

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on June 13, 2017. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board:           David Gordon, Chair  
  Patricia Bunn, Vice Chair  
  Douglas Krauss, Member  
  Dennis Wysocki, Member

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

Absent:                                    Bryan McNamara, Park & Rec Member  
  David Malinowski, Park & Rec Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bunn moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2017 as written.

DISCUSSION WITH LMT SENIOR GROUP

Mr. John LaBar, Roelofs Road, President of the LMT Seniors was present with Mr. Frank Fazzalore, 921 Queens Drive.

Mr. Gordon stated everyone is very excited to see the progress of the Community Center as it has been the dream of a lot of people in the Township for a lot of years. He stated they want to make sure everyone understands how it will be used. He stated as with other Township facilities built, there will be some “growing pains.” Mr. Gordon stated the Park & Recreation Board is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors who ultimately make the final decisions.

Mr. Gordon asked how many people they currently have in the LMT Seniors organization, and Mr. LaBar stated there are approximately 360. Mr. Gordon asked how many of those are active members, and Mr. LaBar estimated it to be approximately 100. Mr. Gordon asked the actual name of the organization, and Mr. LaBar stated it is Lower Makefield Seniors. Mr. Gordon asked how long that group has existed, and Mr. LaBar stated he understands it is twenty-two years. Mr. Gordon asked about the history of the organization. Mr. Fazzalore stated there were a number of organizations that had their own Seniors group such as St. Ignatius Church, and someone had the idea to form together and have the Lower Makefield Seniors. Mr. Fazzalore stated he was on the Board at that time; and he immediately demanded that they have a building, which they did not get. Mr. Fazzalore stated it was felt it would be better to have the Township take the organizations all together so that they could have more activities.

Mr. Gordon asked what activities the members participate in as part of the organization. Mr. LaBar stated they have activities Monday through Saturday which include line dancing, golf, bowling, bocce ball, several different card groups, art, Mahjong, and going to the theater and other bus trips. Mr. Gordon asked if there is a fee to be part of the organization, and Mr. LaBar stated it is \$20 a person. Mr. Gordon asked what that fee is used for; and Mr. LaBar stated they have a Meet and Greet with food served once a month, except for July and August. He stated they have Movie Day on Saturday at 1:30, which is an expense as they only charge \$1 per person. He stated they have doughnuts, bagels, and coffee served on Wednesday for \$1 per person. They have a Christmas party for which there is a charge, but they always need more money for that. He stated this past Christmas they had 120 people in attendance at Washington Crossing Inn. Mr. Gordon asked if they generally use all the money they have taken in by the end of the year, and Mr. LaBar stated they are generally even.

Mr. Fritchey asked if attending the theater is an extra expense, and Mr. LaBar stated each person pays their own way for that. Mr. Gordon stated he assumes that when they do events like that, they price the event to just break even and not to make extra money; and Mr. LaBar agreed. Mr. LaBar stated they know that other Senior groups such as Falls Township who make money when they have trips.

Mr. Gordon asked about communication, and Mr. LaBar stated they have a monthly Newsletter which is published and sent out. They also have a phone bank for communication. Mr. Gordon asked where they generally hold their Township events. Mr. LaBar stated it depends on the event. He stated bocce, bowling, and golf are held outside; but most of the events are held in the Township meeting room. Mr. Gordon asked for the approximate amount of time the Seniors spend in the Township meeting room on a weekly basis. Mr. LaBar stated generally they start at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Mr. Gordon asked about the Saturday events; and Mr. LaBar stated they have line dancing in the morning, and the movie in the afternoon. He stated there is nothing held in the evenings.

Mr. Gordon asked what in the Township building is the property of the Seniors. Mr. LaBar stated there are cabinets in the back of the meeting room including the white cabinet which holds the card tables. He stated they also own the artwork. It was noted the television in the back of the room is owned by the Seniors.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is a minimum age requirement to join, and Mr. LaBar stated it is fifty-five and older.

Mr. Fazzalore stated when Steve Santarsiero got the money from the State it was for a Senior/Community Center. Mr. Gordon stated they are calling it a Community Center, but the Seniors are the group that will be using it the most. Mr. Fritchey stated a Community Center is more inclusive, and it does include the Seniors who are an important, anticipated user. He stated if they were to call it a Senior Center, it would diminish the notion that the community would also have access. Mr. Fritchey stated the Board of Supervisors unanimously feels that calling it a Community Center makes it a more broad and inclusive name that more accurately reflects what it is. Ms. Bunn stated she believes the Grant Application said "Community Center." Mr. Fritchey stated it probably said that it was likely going to be used substantially by Seniors.

Mr. Gordon stated it is important to remember that it is a Township Community Building under the auspices of the Park & Recreation Board which has a responsibility to oversee its use and make recommendations with regard to that use to the Board of Supervisors who will make the final decisions.

One gentleman stated when he joined the Seniors a few years ago he always heard the building was going to be a Senior Center, and at some point that changed. Mr. Gordon stated from his perspective it never changed, and he feels the gentleman was probably hearing that from Seniors. He stated he has been on the Board for over ten years, and Mr. Fritchey was Chairman of the Park & Rec Board for twenty-two years before he was on the Board of Supervisors so there is a long history on this. He stated there has always been a debate in the Township about building a Senior Center, and there were different proposals and different sites. He stated there was also debate about a Community Center; and eventually with the help of the Grant that Mr. Santarsiero was able to put through, they were able to create this Community Center building. He stated other than the Seniors, the other groups want to use it predominantly at night and on the weekends.

Mr. Gordon stated they are thrilled that it will be a Community Center that will be predominantly used often by the Seniors. Ms. Bunn stated there were several renditions where there was a Senior Center and a Community Center, some of which were separate and some of which were joined. She stated ultimately the way the Grant is set up is that it has to be inclusive, and the Grant was never proposed to have this be a single-user building so it is a Community Center; and that is how the Grant was written. Mr. Gordon stated they want to make sure that the Seniors feel comfortable and have access to the building and be able to use it the way they want; however, they also have to make sure that it does not interfere with the ability of other groups and potential users to use the building during times when the Seniors are not using it. Mr. Gordon stated the Community Center will be shared with the community as is the existing Township meeting room.

Mr. Gordon stated he heard discussion in the past about a pool table and other things for the Seniors. Mr. LaBar stated a pool table was never on their agenda. Mr. Gordon stated he assumes the items they have currently in the Township Building, the Seniors would like to move to the new building; and Mr. LaBar. Mr. Gordon asked what they want moved, and Mr. LaBar stated besides what he already described that is in the Township meeting room, they have two filing cabinets that are currently downstairs. Mr. LaBar stated they may decide to discard one of the three brown cabinets. Mr. LaBar stated he understands they will have an office at the Community Center to accommodate a lot of their items. Mr. Gordon stated provided the items are off to the side as they are currently in the Township meeting room and not permanently placed in the middle of the room, he does not see a problem. He stated he feels anything they want placed at the Community Center should be approved by Ms. Liney or her successor and Mr. Fedorchak; and if they have any concerns with something major, they will ask them to bring it to the Park & Rec Board for approval. Ms. Liney stated she feels what they have discussed is fine. Mr. Gordon stated if there is something addition that would be big in nature that would be permanent and interfere with the ability of other groups to use the room, those things should be cleared by Ms. Liney and Mr. Fedorchak who will decide if that is something that should be brought to the Park Board or if they can approve it themselves.

Mr. LaBar stated they did inherit a baby grand piano which is also a player piano, and it is currently at a Church in Newtown who have been housing it for the Seniors. Mr. LaBar stated if it is in good shape and can be brought to the new building, it could go in the corner; and it would be something that would be a benefit to the building as it could be used by a lot of groups. Mr. LaBar stated it is approximately two and a half feet short of a full baby grand piano. Mr. Wysocki asked if it is on casters, and Mr. LaBar stated it is, and it can be moved around.

Mr. Krauss stated the Township will have to put in proper furniture, and it is good to have an understanding of the type of activities the Seniors do on a regular basis so that they can order the proper furniture to meet the needs of the Seniors as well as the needs of the other user groups. He stated he feels the Seniors should put together a list of what they have currently such as the tables and chairs.

Mr. Fazzalore stated they had been a room designated as a computer room, and he asked if that is still shown; and Mr. Krauss stated while it is on there, he feels that it is important to know what the Seniors' needs are. Mr. Fazzalore stated this was a request of the Seniors, and they assumed that this would be a locked room so that the computers would not disappear. Ms. Bunn asked if the Seniors are purchasing the computers, and Mr. Fazzalore stated they probably are.

Ms. Bunn stated she has discussed with the Supervisors that the main room may be rented out for various functions to other user groups so she does have a concern about the piano discussed since it would be impossible to keep young children away from that. She stated possibly there could be a room it could be kept in and then brought out occasionally. She stated she does not feel the piano is the best use of the space in the main room knowing that other user groups will be in there. She stated this may also be an issue with the cabinets. Mr. LaBar stated with regard to the cabinets, he feels they will fit in the office with Ms. Liney so that they are totally away. Ms. Bunn stated they would not be put in Ms. Liney's office, and Mr. LaBar stated they are sharing the office with Ms. Liney. Ms. Bunn stated she feels that is up to the Supervisors. Mr. LaBar stated they are currently down there with her where they have a desk adding that while they do not use the desk, they do have a desk in her office. Ms. Bunn stated she feels there will be additional staff at the Community Center, and it will not just be Ms. Liney alone. Mr. LaBar asked if Ms. Bunn is saying the Seniors will not have a space in the office; and Ms. Bunn stated does not feel they will be sharing a space with Ms. Liney. One woman asked if they will get other space; however, Ms. Bunn stated she does not know. Mr. Gordon stated he feels the Seniors can discuss this with Ms. Liney and Mr. Fedorchak and involve the Park & Recreation Board if necessary.

Mr. Hirsch stated as was noted earlier, the white cabinet has twenty tables in it; and when they play cards, they take out about twelve tables, and it is an effort to do that. He asked if provisions could be made that they could get some help with setting these up. Ms. Liney stated it was her understanding that there was going to be a room with about eight permanent card tables in it. She stated she would have to verify that, and she also felt they were getting their own office and would not be sharing with the Township office at the Community Center. She agreed to look into that with the architect. One gentleman stated eight tables is not sufficient as they usually use twelve to fourteen tables. Mr. Gordon stated they can look into that. He stated possibly they could leave eight tables set up; and if they need twelve, the Seniors would then just have to set up four.

Mr. Gordon stated with regard to User Fees those using the facilities should pay a little bit more than the rest of the taxpayers. He stated for Park & Recreation properties there are User Fees in Lower Makefield Township. He stated all residents of Lower Makefield pay Township taxes which go to Township facilities and other infrastructure, but a decision was made a number of years ago that there should be User Fees so that those who use the facilities pay a little bit more. He stated a fee has been put in place to encourage the users to have mostly Lower Makefield Township residents using them so that the fee is less for Township residents than it is for non-residents. He stated currently the User Fee is \$15 for residents and \$36 for non-residents. He stated PAA and YMS pay this per season.

Mr. Gordon stated it is his understanding that because the Community Center is a Park & Recreation building that there was some expectation that there was going to be a User Fee. He stated there are benefits to a User Fee because it allows for Permitting which allow for exclusive use. He stated the Seniors do not have seasons, and there was discussion how much the User Fee would be and whether it should be yearly. Mr. Gordon stated he is not sure what the Supervisors are considering, but he feels a once a year User Fee for each person in the Seniors organization around the \$15 per person that they are already charging would be acceptable. He stated he understands that this would be raising the Senior fee would then go from the \$20 that the Seniors currently charge per year per person to \$35 per year which he does not feel is cost prohibitive. He stated he feels the Township is looking to have the Seniors pay their share for having the exclusive use of one of the Township buildings.

Mr. Fazzalore asked if every organization that uses this building will be charged this same fee, and Mr. Gordon stated they will have to work that out. Mr. Gordon stated everyone will not be using it as much as the Seniors, and they will have to consider if there should be a fee for limited time use. He stated someone may want to use it just one time, monthly, or quarterly; and they will have to determine what those fees should be depending on the time and amount of space they will be using. Mr. Fazzalore stated he would like to see a schedule published in advance so that everyone knows what is going on so that it is fair to everyone. He stated he agrees that if someone is just going to be meeting once a month, the fee should be different.

Mr. LaBar stated he feels a schedule should be published so that everyone knows what everyone else is paying including those using the fields. He stated he is not sure whether or not that is public record; and Mr. Gordon stated while he is not sure that it is public record, but he does know that YMS and PAA write big checks every year to the Township.

Ms. Liney stated the user groups who use the recreational facilities do pay twice a year – for the spring season and the fall season. She stated anything that is regularly scheduled, which is the category that the Seniors would fall into, you get priority scheduling which means that a group could not move the Seniors if they put a request in for Saturday morning at 10:00 for example. She stated other groups would fill in anything that is left. She stated anything more than four times within a season is considered regular scheduling.

Mr. LaBar stated his question is whether there is a schedule that shows what everyone will pay. Mr. Gordon stated the Community Building is new so they are still in the process of determining that and establishing that. Mr. Fritchey stated the Seniors is the first group for which this is being addressed. Mr. Gordon stated they want to figure out something that is fair. He stated they have to be fair to all the organizations that do in fact pay User Fees for using Township facilities. He stated they respect the Seniors and understand that many Seniors are on limited budgets, and they are trying to find something that is fair and equitable for all of the citizens of the Township. Mr. Fazzalore stated he feels this is the first time anyone has stated they respect the Seniors; however, members of the Park & Rec Board disagreed. Mr. Fazzalore stated he feels the Seniors have been disrespected in the Township for many years. Mr. Gordon stated that is not the case on the Park & Rec Board or the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Gordon stated they have to discuss the fees for not only the Seniors but anyone who will be using the new Community Center to consider what will be fair for everyone.

Mr. LaBar asked if they will have a Contract or something they can see it written down, and Mr. Gordon stated he imagines they would do Permitting. Ms. Liney stated it would be Permitting, and she does not do Contracts. Mr. LaBar asked if the Fee would go up in the future; and Mr. Gordon stated that the current User Fees have been in place for a number of years, but they have gone up over the years. Mr. Krauss stated in 1994 the Fee was \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. He stated it has gone up over the years, and currently it is \$15 for residents and \$36 for non-residents. Mr. LaBar asked if they send an invoice or do they notify the organization ahead of time that it will go up. Mr. Krauss stated the Board of Supervisors will vote and determine the Fee so it will be public record if they decide to raise it. Mr. LaBar stated he assumes the organizations are then notified. Ms. Bunn stated if a Permit is issued in September for use from September through November, and the Board decides to increase the Fee in October, she does not feel it would be charged for that cycle, and it would go into effect for them in the spring. Ms. Liney stated it is usually reviewed annually at Budget time in October/November/December; and all of the Fees for the Township are reviewed and approved for the Budget starting in January of the following year.

Mr. Fritchey stated the Township has wanted people to pay User Fees so that they have buy-in, and the Board has been pretty moderate in what it saw as being appropriate User Fees. He stated the User Fees help lift the burden a little bit off the shoulders of the taxpayers. He stated the User Fees do not cover the overhead of running the facilities, but they are a contribution; and they give the users priority over all the other people in the Township, and it is felt that it is appropriate that they pay a little bit more than all the other taxpayers are paying. He stated over the years there have been various groups that wanted to raise User Fees; and the Citizens Budget Committee at one time felt that every facility should pay its own way, and they wanted the User Fees raised substantially which the Park & Rec Board opposed, and the Board of Supervisors compromised and raised it less than the Citizens Budget Committee wanted but more than the Park & Rec Board wanted it raised. He stated it can be seen that over the years the User Fees have not “skyrocketed.”

Mr. Wysocki stated it seems that Ms. LaBar is interested in knowing what the fees will be in advance and what the expectation would be for them to change. He stated he feels the track record suggests that they will know in advance at the time of Permitting when the Budget discussions take place, and it seems that there will be a periodic change probably based on the normal Consumer Price Index etc. as the Supervisors evaluate what needs to be done.

Mr. LaBar stated they would have to know where they will get the money from to pay for that large bill that will come due. Mr. Krauss asked when their members pay their Fees, and he stated their fiscal year is September 1 so they pay their fee in September.

Mr. Fazzalore stated he feels there should be an Agreement between the Seniors and the Board of Supervisors which says that they cannot put the Seniors out of their area on certain days. Mr. Gordon stated that is what the Permit does. He stated the reason YMS can schedule games on certain fields is because they have a Permit to use those fields at certain times, and that allows them the exclusive use during that period of time. He stated the Seniors will have a Permit for certain periods of time so that they know that they can schedule things for their organizations at those times, and no one will be able to make them leave. Ms. Bunn stated they will probably have to reapply on a yearly basis.

Mr. Gordon stated the Seniors will now be more “wedded” to the Park & Rec Board since they will be having their functions at a Park & Rec facility as opposed to the Township Building, and they may want to send a Liaison to the Park & Rec meetings like PAA and YMS do monthly. He stated the Pool Management and the Naturalist from the Five Mile Woods come to the Park & Rec Board once a year to provide an update. He stated the Seniors should discuss this with Ms. Liney to see if they should send a Liaison quarterly, bi-annually, and minimally annually or monthly if they wish to let the Park & Rec Board know what is going on at the building and to let them know if there is anything they need. He stated the Park & Rec Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

Ms. Gloria Astorino asked if they ever have a surplus with the Fees paid, and Mr. Gordon stated they do not. Ms. Astorino stated Seniors are on limited incomes, and she feels it would be nice if the Supervisors would give the Seniors a break because of their situation and lower the Fee. Mr. Gordon stated they could discuss that.

Ms. Ellie Hammill asked if the Seniors will be obligated to pay for anything else in the building in addition to the User Fee. She also asked if they use it at times other than what they petitioned for on the Permit would that be extra. Mr. Gordon stated they will have to establish all of that. He stated they will not have to pay for utilities. Ms. Bunn stated that is what part of the User Fees go to pay for.

Mr. Krauss stated he feels it would be good to get a list of what the Seniors need to Ms. Liney so that she can work with the Township to understand what they need for the building.

Ms. Hammill stated they are now are covered for insurance, and asked if they will still have to do that with the new building. Mr. Gordon stated they will as all the User groups have policies.

Mr. Milton Silverstein asked what would happen if he was not a Senior and wanted to use the building, and Ms. Bunn stated this is what they were talking about previously which would be like a rental fee. She stated if a group came in with one event, there would be a one-time fee; although that has not been determined yet. He stated there would be a different fee for monthly or quarterly use. Mr. Silverstein stated the Seniors would not really have ownership of the building any time when they want because others have a certain ownership. Mr. Krauss stated the Seniors would still have the Permitted space for those times that are on their Permit, and that is just for the Seniors; and if there is a space available for other functions that space would be available for other functions.

Mr. Fritchey reviewed how the process works with the athletic fields so that there are times allocated for certain organizations through their Permit, but they are available to others in the community when those fields are not being used by someone with a Permit for that time.

Mr. Silverstein stated they currently charge their members \$20 a year; and if they have to pay this additional fee, it could put them out of business, and they would lose the Seniors. Mr. Gordon stated he recognizes that the Seniors are on a fixed income, but he does not feel taking it from \$20 to \$35 a year is unreasonable. Mr. Gordon asked if there are people who cannot afford the \$20 to join the Seniors that they give a Waiver to. Mr. Wysocki stated the athletic organizations do have a program which subsidizes families that cannot afford to put their children in the sports program. Mr. Wysocki stated there are also options on how to raise funds and their could be a direct add-on to the current fee or they could tax the events they have by adding a \$1 to each of those events. Mr. Gordon stated they may also be able to have fundraisers to help raise the money for the User Fee.

Ms. Judy Breisford asked what would happen if they take this to their members and let them vote on it, and they decide they do not want to do this. Mr. Gordon stated the Township would then take over the building and run their own activities, but their organization would not have access to the building.

Ms. Astorino asked if they could just keep using the Township Municipal Building room, and Mr. Gordon stated he does not know that is an option as this is why they built this Center.

Mr. Gordon stated they wanted to have a discussion with the Seniors recognizing that the Park & Rec Board represents all of the residents of the Township. He stated they will come up with a proposed list of User Fees for the Community Center which will be discussed again probably in the fall. Mr. Gordon stated the Park & Rec Board will present the Fees and will welcome public comment after which they will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors who will make the final decision.

Mr. LaBar stated Mr. Fedorchak had stated that the building will be done in August; however, Mr. Gordon stated they do not believe that it will be open by that time.

Mr. Fazzalore stated it is not possible to find a place to meet in the Township. He noted an organization he belongs to which rents space at the Masonic Temple, and he asked if groups like that will be able to meet at the Community Center;

and Mr. Gordon stated he believes they will, but it would have to be scheduled. He stated this is why the Seniors should want to have a Permit so that they want the times they want to be Permitted for their group.

Mr. LaBar asked if the Township will be scheduling weddings and other events at the Community Center, and Mr. Gordon stated they have not made a decision on that yet.

Mr. Gordon stated they will have something put together to discuss at the September meeting of the Park & Rec Board.

#### DOG PARK DISCUSSION

Mr. Greg Papazian, 580 Kings Road, and Ms. Wendy Simon, 514 South Ridge Circle, were present. Mr. Papazian stated at the last meeting they presented the revised sponsorship opportunities and memorial and dedication opportunities. He stated those were vetted with the Township solicitor as well as the donation form, and he provided sampled of the revised brochures this evening.

Mr. Papazian stated they outreached to VSAC and Cares who were two animal hospitals that had expressed interest in doing a sponsorship for the Park, but they have not heard back from them yet. He stated they had a successful fundraiser with Big Oak Citgo which raised \$2,470, and they added extra to bring it to \$2,500 so that they are a Bronze Sponsor. Ms. Simon stated they do have the signed Contract for this Bronze Sponsorship. Mr. Papazian stated they had a fundraiser two weeks ago at Baskin Robbins although they do not have the final amount from that yet.

Ms. Simon stated the owners of Guru's, an Indian restaurant in Newtown, live in Lower Makefield adjacent to the Dog Park; and they are very interested in doing fundraising for the Dog Park. Ms. Simon stated the owners decided that starting Memorial Day to Labor, Monday through Thursday they will donate all of their profits from their take-out business to the Dog Park. They have also proposed running a food fest with the money raised through ticket sales, raffle baskets, and 50/50s would go to the Dog Park. Four restaurants will be involved with the event taking place at the Rose Bank Winery on Wednesday, July 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Dog Park Committee will help promote this event on Facebook and the Township Website. Ms. Simon stated so far the owners of Guru's have sold five tables of ten already. Ms. Simon stated the owners have also proposed to have at their restaurant a Prix Fixe night, with all of the funds raised going to the Dog Park so that if the tickets are \$30 per person, the \$30 would go to the Dog Park.

Ms. Simon stated the owners have college students who work in the restaurant, and they plan on having them go door-to-door with the flyers she is creating. They are looking for musicians who would be willing to donate their time for the July food fest event.

Mr. Papazian stated a gentleman named Keith Yantes had contacted Ms. Liney who had lived in Heacock Glen and used to play on the field with his dog every night. He stated the dog passed away, and Mr. Yantes now lives outside of the Township. Mr. Papazian contacted him and advised him of the sponsorship and memorial opportunities, he was not interested in that; and he wanted to name the Park after his dog, Maceo. Mr. Papazian mentioned \$25,000, and Mr. Yantes did not have a problem with that. Mr. Papazian stated he advised that he would discuss this with the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Fritchey asked how the \$25,000 fits into their framework, and Ms. Simon stated that would be the Platinum Sponsorship which means that when you are entering the Park, there would be signage; but he was not interested in that. Ms. Simon stated the name of the Park was going to be Lower Makefield Township Dog Park. Ms. Simon stated the Dog Park Committee discussed this, and felt they would like to call it the Lower Makefield Township Dog Park versus Maceo's Dog Park; but they recognize that would not be their decision. She stated if the Township wanted to take someone up on the offer of naming the Park after their Dog since the Grant is a matching Grant of \$75,000, that would be fair that if they paid the \$75,000 the Dog Park would be, in this case, Maceo's Dog Park. Mr. Papazian stated the Sponsorships have time limits, and this would be permanent if they are asking him to sign up this sizable donations.

Mr. Gordon asked about naming one of the areas, and Ms. Simon stated he was not interested in that when Mr. Papazian spoke to him; and he wants the whole Dog Park to be named Maceo's Dog Park. Mr. Papazian stated it is the field and his memories of playing with the dog on that field that is drawing him to do this.

Mr. Krauss stated he would be in favor of keeping the name the Lower Makefield Township Dog Park, but possibly they could come up with something that was more heartfelt that would be permanently there such as a sculpture of his dog he would be in favor of that. Mr. Gordon stated he feels it would be good to have a memorial area to remember dogs, and he asked if there could be a Maceo memorial area or wall. Mr. Papazian stated they the bricks/pavers they are working on or they could name a bench or water fountain after a dog; however, Mr. Yantes was not really interested in any of this. Mr. Wysocki asked if they could have one whole section of the walkway would be in memory of his dog. Mr. Papazian stated it was the field that was sentimental to him, and he wanted to name the whole Park.

Mr. Papazian stated he wants to have something to remember his dog at that location. Mr. Papazian stated the sponsorships were the way to do this, and they had never discussed naming the actual Park itself; and he had agreed to speak to the Committee and Park & Rec about this.

There was discussion about what the amount would be that they would request of Mr. Yantes in order to have the Dog Park named after his Dog as well as suggestions on the name.

Ms. Bunn stated she feels this is setting a dangerous precedent. Mr. Wysocki stated while he agrees, he feels there is a way to do this in a somewhat permanent such as a large portion of the walkway which would be named Maceo's walk. There was further discussion about a sculpture of the dog which would be at the front gate.

Mr. Fritchey stated he is a member of the Board of Supervisors which has to vote on how they are going to pay for the Dog Park, and he feels there is a certain element of practicality that should be considered. He stated while this is a simple construction project in many respects, having a paved parking lot alone could cost \$50,000. He stated with a large contribution, they could get a premier facility much sooner than they could otherwise. He feels the Board of Supervisors would not reject this out of hand, and they would be interested in hearing out much Mr. Yantes would be willing to pay for this and what accommodations they could make.

Ms. Simon stated she does not feel \$25,000 would be enough as there is the potential that the owners of Guru's could be raising that amount as well. Mr. Fritchey stated it may be that there are others in the Township who might be willing to pay a substantial amount of money to have the Dog Park named after their dog if they knew that was a possibility. Mr. Papazian stated naming the Park could be a fundraising opportunity. Mr. Fritchey stated they could start it with an opening Bid, and Ms. Simon stated she feels it should start at \$50,000. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they will also have to approve of the dog's name. Ms. Simon stated she feels it should still be the Lower Makefield Township Dog Park with the dog's name underneath. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels at this point they should advise Mr. Yantes that it is being discussed, and Mr. Fritchey agreed to speak to the other Supervisors about their feelings on this. Ms. Simon stated they could promote this as another opportunity to raise funds assuming the Township approves the concept and what the minimal amount that would be accepted would be. Mr. Fritchey stated he does agree that it should be opened up to others in the community. There was discussion about having it done as a silent auction. Ms. Simon stated if they make a final decision, they can add this

to their options. She stated she feels it should be a minimum of \$75,000 since this would be permanent as opposed to the \$25,000 sponsorships which are for a limited time; and Mr. Gordon agreed.

The Dog Park Committee was thanked for all their efforts.

#### SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Fritchey stated the Board of Supervisors voted to proceed with Snipes, and the Bidding documents are being prepared. He stated other projects are moving forward as well.

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Liney stated they are excited that so many long-planned projects are underway in the Lower Makefield park system.

Ms. Liney stated the Annual Park & Recreation Road Tour may be scheduled for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated sites to be visited include Memorial Park, Heacock tennis, Dog Park, Snipes, Community Center, Macclesfield, and the Pool. She asked that she be advised of any other sites the Board may wish to visit. After discussion it was agreed that the Road Tour would be held on Tuesday, August 1.

Ms. Liney stated Park & Recreation is currently preparing for the Annual PAA Fast Pitch Softball Tournament beginning this week and ending Fathers day with what promises to be some terrific softball in the Township over the next several days. PAA will also be hosting District Playoffs at the Stoddart Complex following this Tournament, and the Park crew will reinstall the mounds for that play. PAA has a new Commissioner, Len Limongelli. On behalf of the Township, Ms. Liney thanked Mr. Jason Simon for all his efforts and support of the Park projects during his tenure as Commissioner.

Ms. Liney stated the paving contract to Harris has begun repairs to the Heacock tennis courts prior to paving and painting they are installing drainage pipe underneath to help remedy some of the water problems. It will then be painted for both tennis and pickleball.

Ms. Liney stated the Township Manager has started interviewing for the Park and Recreation Director position, and he hopes to have a replacement on board in August.

Ms. Liney stated the Township met today with representatives from Capital Health system who are interested in becoming more active in Lower Makefield Township. Capital Health will be holding an information session at the Pool in the next month or so regarding summer sun protection and related issues.

Ms. Liney stated the Pool has been busy with the warm weather, both hosting and enrolling patrons. 2,200 Pool members and guests enjoyed the Pool this past Sunday. Swim lesson registration was held and the new concession stand vendor, McCaffrey, is doing well as reported by the concession stand manager.

Ms. Liney stated in order to minimize Membership look ups in the Office it has been decided that there will be a small convenience fee charged to Pool members who do not bring their ID card and need to be looked up by the Pool management. She stated a \$5 donation will be collected and made to the Garden of Reflection Preservation fund for this courtesy lookup.

Ms. Liney stated her last day as a full time LMT employee will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. Following that she will be in and out of the office for a few weeks, returning July 19<sup>th</sup> on a part time basis. She stated even though she will be in and out for the next several months, she would like to take this opportunity to express her thanks and gratitude to the Park Board and all the volunteers for their support over her twenty-three years with Lower Makefield Township. She stated she is proud of what they have accomplished together over these years, and she is confident Park and Recreation will continue on a successful path in the future.

Mr. Gordon stated they will hold their goodbyes until December since Ms. Liney will be with the Township on a part time basis until then. He stated they are proud of the Park system, and he stated Ms. Liney has been the “heartbeat” of the system for a long time. He discussed how those involved with Park & Rec feel about the good work done by Ms. Liney.

Mr. Fritchey stated Ms. Liney will be throwing out the first pitch for the featured softball game to be held on Friday at 11:00 and those from the Park & Rec Board and the Board of Supervisors are invited to attend.

There being no further business, Mr. Wysocki moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gordon, Chair

