

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 10, 2018. Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: David Gordon, Chairman
 David Malinowski, Vice Chairman
 Douglas Krauss, Secretary
 Bryan McNamara, Member (left meeting in
 progress)
 Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director
 Daniel Grenier, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Patricia Bunn, Park & Rec Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Malinowski seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018 as written.

YOUTH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Ms. Emily Huegler, Chair of the Youth Committee, was present with other members to provide an update. She introduced new members of the Committee who will be serving next year. Mr. Gordon asked how many members are on their Board, and Ms. Huegler stated there will be seven again. Ms. Huegler reviewed the process that took place in picking the new Board members. It was noted that three of them will be Seniors next year. There is an Application process that includes an interview and a teacher recommendation. Underclassmen who will not be graduating will decide on the positions the new members will fill. The various positions were noted. Ms. Hughes stated the Application process and decision process is laid out in their By-Laws.

Ms. Hughes stated they will start a tutoring program shortly to be held every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and anyone from the community can sign up to be tutored during available spots. The sessions will be thirty minutes. They will also try to create a Website to explain the program more and provide a list of available tutors. Being a tutor will provide hours for those needing hours for NHS.

Mr. Krauss asked if the tutoring will take place at the Community Center, and it was noted it will. Ms. Tierney stated they still need to work out the logistics. Mr. Krauss asked if they will provide this service in the summer, and it was noted they are considering having it continue through the summer. Ms. Tierney asked the ages they are focusing on, and Ms. Huegler stated that it will be Elementary School through High School. She added that all of the tutors who are eighteen or over have already gotten their Clearances.

Mr. Krauss asked if the By-Laws have been published yet, and it was noted that they have not yet been published.

Mr. McNamara asked when they will reach out to those who would just like to be part of the group; and Ms. Huegler stated they will do that soon, but wanted to get their Board members established first. She stated in the next month or two, they will have a meeting with all the general members. She stated anyone can be a general member provided they live in Lower Makefield. She stated they would need to fill out an Application, and then they can participate in all the volunteer activities. She stated they were also thinking about creating Task Forces with members running the existing programs so that the Board can focus on expanding and creating new programs. She stated there will be additional leadership positions available to members.

Ms. Huegler stated they are thinking about starting a Help Desk during the summer to help Senior citizens or anyone who needs help with technology.

EAGLE SCOUT PROPOSAL – WAR ON TERROR SIGN

Mr. Anthony Cappetta stated he is planning on doing a monument at Veterans Square dedicated to those who have served on the Global War on Terrorism. He noted his father's name is on the large monument at Veteran's Square so he feels this would be a fitting setting. Mr. Cappetta noted the information he had provided with a picture of the proposed sandstone which would have a bronze plaque mounted on the stone with wording on the plaque as shown in the proposal. His proposed location would be on the corner by the walking path. He stated the stone would be on mulch with landscaping around it.

Mr. McNamara asked if he has discussed this with the Veterans Committee, and Mr. Cappetta stated he has not but plans to do so. Mr. Grenier suggested he speak to Mr. Treiber to make sure it can be integrated at Veteran's Square. Mr. McNamara stated the Veterans Committee is also planning on installing a new sign at the property, and they may have input as to where there would want this stone.

Ms. Tierney stated Ms. Bunn, who could not attend this evening, expressed concern that the project may not include enough for the Boy Scout Council to approve it; and he would need some more ways to be a leader and incorporate others in the project. Mr. Cappetta stated he has that taken care of, and he will need ten to fifteen Scouts to work with him.

Mr. Gordon asked about fundraising for the project, and Mr. Cappetta stated the estimated cost is between \$920 to \$980 depending on whether the rock will get donated by the quarry. He stated he will be going to American Legions and VFWs asking for funds, and he will also have a GoFundMe page as he has neighbors who are interested in donating.

Mr. Gordon stated while he should speak to the Veterans Committee to make sure they are in agreement with the project, the Park & Recreation Board is comfortable with it.

Mr. Krauss asked if he needs any other approvals from the Township, and Ms. Tierney stated he might have to consult with Mr. Majewski, the Township engineer. Mr. Gordon advised Mr. Cappetta that this can be coordinated with Ms. Tierney.

SUMMER CAMPS IN THE PARKS

Ms. Tierney stated recently they have had three different groups request having camps in the Township Parks, and she wanted them to be reviewed by the Park & Recreation Board to see how they would like her to operate them going forward.

Super Soccer Stars

Mr. Matt Stefan, Regional Supervisor for Super Soccer Stars, was present. He stated they are a youth educational soccer program and have been in business for seventeen years; and now have programs for 60,000 children throughout the Country as well as a London office. He stated their programs run from ages twelve months through High School.

Mr. Gordon asked how they would be different from YMS. Mr. Stefan stated they are a non-competitive, instructional course. He stated they focus on not only soccer skills but also socialization skills and other forms of educational development that they can incorporate into their lesson planning. He stated depending on the age they are working with, the lesson plans will be imaginary-themed based; and they utilize that along with their equipment to teach soccer skills as well as learn about things in the world as well. He stated this summer a lot of their lesson planning will be focused on World Cup, and they will incorporate the different Countries that will be involved as well as their players.

Mr. Gordon asked if they are in the area, and Mr. Stefan stated their Pennsylvania office is by the Oxford Valley Mall and they are throughout the greater Philadelphia area with regionalized partners. He stated they have done classes for a few years with Newtown Township for ages one to three and six to ten, and they also do classes with Northampton and Upper Southampton.

Mr. Wysocki asked what ages they are targeting in Lower Makefield, and Mr. Stefan stated one camp is for six to twelve-year olds which is a four-hour camp held outside. He stated a typical day includes warm-ups, tag games, individual skills, partner activities, and group activities along with small-sided games and a focus on the World Cup. Camp would be Monday through Friday, four hours a day; and they offer extended day as well until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Stefan stated the time they were looking for would be the break between the end of School and when other summer camps start mid June and the end of August when there are not a lot of other camp options. He stated they are only looking at two weeks.

Mr. Stefan stated another camp option focuses on younger children aged three to five, and that would be a two-hour camp and it is a smaller version of the other camp.

Mr. Wysocki asked if it is known the timing of the YMS camps and whether this would conflict. Ms. Tierney stated they would work to supplement this with YMS. Mr. Stefan stated they have discussed with Park & Rec that they want to be inclusive and understanding of YMS which is a “fantastic” program. Ms. Tierney stated they could try doing the program for the younger children which is not really what YMS does. She stated she does not believe that YMS has a themed-program like this.

Ms. Tierney stated Mr. Stefan had indicated that he would feed to the YMS program and give out YMS materials; and Mr. Stefan stated they do that for some of their other Townships as well since this program is educational as opposed to competitive play, and children would age out of their program and into YMS.

Mr. Gordon asked the amount of space they are looking for; and Mr. Stefan stated they do not need a lot, and usually they use a part of a Park or some other outdoor location and stay away from the rest of the other activities that are going on in the Park. The time they are looking at would be one week in the middle of June and one week the end of August.

Mr. Krauss asked Ms. Tierney if she has a site in mind, and Ms. Tierney stated they could use the grassy area behind the Community Center that they use for overflow parking or somewhere at Community Park. She stated there is another camp that is looking at Community Park which is the park by the Pool. Ms. Giles stated they had also considered the grass area by the bocce courts.

Mr. Gordon stated he would want YMS to sign off on this. Ms. Tierney stated she as been in touch with YMS about the program. Mr. Gordon stated provided they can find a grass area and YMS approves, he does not have a problem with this.

Ms. Tierney stated she needs to know whether she should Permit this or run it like a program where the Township gets 25% of their revenue. Mr. Gordon stated he feels she should run it like a program like they run the programs out of the Community Center.

Mr. McNamara asked if they would need indoor space and use the Community Center if there is rain, and Ms. Tierney stated they could provided there is space available.

Mr. Grenier asked if they looked at the multi-purpose fields at Memorial Park, and Ms. Tierney stated there is another camp proposing to use space there.

Mr. Gordon stated provided YMS is in favor of this, the Park & Rec Board would be in favor of it; and they should work through Ms. Tierney.

PRAC SPORTS CAMP

Mr. Brad Werner and Ms. Shara Aaron, were present. Mr. Werner stated they are looking to do a recreational sports camp for children five to twelve years old. He stated he is a Certified Tennis Pro and owns the Pennsbury Racquet and Athletic Club. He stated Ms. Aaron is Certified in a lot of different fitness programs and is a Certified dietician. Mr. Werner stated they would like to offer a program from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. which would be an introduction to all different kinds of sports for children between ages five and twelve. He stated they would like to do it at Community Park by the Pool so that they could use the Gaga area, the tennis courts, and the basketball courts. He stated the goal would be to try to have three different

activities a day and change them each day to see what activities the children are enjoying. He stated this is their first time offering this; and if they find that the children are not enjoying something, they would probably not do that activity much more. He stated each day they would get forty-five minutes of an activity introducing them to pickleball, Gaga, tennis, and basketball. He stated if it rains, he would use his facility as a back up so they would not miss a day of camp for bad weather recognizing they would have to alter the activities somewhat. He stated they will add a fitness and nutrition component, and they would bring in a trainer from their facility a few times a week as well as Ms. Aaron who could talk to them about nutrition.

Mr. Werner stated if the Township only wanted them to use a limited number of the tennis courts for a limited time, they could break it up so that they would not be monopolizing any one area. He stated this would depend on the number of sign-ups they have.

Mr. McNamara stated there have been complaints about the availability of tennis courts because of the other program using the courts at Schuyler. Mr. Gordon stated he does not believe 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. would be a popular time for most people. Mr. Werner stated if they have five to twelve year olds, many of them would need smaller courts; and they would take one tennis courts and make three out of it and they would bring in small nets, foam balls, and small rackets.

Mr. Krauss asked about the staff, and Mr. Werner stated they have staff in place from the Club; and as they grow, they would have to hire more people. He stated he believes he will probably hire some High School and College students to come and help his senior staff. He stated they would provide insurance and bring all the equipment.

Mr. Werner stated he has been running summer camps for many years, and they have run a camp out of Green Acres Country Club/Cobblestone Creek as well as a camp that is run out of the Tennis Club.

Mr. Gordon asked how they will advertise the camp; and Mr. Werner stated they could advertise it at their Club and through their e-mails, but they would also like to do it through the Township as well. Ms. Tierney stated the Registration would be through the Township.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the staff needs to be Safe Certified, and Ms. Tierney stated they would have to have background checks. Mr. Werner stated they would have specific Certifications for a fitness instructor, etc.; and would also make sure that everyone has whatever background checks the Township needs.

Mr. Krauss stated his only concern is with the Permitting of the tennis courts and basketball courts. Ms. Tierney stated they need to make sure that there are playable courts available at all times. Ms. Aaron stated they would also be having them rotate to different activities, and it would not be used for the full three hours. Mr. Werner stated if there were thirty campers, they would have three groups of ten doing different activities. He stated if there were only ten to fifteen, they might all do the same activity at the same time.

Mr. Wysocki stated this seems “fluid” as it would depend on how many they get to sign up, and Ms. Tierney stated they may have to set a maximum number for the first year. Mr. Werner stated they would have to look at it to see if it would be a good business model for them depending on the number they are limited to as they intend to make the cost reasonable. He stated depending on the ages of those who sign up, they may have to split them up. Mr. Krauss stated the limitation is on the availability of the facilities. Mr. Werner stated if the Township told them they were limited to two tennis courts for two hours, they would make that work since they have other activities they would be doing. Mr. Gordon stated he feels they would also be concerned about a minimum, and Mr. Werner agreed they would have to have a minimum number in order for it to make sense. Ms. Aaron stated they would need eight children or more. Mr. Gordon stated he does not feel there is any harm in trying this as it is not costing the Township anything, and they would just be taking a percentage; and it could be a good use of the Township land.

Mr. Krauss stated they should know that the fields that are on the other side of the courts belong to the School District.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels once they have their numbers, they should be able to work with Ms. Tierney.

Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. Casey Startzel was present and stated last year was the first year for Ultimate Frisbee for those aged ten to fourteen. He stated he used Memorial Park and they had approximately ten children. He stated they did it once a week Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and it ran for ten weeks. He stated he asked Ms. Tierney about seeing what they could do for field space this year, and he while would be fine with Memorial Park he would like to explore other options if there is space available elsewhere. He stated they also discussed the cost and the 25% split.

He stated he started the camp because he played when he was very young, and he wanted to introduce the sport to others. He stated while he has a full-time job, he is able to be available the times he ran the camp last year. He stated he currently plays Ultimate Frisbee semi-professionally for Philadelphia.

Ms. Tierney stated she feels this would work well at Memorial Park again.

Mr. Wysocki asked if you need to be Certified to be an instructor, and Mr. Startzel stated you do not. He noted Mr. Krauss' son was a volunteer last year. Ms. Tierney stated they would all need background checks and insurance. Ms. Tierney stated they put together a new Contract with the Township solicitor for all of the programs where they agree to certain parameters and provide certain paperwork. She stated the Township needs to be an additionally insured on their insurance policy.

Mr. Startzel stated the cost was one of the reasons why he came tonight. Mr. Gordon stated the charge was \$40 for one day or \$200 for the season which is ten sessions. Ms. Tierney stated last year, the Township did not charge Mr. Startzel for use of the Township property. Mr. Startzel stated he understands that they do a split with other camps of 25%, and he would be fine with that especially if he could use the fields near Edgewood as he would prefer those over being at Memorial Park. He stated he does not register as a non-profit but he does not make money doing this and pays everything out of pocket and hopes to get a little bit reimbursed. He stated he lost \$200 last year, and it will probably be the same this year. Ms. Tierney stated the Park & Recreation Board may want to consider this as a would mean that he would pay a half rate rental fee. Ms. Tierney stated they had previously discussed a \$10 an hour fee but that was only for the volleyball courts or there is the \$250 fee for a full day to rent a field. Mr. Wysocki asked if they could do he User Fees; and Ms. Tierney stated they could but they do not have a defined User Fee for that type of field. Mr. Gordon stated they are trying to be consistent. Ms. Tierney stated if he were to become a League, they could do it that way.

Mr. Gordon asked where he would prefer to do this, and Mr. Startzel stated he would want to do it at Edgewood; however, Mr. Gordon stated the field he is requesting is Pennsbury School District property. Mr. Startzel stated he would not have to use the School property, but would like it in this area as a number of the children who came last year live by Makefield or close to the Middle School. Mr. Krauss asked the size he needs, and Mr. Startzel stated it is approximately 95/40. There was discussion whether he could do the program in one of the outfields. Mr. Krauss stated he does not feel PAA would be using the fields between 9 and 12 on Thursdays, and Ms. Tierney agreed. Mr. Krauss stated he feels Caiola would be sufficient since it is flat. Mr. Startzel stated they just use cones, and an outfield would be sufficient.

Ms. Tierney stated he is not making a profit like the prior two groups were so they might want to handle this differently.

Mr. Len Limongelli, PAA Commissioner, was present, and was asked his opinion of Mr. Startzel using the outfield for Ultimate Frisbee on Thursday mornings during the summer; and Mr. Limongelli stated he would not have a problem with it. Mr. Startzel stated they do not wear cleats. It was agreed that the program could be run at this property and that he would be considered a non-profit.

DEVOTIONAL ASSOCIATES OF YOGESHWAR COMMUNITY CENTER PROPOSAL

Mr. Yogish Doshi, 805 Kent Drive, was present. He stated he has been involved in the Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar for twenty-five years, and they primarily do cultural and educational activities for children from Kindergarten to College Age/young adults. He stated they gather every Sunday, and it is a voluntary organization. He stated they have approximately 125 centers across the Nation. He stated locally they meet regularly at the YMCA and an elementary school in Philadelphia. He stated it is a non-profit organization which has received awards.

Mr. Doshi stated they would like to use the Community Center on Sunday from 9:00 to 12. He stated they do not charge any Fees. He stated he and others would meet with the different age groups to discuss moral stories, etc.

Mr. Malinowski asked if it is religious; and Mr. Doshi stated it is purely cultural, and it is not religious. Mr. Malinowski asked how they would pay the fees to the Township if they do not charge anything for their program. Mr. Doshi stated he had a discussion with Ms. Tierney who provided the information on the charges for non-profit organizations; and whatever the Fees they would have to pay would be collected through donations. He stated it would be a help if the Township would “give them a break.”

Mr. Gordon stated this request is different from the prior request to use just the grass in the outfield of a baseball field that is not being used during that time compared to space in the Community Center. Mr. Doshi stated they are willing to pay whatever are the reasonable charges. Mr. Gordon asked how much space they are looking for in the Community Center, and Mr. Doshi stated they are looking for the classrooms and the main hall. Ms. Tierney stated they are essentially requesting the whole building.

Ms. Tierney stated she has concerns about manpower as she does not feel they could man the Community Center at that time, and that is a lot of people to have in the building without having Township staff present. Mr. Krauss asked how many people they would have; and Mr. Doshi stated they would expect about thirty to forty children and thirty adults, and based on his experience at other Centers, sometimes it could be twenty to thirty total and other times fifty to sixty people.

Mr. Krauss asked if the group is meeting somewhere now, and Mr. Doshi stated currently they meet at the YMCA in Fairless Hills. Mr. Krauss asked if this will be a new group in Lower Makefield, and Mr. Doshi stated this would be a new group conducting similar activities.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they need it every Sunday; and Mr. Doshi stated while they would like to have it every Sunday, if the Township needed it, they would be flexible and they would have to find an alternative place if they are advised the Community Center is not available.

Mr. Gordon asked Ms. Tierney what is currently taking place on Sunday; and Ms. Tierney stated currently there is nothing, but she is concerned about what would happen if there is a Tournament or some other function. She stated while they might be able to do it on a trial basis, she is concerned that they do not have anyone from the Township who could man it on Sundays. Mr. Doshi stated they are a “self-disciplined” group; and possibly they could do it on a trial basis to see what type of activities they do and how they treat the property, keeping it clean, etc. He stated he does not see that there would be any problem adding they are a self-insured organization, and they would provide a Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Krauss asked if the same background checks would be required, and Ms. Tierney stated they would be required.

Mr. Gordon asked how they would monitor the number of rooms being used. Ms. Tierney stated there are programs on Saturdays, and there would need to be a way to “tear down” from those programs. She stated she does not feel they have the manpower at this time to do this. Mr. Krauss stated the building just opened, and they do not have a full staff. He stated the Township would have to have someone from the Township there when there is a group using the building.

Mr. Doshi stated the point he was making was that they are a very self-disciplined organization. Mr. Krauss stated regardless of who is in the building, they need to have someone there staffing it. Mr. Doshi stated for many years before they moved to the Lower Bucks YMCA, they were using the Senior Citizens Building in Fairless Hills; and they were given the key to the building on Saturday. He stated they would have their activities on Sundays, and he would return the key on

Monday. Mr. Doshi stated with regard to the activities taking place on Saturday and the lack of manpower to put everything back for their Sunday activities, he would have people who could do this as the activities actually start at 10:00 but others go one hour early to set it up. He stated most of the things they use they bring from home and then take back home, and they do not need any storage.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the group is fixed in size or do they recruit new people. Mr. Doshi stated it is open to the general public, and there are no fees. He stated whatever they have to pay in fees, they collect in the form of donations; and they would pay the Township the fees well in advance.

Mr. Gordon stated he is concerned because they are using not just a room, but a lot of the entire building. Ms. Tierney stated she feels they should re-visit this once they are more established.

Mr. Grenier asked the number of parking spaces at the Community Center, and Ms. Tierney stated she feels it is under one hundred although she does not know the exact number. Mr. Grenier asked how many usually attend at the YMCA, and Mr. Doshi stated he believes it is about forty children and the same number of adults. Mr. Grenier stated he assumes it is mostly parents and their children and Mr. Doshi agreed that parents bring their children. Mr. Doshi stated he visited the facility, and parking will not be a problem.

Mr. Grenier stated because the Township would not have staff there, and they are proposing to use the entire facility, he feels the Township solicitor should consider this. Mr. Doshi stated he would invite anyone to come to the YMCA any Sunday to see what they do and talk to the Director there.

Mr. Wysocki stated they are asking for the main room and three to five classrooms; however, Ms. Tierney stated they do not have three to five classrooms to give. She stated the Seniors room would be locked so there would only be two spaces plus the great room. Ms. Tierney stated there is one classroom, one conference room, and the great room which could be divided into two rooms. Mr. Doshi stated in the room they would not disturb the chairs or tables; and in one corner children could get together with the teachers, and there would be another group in another corner. He stated they just need a simple space to get together.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels this should be Tabled for a month so that they can consider it further and discuss it with the Township solicitor. Mr. Doshi stated he is willing to come back whenever they want. Mr. Gordon stated this request is a big commitment at a time when the Township is not sure they have the staff to make the commitment.

Mr. Doshi stated at all the centers they run in the Country, they do it only on Sunday morning mainly so that they do not conflict with anything in the Township since usually at that time nothing is going on. He stated they also like to maintain consistency throughout the Nation. He stated he would be willing to get the key the day before and then drop it off on Monday so they would not have to have any paid manpower engaged for this occasion. Ms. Tierney stated the Township would still have to get out supplies and get things ready as there is always prep for any group to come. Mr. Krauss stated the building is also new, and they want someone from the Township in the building in case something should arise. Mr. Krauss stated he assumes that someone from the YMCA is there when they are using the facility. Mr. Doshi stated he would like someone to go to the Y one Sunday and talk to their custodian as they have been there for the last fifteen years. Mr. Grenier stated from a policy and liability perspective, they need to discuss this with the Township Manager and Township solicitor.

Mr. Wysocki asked if they need to have it exclusively or could something else take place there if necessary; and Mr. Doshi stated they would not need exclusivity.

MID ATLANTIC EVENT PROPOSAL

Mr. Kyle Kelly was present and stated he wanted to propose an event to take place at the property between the Edgewood School and the Township Pool, but he now understands that is Pennsbury property. He stated he currently works with the Township doing their Movie Nights and DJs at the Pool. He stated he produces approximately one hundred concerts a year across the Country.

Mr. Kelly showed a picture of the world's largest inflatable water slide which he and his partner own. He stated it is three and a half stories tall and two hundred feet long. He stated he proposes to take on the expense to produce the event, and he would have to charge a fee to use it although he would make sure it is affordable. He stated normally people pay him to do this event, and they get hundreds to thousands of people. He stated they would take care of all safety concerns, and he would hire the Township's Police and EMS. He stated other than needing a water connection, he would bring in everything else. He stated he would fully market the event to the community and open it up to all ages.

Mr. Krauss asked when he was thinking of doing the event, and Mr. Kelly stated he was looking at the June 2 weekend. Mr. Gordon asked the amount of space needed, and Mr. Kelly stated the slide itself is very large. He stated they have put it on concrete in the past. He stated the footprint of the slide is 200' by 150'. There are steps in the back. He advised that they carry a \$5 million insurance policy, and they would additionally name the Township. He stated he would

like to have the Township involved in the marketing. Mr. Gordon asked how they charge, and Mr. Kelly stated there is a single admission fee and use is unlimited; and they can accommodate three thousand people with one slide. Mr. Wysocki asked about the water supply, and Mr. Kelly stated they would need that “from the city.” He stated it does not really use that much water; and the riders are rinsed down, and the water that is on them slides them down.

Mr. Grenier expressed concern with the impact this may have on the grass, and Mr. Kelly stated it will be impacted at the bottom of the slide. He stated they can put it on concrete/asphalt.

Mr. Kelly also discussed the use of foam with the slide if they would like to add that since it makes it faster. He stated the foam would go in the center, and the two outside would just be water. He also stated they would set up a stage for music, but if the Township does not want to do that, they could cut out the stage and just do the slide.

Mr. Grenier asked how the slide is tied down; and Mr. Kelly stated if it goes in the grass they anchor it down with 5’ to 6’ stakes going down 3’ to 4’. He stated if they do it on cement/concrete/asphalt, they have concrete anchors. He stated there are approximately twenty points holding down the slide.

Mr. Krauss asked if there are videos of the slide, and it was noted it can be seen on YouTube.

Mr. Kelly stated they will also bring in a smaller one for infants/toddlers which would be the size of a bounce house.

Mr. Krauss asked what they would charge, and Mr. Kelly stated it would be \$20 each. He stated usually people pay him \$20,000 to \$40,000 a night for him to do this for them. He stated he will take on all the risk for this. He stated he would also put it on Groupon, and they would sell them for \$10. Mr. Kelly stated he would like to do it later in the afternoon as it can take up to six hours to set up. Mr. Krauss stated since it is described as taking place from 4 to 10 he assumes he would need lights. Mr. Kelly stated it would be lit up and it will glow. He stated while there would be music, it would be geared toward families; and it would be Top 40 music.

Mr. Krauss asked how many people he would be hoping for; and Mr. Kelly stated provided he had six weeks to promote, he would hope to get 1,000 the first year, and if it catches on, they could get 3,000.

Mr. Grenier stated they need to find a location where it fits and where they have enough parking.

Mr. Wysocki asked for more information about the water supply; and Mr. Kelly stated it is a regular hose that they would put a splitter on and a pump on it to get it to the top of the slide. He stated they will bring a generator and run their own power.

Mr. Grenier asked about food trucks, and Mr. Kelly stated he was hopeful that they could get some local food vendors involved as well. Mr. Grenier stated they had some at the Community Center opening, and Ms. Tierney stated she has some connections. Mr. Kelly stated there will also be a first aid tent; but he added in eight years, he has never had an insurance claim.

Mr. Gordon asked if there is a lifeguard, and Mr. Kelly stated there is staff at the top and the bottom. Mr. Kelly stated they send them up from the bottom usually one or two at a time per side as there are two ladders to go up. There is a waiting area at the top where four to five people can wait, and one to two attendants would be at the top telling people when to go down and which side. Mr. Grenier asked if parents can go down with their children, and Mr. Kelly stated children three and under can go down if held by their parent in front of them like a regular slide. He stated there are bumpers next to you and you slow down quickly at the end.

Ms. Tierney asked Mr. Kelly if he has staff to help with parking and traffic control or would they need Township support; and Mr. Kelly stated he would like to hire Township staff and the Police. Ms. Tierney stated they would have to pay their hourly fee for that.

Mr. Gordon asked how the Township will get paid from this. Ms. Tierney stated they could do a percentage of the revenue. Mr. Kelly stated they could discuss that further, but he added this would be costing him \$20,000 to do it; and he would have to sell at least 1,000 tickets at \$20 each. He stated he just felt this would be something fun for the Township, and he would like to make it a yearly event if it works. He stated if he is making money, he would have no problem giving the Township money after he gets to a certain threshold. Ms. Tierney stated there could be a Fee for the rental of a field for the day. Mr. Grenier stated he would be paying the Township staff.

Ms. Tierney stated they need to decide where they could do this. There was discussion about doing this at Memorial Park. Ms. Tierney also asked about the area behind the Community Center. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Kelly to look at Memorial Park. Mr. Kelly stated he is not familiar with Memorial Park and he asked about the area near the tennis courts/basketball courts; and it was noted that the Pool would be open so parking could be an issue. Mr. Grenier stated the Township does run a big event on 9/11 at Memorial Park so people are aware of that Park.

The Park & Recreation Board indicated that in general they were in favor of the proposal.

There was more discussion on the fee to be paid to the Township, and Ms. Tierney asked if they would want to charge \$250 like they do for Tournament fields or take a portion of the revenue. Mr. Grenier stated they could charge rental space for the fields and anything over the break-even point do a percentage.

Mr. Kelly stated he is still concerned that Memorial Park may not be the best location since he wanted to stay in a high-traffic area that more people would be aware of, and others on the Board agreed. Mr. Kelly stated he may decide to take it to Shady Brook as he has worked with them in the past. He asked if he wanted to use the field next to Edgewood would he have to speak to Pennsbury, and Ms. Tierney stated she can provide him with contact information for Pennsbury and possibly they could partner with the Township on this.

Ms. Tierney asked if this would need to go before the Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Grenier stated he feels it should go before them. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Kelly when he needs a decision, and Mr. Kelly stated he would like to know within a week.

Mr. Gordon stated he feels the Park and Recreation Board is in support of the concept provided the Board of Supervisors approves it and they get permission from Pennsbury to use the space he would like to have. Mr. Grenier stated the other option is they would be in support of using Memorial Park.

There was further discussion on the fee to be paid to the Township; and Mr. Kelly stated he would not have a problem giving the Township \$1 per ticket for the first 1,000 and then \$2 a ticket after 1,000 people. This was acceptable to the Park & Rec Board.

DISCUSSION AND MOTION ON PARK BENCH PROPOSAL

Ms. Veronica Giles, stated she will soon be the Program Coordinator for Park & Recreation. She stated she is following up on the Park bench donation program that she proposed a few months ago. She stated they have had interest from parties wishing to donate memorial benches to the Parks. She stated the presentation provided has additional options for benches. She stated Option 1 is a DuMor bench which is recycled plastic with multiple installation options. The bench would be four feet or six feet long, and the levels of donations were shown. She stated there is an option to have an engraved plaque added to an existing Park bench. Cost breakdown was shown including the plaque which would be from Fast Signs.

Ms. Giles noted Option 2 is similar to Option 1 which is recycled plastic, but it has a metal frame and arm rests and is available in different colors. She stated these benches would be more expensive than Option 1.

Ms. Giles stated Option 3 would be an aluminum bench which would be non-corrosive and is available in silver or black, and a picture was shown. She stated this would also be more expensive and only comes in the six foot option.

Ms. Giles stated other Townships in the area have similar programs, and she modeled this to those programs. Ms. Giles stated she has done research on the recycled plastic which seems to last.

Mr. Wysocki asked if the intent is to agree on one of these and make that the standard, and Ms. Tierney agreed. Ms. Giles stated the Garden Club got a Grant for a bench, and they are running out of time.

Mr. Grenier stated Tyler has benches similar to Option 1 which are comfortable. He stated Option 3 can be cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Ms. Giles stated the Option 1 installation is also very versatile depending on the location at the different Parks.

Mr. Krauss asked if the intent is to order only when someone wants to donate a bench or are they going to order a certain minimum number. It was noted it would make more sense to order more for economies of scale.

Mr. Krauss asked if they would sit in storage until someone tells the Township where they want to donate a bench or is the Township telling them where they will put them. Ms. Giles stated they have at least three requests already waiting for the program to start. Ms. Tierney stated someone wants one at Memorial Park and the Seniors want to donate a bench at the Community Center. Ms. Tierney stated they are also looking to get benches at Veterans Park and the Farmers Market has asked for benches there.

Mr. Malinowski stated they could install the benches and when someone pays the Township, they would put the plaque on. Ms. Giles stated they would like to go to each Park to see where they would like benches to go unless someone has a specific request for a certain location.

It was the consensus of the Park & Rec Board that they would be in favor of Option #1.

There was discussion whether this would have to Bid out. Mr. Grenier suggested that a Motion be made to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Tierney stated they would not have to go to Bid if it was under \$10,000. Mr. Grenier stated they may want to get all the benches they want and then add the plaques later as people donate. Ms. Giles stated for Option #1 for the 6' bench it would be \$1,021.61 per bench for a five bench order, and \$811.61 per 4' bench per bench for a five bench order.

Mr. Grenier stated he feels they should come up with a plan where they want a number of the benches to be placed initially and recommend that to the Board of Supervisors; and that could be funded up front and then solicit donations after the fact. Ms. Giles stated the numbers could change if they did that as she only got quotes for a five bench order, and if they ordered more benches, it would probably be less. Mr. Wysocki asked if they would be putting the benches in place, and Mr. Grenier stated he feels they could; and they would then solicit donations after the fact. Mr. Wysocki stated he feels most people would prefer to see the bench installed because they donated it rather than just buying a bench that was already installed. Mr. Krauss stated they could have the benches in storage with the locations earmarked once someone wishes to donate a bench. Ms. Tierney stated they would have to consider where they could be stored. Mr. Grenier stated he feels it would be good to have some benches installed where they know there is a need. Mr. Gordon stated once they advertise the program, they may get them donated quickly.

Mr. Grenier recommended that before this goes to the Board of Supervisors that there be a plan for where the benches would be installed.

Mr. Wysocki moved and Mr. Malinowski seconded to send this to the Board of Supervisors for approval for Option #1, 6' benches. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. McNamara was not present for the vote.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Len Limongelli, PAA, stated they rescheduled their Opening Day Parade for this week; and it will start at 9:00 a.m. They will have a ceremony and announce the Peake Award winner, and that person will throw out the first pitch. He stated games will start after the ceremony. Mr. Limongelli reported on the work that is being done at the softball fields, and hopefully by next weekend the fields will be available. He also reported on work needed to be done on the batting cages.

Mr. Limongelli stated they are at over 800 players right now – 530 baseball players, 40 for MAGIK and 260 softball players. He stated the younger ages are very strong. He stated he anticipates having two Senior Babe Ruth Teams this year.

POOL LONG TERM MAINTENANCE AND FEASABILITY STUDY UPDATE AND PROPOSAL

Ms. Tierney stated she went out and tried to get some more quotes and one company was not very responsive and they found out that company only focuses on pools and not bath houses. She stated the other company, Phillips & Donovan Architects, did come back with quotes that were provided to the Board; and it looks like they have a specialist that does aquatic work. She stated she feels their prices range around what they were looking at last month from Aquatic Facility Design, but they also had some additional charges.

Ms. Tierney stated she liked the representative from Aquatic Facility Design when he came out to talk to the Township and he seemed very knowledgeable. She stated she feels they need to think what they want him to assess. She stated she feels they should spend money each year on something that is underground and something that is above ground so that there is visibility. She stated they need to be clear with the firm that they do not need “Sesame Place,” but they do need to continue to modernize.

Ms. Tierney asked if the Park & Recreation Board would be willing to propose to the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the Feasibility Study. She stated Aquatics Facility Design will come in and assess them throughout the summer talking to members and people in the community and do a full assessment of all the mechanics, the lay out of the facility, and the bath house. Mr. Gordon asked if that is what they would do for the \$25,000 proposed, and Ms. Tierney agreed. Ms. Tierney stated they will come up with a report to tell what the major priorities are and suggestions for the future so that there can be forward planning before decisions are made.

Mr. Grenier stated while he understands the concept of doing a feasibility study, he feels the costs are high. Ms. Tierney stated she feels the Phillips & Donovan proposal is higher with regard to fees. Mr. Grenier stated the Township engineer charges \$120 an hour and the Township solicitor charges \$145 an hour; and these proposals are \$150 to \$160 per hour for pool design. Mr. Gordon stated it is a short-term project compared to the Township professionals who have a volume of work so they are able to charge a lesser rate. Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Tierney if she discussed this with Mr. Pockl to see if the Township engineer does this type of work, and Ms. Tierney stated she did not. She stated she started this work when Boucher & James were the Township engineers, and Phillips & Donovan was who they originally recommended. Mr. Grenier stated he feels Ms. Tierney should check with Mr. Pockl as his firm does park design development, and they have more resources. Ms. Tierney stated she is concerned about the timeline

adding they need to consider the wall that needs to be fixed. Mr. Grenier stated he feels Mr. Pockl would respond quickly. He stated they could get additional proposals and consider this at the next Park & Recreation Board meeting.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Tierney stated with regard to the Dog Park they are still waiting on the contractor for the water fountain and the hardware for the door. She stated they have not heard from the contractor for a very long time, and they are trying to get him to meet with the Township. She stated she does not feel he has been paid completely. She stated the job was to be completed in ninety days, and the job was started in September; and they are still not done. She stated she and Mr. Fedorchak hope to meet with him this week. She stated she is moving forward with other amenities including the signage so that they can open as soon as possible.

Mr. Grenier asked where they stand with regard to the Budget for the Dog Park, and Ms. Tierney stated she will have to provide Mr. Grenier with that information.

Mr. Krauss asked if there is a Plan B if the contractor does not complete the work; and Ms. Tierney stated she feels the Township would try to take over the work, but they would have to get the money back from the contractor. Mr. Grenier asked if there is Township staff who could do the work, and Ms. Tierney stated they could do everything that is left; and she knows what she would have to order. Mr. Grenier stated because there is an Agreement in place, they would need to have this reviewed by the Township solicitor and then vote on how to proceed. Ms. Tierney stated if she gets the okay to proceed, there would be a three-week order time for some of the products; and there would then be a week to install. Ms. Tierney stated the gate system would have to be installed by the security company that connects to the Community Pass. She stated everything else could be installed by Township staff.

Ms. Tierney stated the gate is a big issue as is the water fountain as there is a large hole where the water fountain will go which is right inside the gate so it is a safety issue unless they could cover it up. She stated the gate is the number one issue.

Mr. Grenier stated he is interested in the Budget compared to the amenities costs to see if they should be holding off on anything because of problems with the Budget. He stated he also wants to see what they have from the donations. He added they need the gate done before they can open. Mr. Krauss stated there will be more revenue coming in since once the Park is open, he assumes more people will sign up.

Ms. Tierney stated there is a problem with the Dog Park opening at the same time as the Pool since the same people do the Registrations for both. She stated they need to time this well now that the Dog Park Opening has been pushed back. Ms. Tierney stated she and Mr. Fedorchak are pushing to have the Park opened in May.

Mr. Grenier stated he feels the Dog Park should be on the Board of Supervisors next Agenda in case they need the Board to vote on something. Ms. Tierney stated she is hoping that if they can meet with the contractor he will have a plan and it will proceed.

Ms. Tierney stated following up on the storm damage, the backstops are being installed. She stated there was a \$1,000 deductible. Mr. Grenier asked if they are putting in the same ones; and Ms. Tierney stated they did change the design a little, and it will not have the overhang as this is the second time that they had to have these repaired. She stated they feel that the overhang contributed to the collapse.

Ms. Tierney stated they have put together a great list of summer programs which were included in the Board's packet. She stated they will add the final camps, and they will then put out a mailer to the Township to get the word out about the programs. She stated they did well with the initial programs, and Zumba had thirteen participants. She stated they did have to cancel some classes for which there was no interest. She stated registrations continue every day for classes. She stated the summer will be very busy, and there are a number of mini-camps in the Community Center. She stated there are programs for all ages. She stated Ms. Giles has been working on the programs.

Ms. Tierney stated on-line registration is still open at the Pool, and they have started with a lot of the preparatory work. She stated a change this year is the Point of Sale system and information had been provided to the Park & Rec Board on this. She stated they are ordering supplies and updating some umbrellas and chairs. She stated as to numbers, they are a little slow this month although they were ahead every other month. She stated they have streamlined the Registration process, and people do not have to come into the Township to Register, and they can e-mail everything which is working out well and is requiring a lot less manpower than in the past. Ms. Tierney stated they continue to streamline what paperwork is actually needed.

Ms. Tierney stated they are doing their normal preparations for spring and ordering supplies and bases. She stated playground mulch has been ordered and Kids Kingdom will be refinished and sealed. She stated they have decided to put a locked box outside of the pickle ball courts with the portable pickle ball equipment, and they can call the Township for the code to enter the box which will be the solution

this year. She noted following the storm there were a significant number of trees that came down on the bike paths, and they spent a significant amount of time on that making it safe.

Ms. Tierney stated there have been a lot of complaints about dogs being off leash at Macclesfield Park and people taking their dogs onto the turf fields. Ms. Tierney stated at her request the Animal Control Officer has been spending a little more time there checking on this. Ms. Tierney stated there have also been a number of complaints about the timing of the lights since whenever there is an electrical outage, the timing of the lights is thrown off. Ms. Tierney stated they have been trying to be responsive when someone complains about the lights.

Ms. Tierney stated the Five Mile Woods has volunteer work days. She also noted that there are garden plots available at Memorial Park; and those interested can contact the Township. Ms. Tierney stated they need a volunteer to take over managing this program.

Ms. Tierney stated she had provided the Park & Recreation Board with all of the Revenue Reports.

Ms. Tierney stated she went to the PRPS Annual Conference, and she provided the Report to the Park & Recreation Board members reminding them that they are all members and they have access to information about what is going on in other Townships. Ms. Tierney stated it was a great experience and she hopes to continue to attend to get ideas and communicate with the other Park & Rec Directors.

There being no further business, Mr. Malinowski moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Krauss, Secretary