree, and a brick. He stated corporations can sponsor them, but they should be broken out of these sponsorship categories. Ms. Bunn stated they would have to come up with a price for a water fountain, a tree, bench, etc.; but you would not get the free membership or other benefits.

Ms. Simon stated they based their proposal on what other Dog Parks had done. She stated it makes it more appealing when there is a package. Ms. Bunn stated with regard to sponsorship of equipment a plaque would be on the item they sponsored as opposed to it being on the sign at the entry way.

There was discussion about the potential to get sponsors when it is the first year, and it is not known how many people would be using the Dog Park although it was noted there are some projections on membership.

Mr. Baldwin stated he would be willing to work with the Dog Park Committee on this. He stated it seems that they are trying to combine two types of donations. Mr. Baldwin asked who they would be sending the letter to, and Mr. Papazian stated they have a list of businesses. Mr. Baldwin stated they need to get some items out as businesses typically do not buy benches as that is more of a traditional type donation where a family will buy it in remembrance of someone. He stated

Ms. Bunn is correct that businesses are going to want signage and be on the Website. Mr. Gordon asked that the Committee work with Mr. Baldwin and come back to the Park Board on this.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels the Committee has done great work, and they should not lose their enthusiasm for the project.

Ms. Simon stated at this point they cannot accept money from VSEC and Cares, there is the potential they could lose them. Ms. Simon stated VSEC was looking to donate \$10,000, and Cares was looking at \$2,500.

Mr. Fritchey stated they need a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board and get it to the Board of Supervisors to vote on it. He stated he feels the Board of Supervisors will approve a reasonable recommendation. Mr. Gordon stated none of these has to do with building the Dog Park, and it will not slow down the building of the Dog Park as it is just dealing with the amenities. Mr. Fritchey thanked the Committee for all the work they have been doing.

Ms. Mary Waldman asked if they could get approval tonight for the Citgo program since they wanted to start that on March 15. Ms. Simon stated they feel that could raise at least \$1,000. Ms. Bunn asked if there are any restrictions related to the Grant with regard to fundraising whether you have to advertise it as a DCNR project, and Ms. Liney stated she will check into that.

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Newbon seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Citgo fundraiser provided Ms. Liney reviews the requirements of the Grant.

Mr. Bunn moved, Mr. Malinowski seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the brick program.

PRESENTATION BY YARDLEY MAKEFIELD ROOKIE RUGBY CLUB

Mr. Steve Severino and Mr. Ed Hirsch were present. Mr. Severino stated they would like to express a desire to use the Snipes Tract fields in 2019 or 2020 as they continue to grow, and they would like to make a request for one of the Snipes Tract fields to have the potential to be expanded a little further.

Mr. Severino stated fall of last year was their first season. He stated they brought in people in the community who had played rugby in college, and he worked closely with USA Rugby in Colorado who offered them a Charter to open a League.

He stated they needed fifteen players to start a League. He stated they were able to get fifty Lower Makefield children and sixty-five children overall. He stated it is co-ed. He stated the first year they started Kindergarten to Fourth Grade broken up into three groups – Kindergarten/First Grade, Second and Third Grade in another group, and Fourth Grade was a separate group. He stated it was set up co-ed by grade. He stated it was clinic style, and they were able to use the Edgewood School fields; and they worked closely with YMS on the times available, and they got Permits in order to use those fields. He stated their insurance goes through USA Rugby, and they had a very successful first year. He stated they are on Facebook where their season was documented in pictures.

Mr. Severino stated short term they are going to continue to use the Edgewood fields; but long term as the players get older, they will require larger fields as they move to Youth Rugby. He stated as the Snipes Tract fields are laid out now for football would be adequate, but when they need a full-sized rugby field they wanted to express an interest in converting one of the fields. He stated the current Snipes Tract field is 120 yards by 70 yards, and a full-sized rugby pitch is 134 yards by 75 yards. He stated they will not need the full-sized field for at least five years; however, when they are laying out they were requesting that they not pave a parking lot or a road in that area so that when they get to the point in the future, it can be expanded and they could use at least one of the three fields planned.

Ms. Bunn thanked them for coming in with this request this early. Ms. Bunn asked Ms. Liney to provide the dimensions to Boucher & James to make sure they have the property size, and Ms. Liney agreed to do so if the Board agrees. Mr. Wysocki asked if it matters to them which one of the three fields they would use. Mr. Gordon asked about the size compared to a football field; and Mr. Severino stated widthwise they would need 2 ½ yards on each side, and they would need 7 yards on each side lengthwise. Mr. Gordon asked what if it was just the size of a football fields; and Mr. Severino stated it would be fine for Youth Rugby, however, for older players they could not have tournaments. Mr. Wysocki stated they have the opportunity now to make it the right size to accommodate them in the future, and they should leave the space around it so it could be expanded in the future. Mr. Krauss stated they should also look to see if there is enough space to make all three fields the right size. Mr. Newbon agreed adding that they may need more fields in the future.

Mr. Wysocki asked when their season was, and Mr. Severino stated they started it in the fall, and it is also a spring sport. He stated most rugby is played in the spring; however he and Mr. Hirsh are involved in baseball, so they set it up in the fall. He stated they will probably expand it into the spring in a few years.

Mr. Gordon asked if Pennsbury High School has a Club team, and Mr. Severino stated they do not. He stated all the Catholic High Schools have rugby teams, and colleges offer scholarships. He stated it is one of the fastest-growing sports in the Country. He stated Doylestown offers a youth rugby program. Mr. Gordon asked the number of players on the field; and Mr. Severino stated on a full field it is fifteen on fifteen, but they have younger players which is seven on seven.

Mr. McNamara asked if there would be an issue with the goal posts; and Mr. Severino stated goal posts are set back further than on a football field. He stated a rugby pitch is 100 meters which is slightly more than a football field which is 100 yards. Mr. Severino stated while they can currently use the Edgewood fields, they will need a larger field as their players grow up. He stated last year they went to Fourth Grade, and they will go to Sixth Grade this year.

Mr. Gordon asked if they want to make a recommendation to Boucher & James to look at the existing Plans for Snipes to determine the feasibility of converting one of the fields to have the sufficient yardage/meterage available for rugby. Other Board members asked that they look at all three fields. Mr. Severino stated their preference would be to look at all three fields as they would have multiple fields available if they were to have tournaments in the future.

Ms. Bunn asked how other locations handle the situation with the goal posts, and it was noted that other areas do have designated rugby fields. Mr. Fritchey stated if they were using the same fields as football and were playing in the same season, he feels the goal posts would be within the playing area and would have to be removed. Mr. Severino agreed. Mr. Newbon stated if there is a cylinder/receptacle in the ground it could be accommodated. Mr. Wysocki asked that Boucher & James also be asked to look into the flexibility of the goal posts.

Ms. Liney asked Mr. Fritchey if he feels this would impact Snipes' progression forward in that there is some pushback already on the size of the football fields. Several Board members stated they are just looking at the feasibility of this. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they may have enough area as it stands now. Ms. Bunn stated she feels they have the space; and even if they have to bump the road out a little bit, she feels it should be done now.

Mr. Baldwin asked if they are sure this group will qualify for use of Township fields, and Mr. Severino stated they believe that they do qualify.

No motion was taken but it was the consensus of the Board to proceed.

Mr. Krauss left the meeting at this time.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fritchey stated the Board of Supervisors is planning to move forward on all projects, and there is sufficient money in the Budget to go ahead with all of the projects. He stated they intend to do as much as they can as quickly as they can.

Mr. Fedorchak stated in the 2017 Budget they have \$2 million for the Snipes Tract, for Memorial Park East they have \$400,000, and for the Dog Park there is \$150,000 which includes the \$75,000 Grant on the Revenue side. Mr. Fedorchak stated they also put in \$100,000 for improvements to the ball fields across the street.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he budgeted some items dealing with Open Space, but it appears that the actual expenses will be approximately \$300,000 less so it is possible they could free up another \$300,000 if necessary for something that is not Open Space. He stated there was also \$300,000 budgeted for a bike path up Woodside Road.

Mr. Malinowski asked when the improvements across the street might occur, and Mr. Fedorchak stated they are queuing things up one at a time. Ms. Bunn asked if the underground electric is already there for the lights across the street if that is what they decide to do; and Mr. Fedorchak stated he assumes they made accommodation for that. Mr. Newbon asked if there was a level of importance put on the five projects Mr. Fedorchak mentioned. He stated PAA gave a field to YMS which gave a field to the Dog Park so he would put the improvements across the street as one of the first; however, Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not feel that is a good option. He stated he feels they should proceed with the Snipes Tract sooner rather than later, and they will have a public hearing on that.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Bill Baldwin, PAA, was present. Ms. Bunn thanked Mr. Baldwin for offering his help to the Dog Park Committee. Mr. Baldwin stated he is a marketer, and he has worked on this with PAA for four years as well as worked with other non-profit organizations. Mr. Baldwin stated Registration has closed, and they are looking at almost identical numbers with some more softball than last year and baseball in the same spot as last year. He stated they have a field maintenance on the 11th and 12th, and signs will go out a little later. He stated they will roll out their fundraising which was discussed at the last meeting, and he showed a sample of the discount card; and he reviewed the list of the sponsors including many local

businesses. He stated the cost is \$25. He stated they are hoping on average that each family will sell five cards. He stated the parents meeting is on the 23rd and Opening Day is April 1 with all Park Board members and Supervisors invited to attend. He stated Perry Warren, the new State Rep, will be in attendance.

Mr. Baldwin stated they will have their Second Annual Memorial Day Softball Tournament, and they are hoping for fifty teams with thirty-seven already signed up. Last year they had eighteen teams. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the fields they will be using. Mr. Baldwin stated with the Community Center construction, they will be losing some parking space so he will be meeting with Ms. Liney and the Chief to review options.

Mr. Baldwin stated he would like to have a discussion of the 7,500 square feet behind the Stoddart snack bar put on a future Agenda. He stated when they built the two fields, an area had been allocated for an indoor facility, and currently they are spending over \$40,000 for rental of an indoor facility. He stated they would like Boucher & James to be at the meeting so that they can discuss their options. He stated they have come to the determination that this would be a PAA-funded building if allowed. Mr. Gordon asked if this is basically indoor batting cages, and Mr. Baldwin agreed. He stated they also do some agility and speed inside, and their bring in instructors. Ms. Bunn stated if they do not use Township money, they would have more flexibility. Mr. Baldwin stated they would like to discuss a Lease.

Mr. McNamara stated when they hold the special meeting on Snipes, he would like those from the various organizations to be present. Mr. Fedorchak stated a date for this has not yet been set.

Mr. Sean O'Hara, YMS, stated the 29th Annual Women's Epic Tournament will be held Mother's Day. He stated currently they are at 150 teams going toward 300. He stated they know a good bus company that is in the YMS family if baseball needs one for their Tournament. He stated the 3rd Annual Celtic Cup will be on June 17th and June 18th, and this is focused on the younger players, and they anticipate approximately 100 teams. He stated the 26th Annual Columbus Cup is the Boy's Tournament which will be held in October, and they will have approximately 250 to 275 teams. He stated they will have their first Annual Golf Outing on June 8th at Makefield Highlands. He stated there will be a dinner as well, and those who do not golf are welcome to attend that. Mr. O'Hara stated most of the money raised come from the Epic and Columbus Tournaments. He stated this pays for a lot of equipment and for the User Fees which was approximately \$100,000 in 2016.

Mr. O'Hara stated Snipes is very important for them since they are now down a field. He stated he and Mr. Simon are communicating to work on sharing the fields.

Ms. Bunn asked if there is a reason why they could not use the Heacock field this spring; however, Ms. Liney stated the goals and stands are gone and they have already set their schedule. Ms. Liney stated once the Grant is executed, they can then start work on the wood chip area and to overseed.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated Park and Recreation is continuing to prepare the Park system for spring use. The baseball fields have been realigned and sodded. The playing fields in the Parks have been overseeded. Water will be turned on in most of the Township Complexes by March 24th. The Garden of Reflection fountain and restrooms should be open April 7th. Park and Recreation is working with PAA on improvements to Stoddart Field 3 drainage, as well as installing electrical service to all the batting cages.

Ms. Liney stated Macclesfield Park should be ready for two-way traffic by mid-March. This traffic pattern adjustment will help ease traffic congestion. She stated she just received the aerial today from Boucher & James, and they have some final signage they want installed which will be done next week. She stated she will then e-mail the user groups that the traffic is two-way.

Ms. Liney stated work will start next week in the Community Pool complex in preparation for the 2017 Pool season. Pools will be drained, and contractors will begin the necessary maintenance projects. She stated the Pool discount period will close tomorrow, March 3rd. Interviews for new staff will be held three days next week.

Ms. Liney stated Park and Recreation welcomed a fourth member to the crew this week, Victor Guze. She stated Victor has been a seasonal Parks employee with the Township as well as having years of experience as Head Lifeguard at the Community Pool, and they believe he will be a great addition to the Parks team.

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There being no further business, Mr. McNamara moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Newbon, Secretary