

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on September 12, 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)
Douglas Krauss, Member
David Malinowski, Member
Bryan McNamara, Member
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Monica Tierney, Recreation Director
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor

Absent: David Fritchey, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Malinowski moved, Mr. Krauss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2017 as written.

LMT YOUTH COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Ms. Emily Huegler, Mr. Phil Genovese, Mr. Harry Morford, Ms. Sonali Deliwala, Ms. Kay Mayle, Ms. Hannah Erdogan, and Ms. Amielia Giacobetti were present. Ms. Huegler stated they are excited about having a Youth Committee for Lower Makefield. She stated their mission is to organize leadership, community service, and recreational opportunities for and by the youth in the community; and to make recommendations to the Park & Recreation Board. She stated they would like to get the youth more involved in the community and have an outlet to create positive change. Their objectives include creating additional community service hours for various youth organizations such as the National Honor Societies of the Middle School and High Schools and Girl and Boy Scout Troops.

Another objective is to increase and improve communication between the youth community service organizations in Lower Makefield in order to encourage youth involvement in the community. They would like to create a Website that lists all on-going community service efforts open to youth involvement. They would like to support new or existing youth community services in any of their efforts. It was noted that the National Honor Society in the High School requires that they tutor children and do community service. Another objective is to organize recreational activities in Lower Makefield that bring together the youth in the community. Some of the events could include teen movie nights, a Youth Art Show, get-togethers which could include volley ball and kick ball tournaments, and yoga.

Ms. Huegler stated they hope that they could have their kick-off event in conjunction with the opening of the Lower Makefield Community Center. They were thinking about an art project, kickball, or other activities that the youth would be interested in so that they can gain participation. They plan to create a Website and e-mail for the Youth Committee to provide information and share ideas. They would also like to create youth volunteering activities with the Senior Citizens such as kids talent shows, youth-run bingo nights, and visits from school musical groups. They want to respond to the needs of the youth with activities such as bike education safety programs. They would like to find out the needs of the youth in the community and try to fulfill them to the best of their abilities.

They will have a Chairman of the Committee, two Vice Chairmen, a Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Technology, and Director of Public Relations. Monthly meetings will be held to plan activities and to reach out to and coordinate with other youth organizations in the Township including youth groups, private schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, home-schooled students, and any other organizations that would like to be involved.

Ms. Huegler stated creating the Youth Committee would be part of her Girl Scout Gold Award. Those present discussed their background and their interest in forming the Youth Committee.

Ms. Huegler stated the next step is she is in the process of getting approval from the Girl Scout Board for her Gold project. She stated they would then like to formalize the Committee and create by-laws recognizing that they are all Seniors who will be going to College next year, and they would like to have a process to make sure that the Committee continues after they are gone.

Mr. Gordon asked how the idea came about; and Ms. Huegler stated she had discussions with Ms. Tyler about it as there is not really an opportunity for the youth to be involved in a Township-wide program like this, and it would be good to have a way to bring the youth in the community together. Ms. Huegler stated she then reached out to some of her friends who she thought would enjoy it as well and bring a lot to the table. She stated they had “brainstorming” meetings in early July, and put this presentation together. It was noted those involved are from different organizations so they could come together. Mr. Gordon stated it is good that this will bring the different young people in the community together. Mr. Gordon spoke of the importance of getting Juniors and Sophomores involved so that the Committee can continue once the founding group has moved on.

Ms. Bunn stated part of the Girl Scout Gold Award is that your project has to be sustainable. Ms. Bunn suggested that they get Juniors involved as part of the Committee and that they have a full voice.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels coordinating some activities with the Seniors is a great way to take advantage of the Community Center, and their hope was that the Community Center would bring people of the community together.

Mr. Wysocki asked about their ideas on eligibility for membership in the Youth Program. Ms. Huegler stated in terms of volunteering for events, they would like to make it open to any youth in the community so that it is not exclusive; and anyone who wants to be involved, can be. She stated if they have a specific event that requires that someone be a specific age, they could put an age limit on that event; however, they would really like to make it open to all of the youth in the community.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels when they set up their Board they should designate that there has to be at least one Junior and one Sophomore on the Board which will help with sustainability. Mr. Krauss stated he feels they have identified a need in the community for young people to find out what opportunities there are in the community to volunteer including those who are not in the National Honor Society.

Ms. Tyler stated she feels they would be a reporting body to the Park & Recreation Board, and they would approve the Program. Ms. Tyler stated she will advise the Board of Supervisors of this Program at the next meeting, but she does not feel they will need to establish them as a Committee by Resolution like they do with the other Advisory Boards. She stated she feels they would be a working committee similar to the Dog Park underneath Park & Recreation. Ms. Tyler stated she would also like Ms. Huegler to meet with Ms. Tierney to come up with a regular meeting date with protocols in place. Ms. Tyler asked for a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board to allow the Lower Makefield Youth Committee to be established.

Mr. Gordon stated YMS and PAA representatives come to the Park & Recreation Board meetings to provide updates; and while the Youth Committee would not have to do this, if there is something they want to share with the Park & Recreation Board they can attend their meeting which is held the second Tuesday of every month, and they could have themselves put on the Agenda by advising Ms. Tierney.

Ms. Tyler stated she will act as their Liaison during their founding, but she does not feel they will need a Supervisor Liaison beyond that; and they will work with Ms. Tierney after that. Ms. Tyler stated they do recognize that the most difficult thing will be the transition, and that will be a priority every year. Mr. Gordon stated he feels it is important that the Committee reach out beyond Pennsbury including home schoolers, private school students, Churches and Synagogues which also have their own Youth Committees. He stated the more diverse they make it, the better chance they have for success.

The Park & Recreation Board members were unanimously in favor of recommending and approving of the concept.

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION REGARDING LOWER MAKEFIELD SENIOR USER FEE

Mr. Milt Silverstein, Secretary of the Lower Makefield Seniors and Ms. Ellie Hammill, Vice President, were present. Mr. Silverstein stated the last time they were present they were expecting someone would come back to them with what they are going to do with the Seniors, and they need something in writing that tells them exactly what will be expected of them. He stated someone from the Park & Recreation Board wanted to go over the Seniors' Budget, and Mr. Gordon stated their Budget was provided to the Board in their packet. Mr. Silverstein stated the Budget shows what money is coming in, what is going out, and why they are "in a bind."

Mr. Gordon stated he does not believe the Supervisors have made their final recommendation yet, but what is being proposed is that there is going to be a yearly User Fee which will be \$15 for Lower Makefield Township residents, and \$20 if you are a non-Resident and are part of the Lower Makefield Seniors.

Mr. Silverstein asked when the Seniors would have to pay that. Mr. Gordon stated they have not discussed the timing yet, and he asked Ms. Tyler if they have discussed what kind of calendar year they would have for the Seniors User Fee; and Ms. Tyler stated it would probably be the Seniors' calendar year. Mr. Gordon asked what was their calendar year, and Mr. Silverstein stated it is September 1 to August 31. Mr. Gordon stated he recognizes that they are past September 1, but they can work it out for this year. Mr. Silverstein stated the building is not there yet. He also asked what the other groups pay, and he asked if they are paying ahead.

Mr. Gordon stated there is no other group that is going to be an established User Group in the Community Center. He stated most of the User Group programs are groups that use the ball fields. He stated they pay after their players are registered. He stated most of the teams have both spring and fall seasons so they get a user check from YMS for soccer in the fall and another check from them in the spring. He stated PAA which is the baseball program does this as well. Mr. Gordon stated anything that happens this year at the Community Center will be prorated based on when it opens.

Mr. Silverstein stated at September 1, they do not know who is or is not a member until they pay. Mr. Gordon stated they will work something out with them. Mr. Gordon stated with YMS they register their players, and once registration is completed, they tell the Township how many children are registered for the season and advise how many are Lower Makefield Township residents and how many are non-residents. He stated they get charged \$15 for residents and \$36 for non-residents; and after YMS has the registration money, they write the Township one check for the total amount due. Mr. Krauss stated since the Seniors probably have people joining at any time during the year, possibly they could have it at a quarterly point in time; and if they have new members during that quarter, they would pay the fee for those new members. Mr. Silverstein stated some people drop off and some people come on.

Mr. Gordon stated he understands that currently the Seniors charge \$20 a year to their members as their dues. He asked if they collect \$20 from all their members on September 1. Ms. Hammill stated the Application goes out in September; and while they did not have it this year, next year they will have on the membership that they should be paid up within a two month-period so that they would have a better idea of the member numbers. She stated currently they “straggle” in, and there is not much they can do about that. She stated for the past year they had approximately 350 members. Mr. Gordon suggested that they give people one month to pay, and then raise it \$5; however, Ms. Hammill stated they do not want to do that. Ms. Hammill stated currently they do not have any date by which they have to pay, but next year they will have a date they should pay by which will make it a little bit easier. Mr. Gordon asked what would happen if someone decides later in the year that they want to join the group, and he asked if they make them pay the full \$20 or do they pro-rate it; and Ms. Hammill stated currently they have them pay the full amount. Ms. Hammill stated if they join in August they let them go until the following year. Mr. Wysocki asked if someone joins and pays right away, and then decides they want to leave is six months are they given a rebate; and Ms. Hammill stated they are not.

Mr. Gordon stated they do not want the Seniors to have to pay the money until they are paid by their members. Mr. Gordon stated this will not be a typical year since they do not know when the Community Center will open, and they will have to determine how to pro rate it once they know when the Center will open. He stated for next year, he feels they will need to tell their Members that they need to register by October 31; and once they are at October 31, they will know the number of Members, and they will let the Township know how many of the Members are residents and how many are non-residents; and they will ask the Seniors group to write the Township a check for the number of residents times \$15 and the number of non-residents times \$20. Mr. Gordon stated they could then do a mid-year check in around February to see if any more people have registered, and they will write a check for those additional members. He stated they can discuss if they will pro rate something mid-year.

Mr. Gordon stated YMS and PAA have cut-offs; and if you are not registered by a certain time, you are not allowed to be in the League so the Township knows that their numbers are accurate since they are not taking any more players.

One woman from the audience asked how they would handle it if someone just came into the Community Center that they do not have on their list as paid. Ms. Tyler stated they would expect the Seniors to report new members, and they would have to turn over the User Fee to the Township once there are new people who register. Ms. Tyler stated they can work with Ms. Tierney on this and when they will report to the Township that there are new members. Mr. Gordon stated if there are new people who come in after October, it would be up to the Seniors to write a check to the Township for new members who have paid the Membership Fee.

Mr. Silverstein asked how they plan to control people just walking into the Community Center which they can do. Mr. Gordon stated he is only talking about the Seniors. Ms. Bunn stated they would expect the Seniors to know who their members are. One woman from the audience stated it is a Community Center, and she asked how the Township will control other people walking in and using it. She stated they should be able to use it if they are Lower Makefield residents, but if the Seniors have to pay, they should too. Mr. Gordon stated people can only use it with permission. The woman asked if there is going to be a receptionist to monitor people coming in and out of the building.

Ms. Tierney stated she feels the Seniors should have a designated space in the Community Center just like they do now in the Municipal Building where they can keep their things, and it would be controlled in the same way it is controlled at the Township Building. She stated when they have a bigger event and need to

use the bigger room, they will have to work that out; and they could pull their stuff out. Mr. Krauss stated all groups have to work with Ms. Tierney if they want to use a room or a Park and get a Permit.

Mr. Wysocki stated YMS plays at Macclesfield Park, and they are Permitted for the fields they have there. He stated they do not control other people who go into the Park to use the playground or play catch. He stated at the Community Center someone could not take advantage of the Seniors programs unfairly; and if the Seniors were showing a movie, they would know who their members are and know who should be attending that movie. He stated if someone were to come in off the street, they could not be there to watch the movie because they are not with their group. Mr. Silverstein stated they would not necessarily know all the people, and they would have to have someone there guarding. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels the Seniors would have to have some way of knowing who the people who are taking advantage of their programs and making sure they are supporting them financially by paying their Membership. Mr. Silverstein stated he feels that this is a problem that the Township has to figure out.

Ms. Tierney asked Mr. Silverstein how they control it now when they have their programs and making sure someone is not just coming in off the street. Mr. Silverstein stated they would probably let them in for the first one or two times, but after that they would have to join. Ms. Tierney stated it would be the same at the Community Center. Ms. Tierney stated they will have a designated space where they are having their programs, and they would do it the same way they do it now. Mr. Silverstein stated he feels the Township needs to work it out; however, Mr. Gordon stated the Seniors are going to have to self-Police themselves as they do now at the Township Building. Mr. Silverstein stated it is not the same because the ones that come in now are Seniors, but at the Community Center it is going to be open to the public. Mr. Gordon stated the Seniors' space will not be open to the public. He stated the Seniors will have a designated room; and Mr. Silverstein stated while he understands this, it does not stop people from walking in.

Ms. Bunn stated people are not allowed to go into the Community Center with their children and let them run around. Mr. Silverstein asked how they would stop that. Mr. Gordon stated there will be a Township presence there although it has not been worked out exactly what that will be. He stated it will not be an unlocked building with no supervision.

Mr. Silverstein stated he brought this up because nothing has been laid out. He stated he knows that they are giving the Seniors a break on what the Township wanted to charge, but they have a problem even with that amount; and this can be seen in their Budget. He stated they would like the Township to do something different for the Seniors from what they are talking about; and they would at least

want it in writing so that they know what the rules are. Mr. Gordon stated they can put it in writing, but it will be \$15 per resident. He stated he did look at their Budget, and he assumed that when they were told there was going to be a \$15 user fee for residents that the Seniors would then charge their \$20 membership fee plus \$15 which would total \$35 for residents. Mr. Silverstein stated they did not do that. Mr. Gordon stated while he recognizes the shortfall in the Budget, it is because they charged everyone \$25 total in the Budget and not what should have been added for the User Fee.

Mr. Silverstein stated he checked into other Senior Centers, and they do not go to that level, and they are down at the lower level. Mr. Silverstein stated he feels their membership rolls will start going down. He stated they want to keep it the way they are. He stated they have already raised it for this year, and he wants to see it reversed back down to what it was. Mr. Gordon asked how they would pay the User Fee out of that, and Mr. Silverstein stated they do not know. Mr. Silverstein asked if they would throw the Seniors out if they had zero dollars and could not afford anything. Mr. Gordon stated if YMS or PAA could not pay their User Fees, and there was a User Fee rule, they would not get a Permit. Mr. Wysocki stated without a Permit, you could not get exclusive use. Mr. Gordon stated then anyone could come in and use their room anytime they wanted to.

Mr. Silverstein stated he understands that the Township has already lowered what they originally wanted to charge the Seniors for the User Fee, and Mr. Gordon agreed.

Ms. Bunn stated it would not be fair to treat one User group differently; however, Mr. Silverstein stated they are Seniors. Mr. Gordon stated this is why they are charging them a lesser rate. Ms. Bunn stated the Youth organizations have to pay a User Fee as do those who will be using the new Dog Park. She stated the Township took on the burden to build the Community Center.

Mr. Malinowski stated he does not feel the Seniors should pay any money adding they have been paying taxes for years. He stated he also disagrees with the User Fees for the kids too.

Mr. Silverstein stated the Seniors had a meeting this afternoon; and one woman stated she has been living here all her life paying her taxes all this time, and now they are charging her for this.

Ms. Joann Westall stated she was the woman who stated this. She stated she is a lifetime resident from W. College Avenue, and she is seventy-five years old. She stated her grandparents and parents lived here as well. She stated she was involved in the development of the ball fields across the street from the Township Building. She stated now they are coming back and telling her that they are going to charge her. She stated the Township has done nothing for the Seniors. Ms. Tyler stated she disagrees. Ms. Tyler stated they are grateful that she has been a resident as long as she has. Ms. Tyler stated with regard to the fields across the street, money was expended to improve the ball fields; and this is one of the reasons they charge User Fees. Ms. Tyler stated if the Seniors had wanted to stay in the Township Municipal Building there was no User Fee because there were no expenses incurred to provide the space; however, the Township just built a \$2 million plus building for the purpose of giving the Seniors a home. She stated to charge a nominal User Fee helps pay the cost of the use of the building.

Ms. Westall reviewed what surrounding Township charge to their Seniors which is \$7 in Morrisville and \$20 a year in Fallsington for their Center. Mr. McNamara stated Fallsington has \$47 million in the bank from dumping fees as does Tullytown.

Ms. Tyler stated she is sorry that they are angry and she wishes they could see the other side. She stated the Township has taken on a debt of over \$2 million which they have to pay back. She stated there will be cleaning fees and other fees at the new building, and the Seniors will be using the building six days a week. Ms. Tyler stated the User Fee they are proposing is in line with the Township policy for every other User group. Ms. Tyler stated she was hoping that the number they came up with would not be too onerous; and if it is too onerous for some of the Seniors to pay maybe they can find ways to help them individually, but as a Township policy they have to charge a Fee to use the building.

Ms. Westall asked if the young people who spoke earlier want to use the building what will they have to pay; and Ms. Tyler stated if they want to have an activity there, they will have to get a Permit just like people have to get a Permit to reserve a pavilion or any of the amenities in the Park system where someone would want to have exclusive use of a Township asset. Ms. Westall asked if they would pay a User Fee to have a meeting; and Ms. Tyler stated they would not as that is different, and their meetings would be like the Park & Rec Board and all of the other Boards and Commissions in the Township. Mr. Krauss stated if someone Permits a room or pavilion, the Township does charge a Fee, and Ms. Westall stated she thinks that is a shame.

Mr. Wysocki stated if the Township had not done as good a job at the Supervisor level of controlling taxes over the years and had increased them to a point where they had a surplus so that they did not have to charge User Fees, that might be different; however, he feels they have had a level, “bare-bones Budget,” year to year so the average citizen is paying a reasonable amount of taxes to live in a Township as wonderful as we have, but it does not include the necessary funding included to allow use of all these facilities at no charge. He stated either you pay more personal property taxes that allow you to have things free of charge, or a smaller tax base supplemented by User Fees.

Mr. Krauss stated they also have to separate the taxes that go to the Township versus those that go to the County and the School District as most of the taxes go to the School District.

Ms. Hammill asked if the User Fees will go up over the coming years; and Mr. Gordon stated while that is at the Township’s discretion, they have not been changed in many years.

Ms. Tyler stated she would like the Seniors to have a level of trust with the Township as they have been working with the Seniors for many years; and the fact that they will have a new building is reason to celebrate.

Ms. Hammill asked if they would agree that the User Fee would stay the same for the next four to five years; and Ms. Tyler stated if they want a date certain, they could do so, and it could be three years after which they will re-visit it. Mr. Silverstein stated he would like to see it for ten years; however, Ms. Tyler stated they do not have that agreement with anyone else.

Mr. Silverstein stated he has only been with the Seniors for three to four years, but he knows that for years they fought hard to get the Senior Center; however, that changed because they added something in to the proposal to the State. He stated originally it was supposed to be \$2 million but they went to \$18 million because of the sewers. He stated they changed it from Senior to Community/Senior, and then it was Community. He stated because they are moving into the building, the Seniors are in worse shape because of the User Fee than they have been all these years.

Ms. Tyler stated the User Fee should not effect their bottom line, and the User Fee should be a pass-through charge. She stated they should have their Membership Fee and then the User Fee. She stated in the first year, they did not build in enough for the User Fee in their Membership letter. She stated a Township resident would pay \$35 with \$20 going to the Seniors and \$15 going to the Township as the User Fee. She stated there should not be a deficit in their Budget. It was noted the User Fee to be charged will be \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Mr. Silverstein asked how they know who is a non-resident. He stated he does not know whether he is a non-resident or not. Mr. Gordon stated they will have to provide the Township the addresses. Ms. Bunn stated everyone should know if they are a resident of Lower Makefield or Yardley Borough, and Mr. Silverstein stated they do not.

Ms. Tyler asked if PAA and YMS treat Yardley Borough as residents or non-residents. There was some disagreement as some felt they were treated as non-residents and others felt that they were treated as residents. Ms. Bunn stated PAA does not have them pay extra as there are four players from Yardley Borough on her son's baseball team, and they pay the same as Lower Makefield residents. Mr. Krauss stated the sports organizations submit the rosters with all the addresses, and the Township sends back an invoice based on the addresses.

Ms. Tyler advised Ms. Tierney that the Seniors are going to need guidance on this as to who are residents and who are non-residents. Mr. Krauss stated the Seniors should submit a list of all their members to Ms. Tierney, and she will then send the invoice. Ms. Tyler stated the problem with that is that the Seniors would need to know ahead of time so that they charge the proper User Fee when they put out their Registration.

Ms. Bunn asked if there is a date yet when the Community Center will be open, and Ms. Tierney stated it is more likely to open some time in December or January, but it is too uncertain at this juncture. Ms. Tyler stated they will need furniture, and Ms. Tierney is working on that. Ms. Tyler added that they need to know what the Seniors are planning to put in there. Ms. Bunn asked if just for this year could they just accept \$5 per person from the Seniors since the facility is not yet up and running. Ms. Tyler stated the Park & Recreation Board could make that recommendation.

Ms. Tyler stated this year's Senior Registration letter contemplated a \$25 resident and \$30 non-resident fee for the year which only built in \$5 additional; and the Park & Recreation Board could consider if they want to allow that \$5 additional now until September, 2018, and then September, 2018 the User Fee charge would be \$15 and \$20. Mr. Gordon stated while he is not opposed to the concept he would like to hear from the Seniors that they are willing to adjust their Fees accordingly in 2018; and Mr. Silverstein stated that would be a problem. Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel it is a problem, and they should charge \$35 for a resident and \$40 for non-residents with \$15 and \$20 coming to the Township as the User Fee.

Ms. Tyler stated she feels the charges would be \$35 and \$45 since had there been no User Fee discussed this year, the dues the Seniors were charging would have been \$20 and \$25. Mr. Gordon asked why they raised it \$5 this year, and Mr. Silverstein stated they did not want to raise it anything. Mr. Wysocki asked why there is a difference in the \$25 and the \$30, and Ms. Hammill stated it was a resident and non-resident. Mr. Gordon asked if they raised it \$5 in anticipation of paying a User Fee or did they raise it because their expenses are higher. Ms. Hammill stated it was in anticipation of the User Fees that they thought they were going to pay. She stated because of what the User Fee came out to, they planned to dip into their savings and pay it that way.

Ms. Tyler asked what they would charge their members next year taking the User Fees out of the equation; and she asked if it would be \$20 and \$25. Ms. Tyler stated all they need to do is add \$15 to the resident fee so next year's fee should be \$35, and they would add \$20 to the non-resident fee which would be \$45. She stated next year's form to collect both the Seniors registration fee and the Township User Fee for a complete year should be \$35 and \$45. She stated if they want to break it out so it shows \$20 registration fee/\$15 User Fee and \$25 non-resident registration fee/\$20 User Fee so that it is clear on the form that would be fine so that the members know where the money is going.

Ms. Hammill stated the membership was against raising it. Mr. Silverstein stated they wanted to keep it the way it was. Mr. McNamara stated all the other User groups will come in and ask why they have to pay a User Fee if the Seniors do not. He stated if it is not paid this way, it would have to be paid by the taxes since there are costs involved with the new Community Center. Ms. Hammill stated if they have to pay the User Fee, they will pay it; and if they cannot afford it, it is going to have to come out of the \$50,000 that the Seniors have put away. Mr. Gordon stated that would be their choice in budgeting. Mr. Silverstein stated now that he is hearing these figures, that \$50,000 will last less years. Mr. Gordon stated while he understands that, he feels it would make more sense that they just charge the members the User Fee and not use their savings; but that would be their choice. Mr. Silverstein stated these numbers are a problem especially to increase it so much from \$20 to \$35. Ms. Hammill stated their members are against the increase, and they are against paying a User Fee. She stated she feels the only solution is to keep the membership fee the way it is and use the money they have saved for as long as they can do it. Ms. Bunn stated that would be their decision, and they are just letting them know the Township has to collect the User Fee.

Mr. Krauss stated none of the members of the other organizations want to pay more money, and the organizations have to find ways to raise additional funds or tap into reserves to cover any shortfalls. He stated previously they discussed with the Seniors some creative ways to raise funds. He stated the Seniors have a holiday trip that costs \$75 per person, and possibly they could add \$1 and use that to replenish the reserve if they have to tap into it. Ms. Hammill stated they realize that they might have to do that; but for the time being, they would like to be able to say that they are going to keep it at the \$15 and the \$20. Mr. Silverstein stated he would like to keep it at that for ten years.

Ms. Kathy Hirko stated there are a lot of generous people in the Township, and she feels there are a lot of people who would contribute and help the Seniors. She stated if the Seniors would come to different events and set up a table, she feels people would be happy to contribute. She stated there are many groups in the Township who help people who are “down on their luck.” She stated the day the Community Center opens, there could be a fundraiser to help the Seniors. Ms. Hirko stated she would give them money. She stated she feels if people realize they are struggling, she feels they would help; and she suggested they come to the Farmers Market and set up a table or any other events that are happening.

Ms. Gloria Asterino, Treasurer of the Seniors, stated she is a non-resident; but she was a resident for forty-four years. She stated she feels what everyone is forgetting is that they are Seniors and not young people, and they are on a set income; and every \$5 matters. She stated there are communities that give 10% off on taxes to Seniors, and she noted Hamilton Township, New Jersey. She stated there is nothing that Lower Makefield is giving to the Seniors. Ms. Tyler stated they have just built a brand, new \$2 million building. Ms. Asterino stated originally it was to be pin-pointed for Seniors, and now it is a Community Center. She stated just because they charge other people something, Seniors should be revered and recognized. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they are, and Ms. Asterino asked how. Mr. Gordon stated most of the youth involved with YMS and PAA play fall and spring sports so many of them are paying double User Fees for two different seasons for the same fields. He stated the yearly rate of \$15 is substantially less than any of the other User Groups. Ms. Asterino stated there is no way Lower Makefield has shown any respect to Seniors. She stated the Seniors have paid their dues and all of their taxes, and they still have to pay for the use of a Community Center.

Mr. Gordon stated if the charge is \$15 a year that equals \$.04 a day. Ms. Asterino stated they are Seniors but they still have to pay equal to the young people. Mr. Gordon stated it is not equal to the young people; and Ms. Asterino stated she understands Mr. Gordon just explained that, but she still thinks this is an “outrageous” amount. She stated paying \$20, they were doing fine; but now they have to go into their savings to figure out how they can pay this. She stated they cannot charge \$35 and \$45 because they will not have members.

Mr. Wysocki stated this problem is not unique, and the other groups have a similar problem where if they raise fees too much the membership says they cannot afford it. He stated the dues are several hundred dollars a year for a sports organization versus \$20. He stated the way they address it in order to avoid having to raise their dues more is to have fundraisers. He stated there could be ways for them to do fundraisers to help defray their costs. Ms. Asterino stated at their age, they do not feel they can go out and try to raise money. She stated while they could add \$1 to a trip, they want to fill the trip; and it is hard enough to do that now.

Mr. Silverstein asked if there are any questions about their Budget; and Mr. Gordon stated he feels it is apparent that they can meet their Budget depending on what they decided to do with their Fee, and they will not meet their Budget and will have to go into their savings if they are not going to increase their Fee. Mr. Silverstein stated this is the first time he took over the Budget with Ms. Hammill and their President, and they did a thorough job looking into what was spent last year and what they see for this year. He stated it was not done other years because they had the money, and they did not have to worry about what they spent; but now they find that they cannot spend an extra cent since they are “already in the hole.” Mr. Krauss stated he feels the Seniors have opportunities and there are people who can help them find sponsors. Ms. Hirko stated she would like to make a donation. Ms. Hammill stated McCaffrey’s already helps them.

Mr. Gordon stated they are sympathetic, but their job is to represent the best interest of the Township as a whole. He stated they have made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they believe that a modest Fee of \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents per year is fair to ask of the Seniors as their contribution to the new Community Center based on use.

Ms. Westall stated they had previously asked if someone from the Township could come to their next meeting. She stated they had the meeting and a lot of people were so disgusted that they walked out. She stated there was no representative from the Township. She stated there were questions from their members but nobody could answer them. Ms. Tyler asked if those questions were answered tonight, and Ms. Westall stated they wanted to know what they were getting in the building adding they wanted to know if they were getting a room and whether it would be just their room or could anybody use it. She stated they also were asking who was getting the furniture, what will it be, and when will it be in there. Mr. Silverstein stated the people at the meeting got mad at the Seniors Board like they caused the problem. Ms. Westall stated the people came for answers, and they got none.

Mr. Wysocki asked what meeting they are referring to, and Ms. Westall stated it was at their Meet and Greet which they hold once a month. Mr. Wysocki stated he did not know about this meeting, and he asked if they had an expectation that someone from the Township was going to be there. Ms. Tyler stated she had to work, and Ms. Tierney had indicated she had to attend a meeting. Ms. Tyler stated she had attended previous Board meetings, and they went over all of the User Fees. Ms. Hammill stated this was a definite meeting to discuss it; however, Ms. Tyler stated her understanding was that it was for the Seniors Board to explain it to the members what the User Fee was to be. Mr. Silverstein stated they wanted someone from the Township to answer these questions.

Ms. Tyler stated this is a brand new building, and they will work on this as they go. She stated they will decide which rooms the Seniors will have. She stated the User Fees are a closed issue. Ms. Tyler stated the access to the building will be worked out as they get into the building and see the needs. Ms. Hammill stated they needed to hear this from someone in the Township, and Ms. Tyler stated she has discussed it with the Senior Board. She stated she was their Liaison for six years. She stated they have a new building that they are going into, and they are going to have to see how it is going to work out. She stated they have talked about potentially designating a room dedicated to the Seniors. She stated the Seniors have to work with the Township. Ms. Hammill stated they needed to hear it from the Township. Mr. McNamara asked why they did not come this evening; and Ms. Hammill stated they are Seniors, and they do not drive at night.

Ms. Tyler stated she is disappointed to hear the anger being expressed over the User Fees. She stated it was a feat, nearly a miracle, to get the Community Center built in the Township; and it was extremely difficult, and they had to borrow a lot of money, and undertake a lot of debt to get it done. She stated they wanted to do it because they fully understood that the Seniors were under represented in the community as far as amenities were concerned. She stated the reason the building was built was to correct that inequity. She stated it is wonderful that this is happening, and a \$15 and \$20 User Fee should not be what they are focusing on.

Ms. Westall stated she is not angry but all she ever hears about all the time is baseball, football, etc.; and Ms. Tyler stated now they have a Community Center, and that is what they should be celebrating.

Mr. Silverstein stated they have asked numerous times to have something given to them in writing. Ms. Tyler stated they are trying to get an Agreement with the Seniors which is what they are talking about this evening. Ms. Tyler stated the Seniors will meet with Ms. Tierney when the building is open, and they will be scheduling times with a calendar as what days, times, and rooms they need;

however, they are not yet at that point. She stated this is part of the job of the Township Administration. Mr. Silverstein stated they are making decisions on what they are going to pay, and Ms. Tyler stated that is a User Fee.

Ms. Asterino stated they wanted it in writing what the User Fees will be, and they would like the Fee to stay the same for three years; however, Mr. Silverstein stated he wants it the same for ten years. Mr. Gordon stated they cannot make a commitment beyond three years because of budgetary concerns. Mr. Silverstein asked how far in the future they can go, and Ms. Bunn stated three years. Ms. Bunn stated they do not give that to any other group as the rest are year-to-year.

Ms. Asterino asked if it could start in 2018 since this year they do not know when they will be able to get into the building. Ms. Tyler stated the Seniors had built in to their Fee schedule an additional \$5 in contemplation of covering this year's Fee. She stated that money at the very least will need to go to the Township. She stated that increase was to cover the User Fee. She stated she feels they need to make it clear to their members what they are paying for, and Ms. Asterino stated they know that they are paying \$15 and \$20. Ms. Tyler stated they are not because they have their Fees at \$25 and \$30, and they were talking about subsidizing the difference by dipping into their savings because they did not charge the \$15 and \$20 in this year's membership; and they charged only \$5 additional. Ms. Asterino stated they did not want the membership to go any higher, and she did not want to increase even to what they did. She stated the increase was supposed to cover some of the User Fees. She stated what she is asking is if that User Fee will start this year or next year, and does the three years start next year or this year. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney will work that out with the Seniors. She stated when they close their Membership in October whenever their cut-off date is for membership, they should submit their Membership list to Ms. Tierney who will go through and assess the User Fee. Ms. Asterino stated there is no cut-off date this year; and Ms. Tyler stated they will have to impose one even if it is not on their Membership Form. Ms. Tyler stated however many members they have by October 31 is what they are going to use for the 2017/2018 year.

Ms. Asterino stated now they are saying that they want the full amount for this year for the members who have paid by October 31; and that is not what Ms. Bunn indicated before. Ms. Bunn stated there was no agreement because they were not willing to work with the Park Board. A number of Seniors present indicated they liked Ms. Bunn's suggestion.

Mr. Gordon stated while he is in favor of Ms. Bunn's suggestion, the Seniors failure to make a commitment to next year concerns him. He stated he does not feel they should be using their savings but he recognizes that is their choice. Mr. Silverstein asked what would be the other choice. Ms. Asterino stated she feels that is something they are going to have to figure out, and she does not feel it is the Park & Recreation Board's responsibility. Mr. Gordon stated the concept of agreeing to \$5 a member for this year seems a fair compromise since no one knows when they are going to get into the building. Ms. Tyler stated she feels that is a great idea. Mr. Gordon stated it needs to be made very clear that is just for this year. He stated for this year it will be \$5 a member for the User Fee through August 31, 2018. He stated the next fiscal year which is 2018/2019, they need to Budget appropriately at \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents as the User Fee; and they would make a commitment to keep that in place for three years.

Mr. Silverstein asked if it has to be broken apart like that, and he asked if it could all be the same for residents and non-residents. Mr. Gordon stated all the other User groups are broken out by residents and non-residents because the facilities were built with Lower Makefield Township dollars; and they want to make it more attractive for Lower Makefield residents, and they feel there needs to be a benefit for people who live in the Township. Mr. Gordon stated some of the sports teams charge their members the same amount, and they then subsidize it and pay more for the non-residents. He stated the Seniors could decide to charge the same fee and take \$5 more per non-resident out of their Budget.

Mr. Silverstein asked how they tell the difference in the other groups whether they are living in the Township or living someplace else, and Mr. Gordon stated they do so by the address. Mr. Silverstein asked if they will do the same thing for the Seniors, and Mr. Gordon stated they will. Mr. Gordon asked Mr. Silverstein if he lives in Lower Makefield Township, and Mr. Silverstein stated he honestly does not know. He stated he thought he lived in the Township until today. He was asked where he lives, and Mr. Silverstein stated he lives in Rose Hollow, and he was advised that is Lower Makefield Township. Mr. Silverstein stated his mail comes through Morrisville, and he was advised that is the Post Office. Mr. Silverstein asked how they will know who is in the Township, and Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney has a list. Ms. Tierney stated the other User groups submit a list of all their members with all the addresses, and she will go through and determine who is or who is not a resident. Ms. Tyler stated in this instance it should be done in advance, and she suggested they provide Ms. Tierney with their current Membership list so she can review it and advise them how they would mark it.

Ms. Hammill stated she has a Membership list but she is in the process of putting new members in. Ms. Tierney asked that she get her list to a point where she is comfortable, and she can then send it to her for her to review.

Ms. Hammill stated she knows that they are going to have walk-through, and the Seniors would like at least their Officers and Board members to go through. Ms. Tierney stated she discussed this with Mr. LaBar today, and they are going to have a small group. Ms. Hammill stated she feels it could be ten people; and Ms. Tierney stated that is what Mr. LaBar had indicated. She stated this will be on September 21.

Ms. Hammill stated they keep saying that the Seniors are going to have a room, but she asked what would happen if they needed two rooms on one of the days they have their Permit for. Ms. Bunn stated she had suggested that there was a room that she had looked at which she felt would be perfect to Permit for the Seniors which would be their room which they would fill with their furniture, and then put a lock on the door. She stated if they have an activity that requires additional space, they could provide that on an as-needed basis although that would not be for the Seniors exclusively. Ms. Hammill asked how many people that one room would hold, and Ms. Tyler stated they will look at it when they go to the building. Ms. Hammill asked if it is as big as the Township meeting room, and Ms. Tyler stated it is not. Ms. Hammill stated on their Games Day, the room does get filled up. Ms. Tierney stated she wants to go over the Seniors complete schedule and determine which are the big days they might need a bigger space, and that way she can schedule out the space in advance. She stated at the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Board, she will have a proposal as to how they will allocate the space. She stated before that meeting she would like to meet with Ms. Hammill to see what their needs are in advance. It was noted that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Board will be October 10. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney needs to have their Membership list and their schedule.

Mr. Silverstein stated nothing is in writing for anything. Ms. Tyler stated they have not solidified it yet, and they are working on it. She stated they need the Seniors to be their partners and work with the Township to get this accomplished. Mr. Silverstein stated they want to work with them, but they are not getting any cooperation on their end; and Ms. Tyler disagreed.

DOG PARK UPDATE

Mr. Greg Papazian and Ms. Wendy Simon were present. Mr. Papazian stated as of last week, they have raised \$35,748, \$2,500 of that from Big Oak Citgo's sponsorship. He stated VSAC has committed to \$5,000. He stated both of those sponsorship forms have been signed by Citgo and VSAC, and they have been sent to the Township; and they need someone from the Township to sign it, and someone from the Dog Park will then sign it.

Mr. Wysocki asked what was involved in setting up the Citgo fundraiser, and Ms. Simon stated they approached the Dog Park Committee. Mr. Papazian stated the Citgo parent company does community fundraising, and Big Oak Citgo approached the Dog Park Committee. Mr. Wysocki stated possibly this is something that the Seniors could consider as well.

Mr. Papazian stated another sponsor is Guru Indian Restaurant in Newtown who did a fundraiser giving them the proceeds from the take-out for the summer Monday through Thursday; and while they did not get August yet, they feel it will be about \$15,000. He stated they also did a fundraiser at Rose Bank Winery which brought in \$8,700; and they feel that Guru's will get to \$25,000. He stated the owner is a resident of Lower Makefield Township and has two large dogs. Mr. Papazian stated the owner also would like to do a dinner one night during the week in October, and they will turn over all of the money brought in. Ms. Simon stated she thinks the date will be Wednesday, October 18. Ms. Simon stated the owner of Guru's is very enthusiastic about the Dog Park, and her goal is to make the Dog Park a reality with the amenities there that are not part of the Grant.

Mr. Papazian stated the Dog Park Committee will be at Harvest Day. He stated they will also be promoting purchase of the pavers/bricks. He stated they have done some outreach in the Township and Yardley, but they have not received a lot of response; and they will try to do this again in the fall. He stated they have a list of businesses in LMT and Yardley that they will split up amongst the Committee members. He stated if anyone has any connections that could help them make a personal connection, they would like to go out and do that as well. He stated they have sponsorship pamphlets that Yardley Bucks Ship and Print did for them.

Mr. Papazian stated they are getting close to opening, and they had previously provided the Township with proposed rules even though that was not their primary function. He stated some of their members did a lot of background work on what other Dog Parks had done.

Mr. Papazian stated they also discussed the plans for Memberships. He stated he feels the Pool system for collecting Pool memberships could be added onto for the Dog Park. He stated Memberships will also be another source of revenue, and possibly they could offer extended Memberships to encourage people to sign up. Ms. Tierney stated they are going to have to get an add-on to the software for the Dog Park; and if she is going to need to get this, she needs to purchase it soon. Ms. Tyler stated the access to the Dog Park is contemplated to be through a key card system which the Township Administration will turn on and off depending on Registration, vaccination, etc. She stated Registration fees will be paid to the Township, and to gain access to the Dog Park, they will key in; and this will also allow them to have a record of who is in the Park and at what time, etc. Ms. Tyler stated Chief Coluzzi is also working with them on this. Ms. Tyler stated they should get the software in place, and she asked Ms. Tierney to check with the Township staff to see how far they are in this process.

Ms. Tyler stated the Groundbreaking was today, and it is anticipated that the construction will start on Friday. She stated they hope to be open in November, but they need to see what happens.

Ms. Tyler stated she is not certain that the security to get in and out was in the specs; and Ms. Tierney stated she feels it is in the specs, and she had contacted the company to make sure it will work with our software.

There was discussion on the costs for the Dog Park; and Ms. Tyler stated the Grant Application was based on \$150,000, and the Township got a \$75,000 Grant. She stated they had also expanded the project, and she feels the cost came in at \$212,000. Ms. Tyler stated they are also discussing additional signage since many people in Lower Makefield do not realize that property is a Township asset because the entrance way to Makefield Glen says "Keep Off Private Property," and the Township needs to put in additional signage to indicate where the Dog Park is in addition to the main Dog Park sign. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney will be working on this.

Mr. Papazian stated because they are getting close the details need to be worked out if they want to let people start using the Park. Ms. Simon stated they have already given Ms. Tierney their suggestions regarding health forms from Veterinarians that will be required for membership as well as the need for a Dog License which all have to be in place before they can become a Member. Ms. Simon stated they worked with VSAC to review what they felt was important for health, and they also reviewed what other established Dog Parks require. Ms. Tyler stated they were mirroring much of Doylestown's format for the Dog Park, and she asked the Committee members if they deviated substantially from their rules, etc.

Mr. Papazian stated he feels they are fairly close, and Ms. Simon stated they did some modification adding their pricing is actually higher than what they had suggested. There was discussion about the rule they suggested about the age requirements, and Ms. Tyler stated they will discuss that. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney should ask Ms. Liney for all the information she has on the Dog Park regarding the rules, forms, etc. Ms. Tyler stated she feels something should be put on the Township Website in October alerting the residents to the requirements that will be necessary to use the Dog Park.

Ms. Tyler stated they are also going to work with Jamie Fazzalore on having a training which is something done by a lot of Dog Parks upon initial opening. She stated people will not be granted permission to access the Park until they have been signed off in some fashion as far as a small training course. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney should contact Ms. Fazzalore about this as well as contacting Chief Coluzzi about any concerns he may have that have not been discussed. Ms. Tierney stated she knows that there is a concern about getting Wi-Fi to the site, and she has been working with Chief Coluzzi on that.

There was a question about the fees and whether those residing in Yardley Borough will be considered as residents. Ms. Tyler stated she is not sure that has been discussed. Mr. Papazian stated they have discussed it at previous meetings. He stated they were considering \$35 for residents and \$50 for non-residents that would cover two dogs. Ms. Tyler stated she feels they consider Yardley Borough residents to be Township residents. Ms. Simon asked if they can ask Yardley Borough to donate money since their residents are benefitting from this, and Ms. Tyler asked that they do so. Ms. Simon stated whether Yardley Borough residents are considered residents are not should be consistent with whatever the Township does. Ms. Tierney was asked to look into this.

Mr. Papazian stated they will continue to fundraise, and they feel they will be close to \$45,000 by the end of October.

Mr. Gordon asked if they have discussed what they want to use the money for; and Ms. Simon stated they provided a list of amenities, and Ms. Liney was provided all this information. Mr. Papazian stated some of the donations could be benches, water stations, etc. Ms. Simon stated she found a company that does Dog Parks, and they provided a listing of products; and if someone were to donate one of the amenities, they will engrave the name of who donated that item on the item. Ms. Simon stated everything that goes into the Dog Park needs to be purchased. Mr. Wysocki asked if someone has not designated their donation toward a specific item, do they have a priority list of the items, and Ms. Simon agreed they do.

Mr. Gordon stated at the next meeting, he would like to approve the rules, etc. Ms. Tyler stated it would be good to be able to have that done so that when they have the opening of the Community Center, members of the Dog Park Committee could be there to hand out information.

Mr. Wysocki stated at some point, he feels the Township attorney should look at the proposed rules.

LEAGUE LIAISON REPORTS

There was no one present to make a report this evening.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Tierney thanked Ms. Liney who is loved by the community, and she appreciates her staying to help her transition into this role.

Ms. Tierney stated she is coming into Lower Makefield at an exciting time with several long-planned projects coming into fruition. She stated they had the small Dog Park ground breaking tonight, and the Community Center is coming together as planned and programming is in the works. She stated if you drive by the Community Center you will see the stone facade is being installed and the parking lot was paved today. Ms. Tierney stated she should have a full report and proposal on fee structure for programming at October's meeting when Mr. Fritchey is back.

Ms. Tierney stated the Road Tour went well this year, and it was good to visit the different Parks and pay close attention to any possible deficits.

Ms. Tierney stated they had an inspection from our insurer, Divitt, a few weeks ago; but at this time she has not received a report, although it did not seem that he found too much when he was here.

Ms. Tierney stated Community Pride Day was a huge success even with the weather scare, and there were 2,000 to 3,000 people in attendance. She asked that if anybody has any feedback from that day, she put together an after action report that she can provide to the Board today which is a draft; and if anyone has any other suggestions from the event, they should let her know so she can add and adjust as necessary.

Ms. Tierney stated this weekend they were full of 9/11 events. She stated they had a little bit of trouble with Moon Contracting, and they were back and forth with them trying to get them out in time for the event. She stated as of Friday, she was still on the phone with them since they still had not come out; and none of the bushes had been trimmed as they had not been keeping up with it almost all summer. She stated she got them out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, and they were there until 5:30 p.m. cutting; and they still did not get everything done. Mr. Gordon asked if they can be replaced, and Ms. Tierney stated they may want to consider that for next year. Ms. Bunn asked if they know that the Township is unhappy, and Ms. Tierney stated she was in contact with them through e-mail and on the phone with their Service Representatives and Managers on Friday; and she has everything in writing. Ms. Tierney stated both she and Ms. Liney had been in touch with them the last two weeks, and they knew the priority of getting ready for 9/11 and how important it was; and they put it off until the last minute. She stated while they community may not have noticed, she noticed that a lot of things were missed. Mr. Wysocki asked if they were paid in advance, and Ms. Tierney stated she believes that they are paid upon completion of each project. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Tierney if she is aware whether this is the first time they have had this issue with Moon or is this a recurring issue; and Ms. Tierney stated from what Mr. Copson has told her, Moon has a continuous turn over, and there has been a constant communication problem. Ms. Tyler stated Moon is responsible for everything that is in the immediate circumference of the Garden of Reflection.

Ms. Tyler suggested that an RFP for services be sent out for next year to see what pricing they get which will help with Budgeting. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Tierney should discuss this with Ms. Liney to see what was done in the past. Ms. Tierney stated when looking through the history, it seemed that there were several different firms; but she believes that it was Moon for the last few years.

Mr. Wysocki stated he would be concerned with Moon being compensated for the work they did not do; and Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel they should be paid for a service they did not get. Ms. Tierney was advised to discuss this with Mr. Fedorchak.

Ms. Tierney stated despite this, the 9/11 events went well, and the Park & Rec staff along with Public Works staff worked together to make sure that all the event Directors had what they needed for the day; and the facility and grounds did look very good, and they did a good job of stepping in where Moon had left off. She particularly thanked Mr. Bob Copson for going above and beyond and working so hard to make sure all the events went well and transitioned perfectly.

Ms. Tierney stated it was a very good year for the Pool, and they stayed consistent with last year's numbers. She stated they did have a rainy season so some of the numbers were a little lower. She stated they had a new Senior Individual Membership, and they sold 211 of those memberships this year. Ms. Tierney stated the full Pool report was included in the Board's packet for their review at their leisure. Ms. Tierney stated there is an infrastructure problem at the large Pool, and they have someone coming to look at it tomorrow; and they hope to take care of it this fall. She stated on the inside of the Pool it is starting to crumble; and while they patched it to make it work for the season, they have to fix it. She stated it is one wall of the Olympic Pool in the deep end but not in the dive tank.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they do any Senior programs at the Pool; and Ms. Tyler stated while there is nothing targeted for Seniors, they do have Aqua Zumba and water aerobics that are open to any Pool member. Mr. Wysocki asked if something could be targeted to the Seniors so that it would be another amenity offered to them. Ms. Tyler stated irrespective of Membership, they could consider giving the Membership of the Seniors a class at the Pool once a week for four weeks of the summer; however, she stated they would need to consider insurance issues.

Ms. Tyler stated they already offer a reduced rate for Seniors to join the Pool, but they could consider something else for members of the Seniors group. Ms. Tierney stated there are a lot of programs which she could look into.

Ms. Tyler stated she provided information to Ms. Tierney regarding Grants to fund Townships to provide exercise environments for their residents. Ms. Tierney stated it is specific to outdoor exercise equipment that they will set up for you.

Ms. Tierney stated the Heacock Tennis Courts have been repainted as multi-use courts for tennis and pickleball. She stated currently two courts were painted for both tennis and pickleball, and originally it was supposed to be four courts so there was a communication error; and they are working now with Kurtz Courts to adjust the painting which should not be a big project. She stated the courts may be closed for a few days while they fix it; however, it is usable now.

Mr. Wysocki asked how many people are playing pickleball; and Ms. Tierney stated it is very popular, and people are waiting to get on the courts they have. Ms. Bunn asked about complaints regarding the Revere Courts, and Ms. Tierney stated there was a noise complaint with a specific user group. She stated it is a combination of the people and the ball, although it is mostly the people. Mr. Wysocki stated as you approach the courts, the fence of the house in the back on the left side is light colored; and if you are playing facing that fence, it is very hard to see the ball.

He stated something should be done to improve this issue. Mr. Krauss asked if they could put buffer trees in front of the fence; and Ms. Tyler asked that Ms. Tierney look into installing evergreens at that location, and added that this would be a good space for the Tree Bank trees.

Mr. McNamara asked how the Pool Snack Bar did, and Ms. Tierney stated they had indicated that they broke even. She stated they received lots of good reports; however, McCaffrey's is not going to come back next year. Ms. Tyler stated they are putting out an RFP for vendors for the Snack Bar, and they are doing this right away. She stated there is a lead on someone who worked at the Snack Bar who may be interested. She stated they are hoping to have a two-year Agreement.

Ms. Tyler stated the other "bad news" is that Mr. Jeff Brown is not going to return as their Manager, although he will stay on as an Assistant Manager so they need to replace the Pool Manager. Ms. Tyler stated Mr. Brown was running the Pool almost seven days a week, and he would like to return as an Assistant Manager Monday to Friday on a more normal schedule. Mr. Gordon stated maybe he could be the Manager, and then also have a weekend Manager.

Ms. Tierney stated she has some ideas how to work this out. She stated Mr. Brown is willing to work five days in a row, but he would like to have two days off and would like to be able to take a vacation every year. Ms. Tierney stated one of his areas of concern that took up a lot of his time were the events, and she thought of the potential of having an Events Coordinator position who would coordinate just the events; and there is someone who is interested in potentially doing just the events. Mr. Gordon stated most of the events are on the weekend, and Mr. Brown felt the need to be there. Ms. Tierney stated the events also take a lot of preparation, and he had to purchase items, etc. and that took up a lot of his time. Ms. Tierney stated she feels they can accommodate Mr. Brown in the way he needs to be accommodated.

Ms. Bunn asked about the possibility of an Internship, and Ms. Tierney stated she is working on this as well. She stated she has an agreement with Temple University to provide the Township with interns for a stipend. She stated they are willing to provide her a full-time intern, forty hours a week, for three months; and it would cost the Township a total of \$4,000. She stated the reason for the stipend is because a lot of the area Park & Rec Departments are offering stipends, and they would need to be competitive with them. She stated she put in that she would like them to help at the Pool too.

Ms. Tyler stated she feels that a Head Guard should be able to run events just like the Guards ran the camp.

Ms. Tyler stated they would not need an Events Coordinator 40 hours a week, and Ms. Tierney stated her idea was that they would also help at the Community Center and other things that the Township has.

Ms. Tierney stated she is currently working on the Budget; and if anyone has anything they would like to consider for the Budget, they should let her know so it can be considered in the initial version. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Tierney if she has the Veterans Square request for signage from Ms. Kraeck and Mr. Treiber. Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Liney has the information, and Ms. Kraeck will be getting new proposals. Ms. Tyler stated this would be approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000.

There being no further business, Mr. Malinowski moved, Ms. Bunn seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gordon, Chair