

L M T P A R K S A N D R E C R E A T I O N R E P O R T

HIGH PRIORITY

Community Center: The Parks and Recreation Department is now in the Community Center.

1550 Oxford Valley Rd

Yardley PA, 19067

(Next to Fred Allan Softball Complex)

- Make reservations for our facilities
- Purchase discount ski tickets
- Register for classes or programs
- Make recommendations and suggestions

People interested in the DOG PARK and THE POOL will still register at the Township Building

1100 Edgewood Rd, Yardley PA 19067.

The grand opening for the Community Center is March 10, 2018. The day will start with a ribbon cutting in the morning. In addition, we will have vendors, samplings of classes, open registration for programs, along with tours, and information about senior programs. There will be activities for people of all ages including face painting, balloon art, and crafts for the kids. There will also be table space for some of our leagues and local organizations.

Dog Park: The Dog Park will open soon. In order to open electrical installation is required, followed by cable, and new signs that must be installed. We will also be adding the bricks donors purchased, along with benches and other dog features.

Youth Committee Update: The current Board is reviewing candidates for the 2018-2019 Youth Committee. The bylaws are almost complete and will be available soon.

The Committee is reaching out to people about the youth programming starting in the spring. Programs may include a tutoring, a technology help desk, dorm room cooking, college finance, and an elementary art class. The committee will also be working to engage the youth and teens at some of our upcoming community events.

DOG PARK CLASSES

Dog Park Orientation Classes are now available on the Parks and Recreation Website:

February 10, 9:00PM-10:00PM

February 20, 7:00PM-8:00PM

March 6, 7:00-8:00PM

March 17, 9:00-10:00AM

After the class is complete residents can pre-register online and providing shot records, PA Dog License and certificate from the class.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Update mission, vision and goals.
- Update policies and procedures.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Instant Feedback System within the parks
- Social Media
- Bench Donation program

WE HAVE GONE DIGITAL

It is now possible to request the use of parks and pavilions online through our Community Pass System. You will also be able to see what is going on in our parks and in the community center on the new community calendar. You will also be able to register for any of our programs or classes. Everything from Yoga, art and music, to swim lessons can all be found online.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Pool:

Online registration for the 2018 Season is Open! Last year's members have received their updated Membership Information packet and have begun registering. Key Fobs are being issued to members who have completed all the membership requirements. The discount period for LMT Residents ends on March 2, 2018.

AQUATICS MANAGER SEARCH: We are searching for an Aquatics Manager for the 2018 season. If you are interested in the position please contact monicat@lmt.org.

ALL Fields: Our spring preparation has started. We are currently completing some special projects, repairing and replacing some of our high wear and tear items.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAMS VISIT WWW.LMT.ORG or CALL 267-274-1110

MISSION VISION AND GOALS REVIEW

Over the next few months we will be reviewing our Mission, Vision, Goals and Policies for the Parks and Recreation Department. The most recent update occurred in the 1994-1997 timeframe. Since then the parks system has grown exponentially and many of the statements in these documents have become outdated.

The current Mission Statement below:

It is the mission of the Park and Recreation Board to plan the orderly development and use of the Township parks and recreational facilities for Lower Makefield Township sanctioned organizations and individuals for non-profit recreational purposes.

The use of these public facilities will be made in a non-discriminatory fashion with the intention of promoting participation for all residents of Lower Makefield Township subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Park and Recreation policy statement.

INTERN PROJECT

Welcome Veronica Giles a Senior Recreation Management Major at Temple University's School of Sport, Tourism, Hospitality Management. As part of her internship she will be working on fine tuning our policies and procedures for the Community Center. Her work will include maintenance schedules, programming and staffing procedures. She will also be assisting with programming and scheduling.

POOL REGISTRATION FACTS

Updated: January 31, 2018)

We are leading the Bucks County Happening List competition for Best Pool against our fierce competitors, with 98% of the votes.

Current Registrations:

- 57 Family LMT
- 9 Family NR
- 10 Individual Memberships
- 3 Senior Limited
- 18 Senior individuals
- 10 Non- Resident Memberships
- 2 Caregiver Memberships

Total registration fees collected:
Revenue Generated: \$30,195

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Special Events Committee last met on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00PM. The Youth Committee was also in attendance, to assist in brainstorming for the upcoming events.

Vendor fees were discussed for all vendors who are generating revenue at LMT events should be charged one uniform fee, across all locations and events. Non-profit organizations and government programs will be excluded from vendor fees. The Parks and Recreation Department will review other townships and community events to determine appropriate fees. The will be a proposal at the March meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING: This will be an opportunity for the Community to see the center and what it will have to offer. There will be self-guided tours with people stationed throughout the facility to answer questions. Parks and Recreation will begin to offer programming to the community starting in April. At this event the instructors will have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills will mini-sessions. The Youth Committee proposed executing a children's cooking demonstration at the beginning of the event, with a cupcake decorating contest slated for later in the afternoon. It is planned to have food trucks, vendors, and family activities to engage the whole community.

DOG PARK GRAND OPENING: This event will most likely be an "on-leash" event opened to the whole community, not just members of the park. There will be vendors and activities that are dog related. The next meeting will include the dog park committee.

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY: Five sub divisions were established for this event: Vendors, Bands, Rides, Food, and Fireworks. Issues such as layout, fundraising, and marketing were discussed.

VETERANS DAY PARADE: The committee will look to improve the parade to try to attract more people along the route, or eliminating the parade and focusing on creating an even more grand Veteran's ceremony. There is always the option to keep everything the same. The committee decided it would be best to do whatever really allowed them to focus on the veterans and their contributions to our country.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 10: Community Center Grand Opening

APRIL 21: Dog Park Grand Opening

MAY 26: Opening Day at the pool

SEPTEMBER 2: Community Pride Day

September 10-11: 9/11 ceremonies at the Garden of Reflection. Nonevent related permit requests will not be accepted at Memorial Park from September 1-15th.

SEPTEMBER 29: Roll and Stroll at Memorial Park

NOVEMBER 11: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

DOG PARK FACTS

(Updated February 8, 2018)

50 Families have registered

54 Dogs have registered

January Fees Collected: \$1,260

KEY FOB FACTS

280 have been issued

70 to be issued

5 Mile Woods Preserve

The 2017-2018 deer management season at the Five Mile Woods Preserve has concluded. This season, 10 deer were harvested from the Preserve, helping to reduce the adverse effects that overabundant deer are having on forest ecology. Six of the ten deer harvested were donated to the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" food bank program, providing approximately 700 meals to area food banks for dispersal to Pennsylvania residents.

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