

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**July 24th, 2024**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Board members present were: Chairperson Mr. Jim Everhart, Ms. Diane Tyson, Mr. Chris Chretien, Mr. Frank Hollingsworth and Mr. Bruce Hess. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director and Ms. Leigh Obetz, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Everhart at 4:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was also held using Zoom, an internet web conferencing tool. A recorded statement was played regarding the use of Zoom for this public meeting which included instructions for the public to use in order to participate in the meeting via zoom.

**Public Present in Public Meeting Room**

None

**Public Present via Zoom**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Chris Chretien to approve the minutes of the regular June 26, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Frank Hollingsworth and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

**None**

**Reports**

- a. Recreation
  - i. Mr. Chretien stated baseball is over. Mr. Thomas stated fall ball should start in mid to late August.
  
- b. Grounds, Buildings and Trails
  - i. Mr. Thomas stated nothing to report at this time. Mr. Thomas stated there is not much mowing being done due to dry conditions.

c. East Lampeter Township Recreation Program

- i. Mr. Everhart commented on the activity report that was received, was happy with the list. Mr. Chretien asked how Movie Night was, stated he was spreading the word. Mr. Hutchison stated there were approximately 20 that participated. Ms. Tyson is very impressed with the variety of activities that are being offered. Ms. Tyson asked if an insert can be put in the newsletter with activities the Township are planning, Mr. Hutchison stated that is the plan for future newsletters.
- ii. Mr. Hutchison stated the Township is finishing up the memorandum of understanding with the School District that will allow the Township to use their facilities.
- iii. Mr. Hutchison stated if there are any other ideas on things that the Township should be exploring or considering on programs, Board is to make a list. Mr. Hollingsworth suggested a Mini Disc Tournament.

**Old Business**

- i. Mr. Hutchison stated the other materials that were provided have to do with 2025 budget and would like a list of priorities. Mr. Hutchison stated Number #1 priority on the Township list is the new pavilion at Lafayette Park. Mr. Thomas is hoping to start construction Spring / Summer 2025. Mr. Hess would like to see some activity at Nolt's Mill. He would like to see completion up to flagpole & boat ramp.
- ii. Mr. Thomas stated an area on Millcreek Road under the tunnel has been marked "No Parking" with signs directing people to the parking area on Old Philadelphia Pike.
- iii. Ms. Tyson would like more trees planted around the playground at Flory Park & Lafayette Park. Mr. Thomas stated they are planning on planting tree's in October.
- iv. Ms. Tyson asked if there is anything happening with the Heritage Pathway. Mr. Hutchison stated Pre- Planning efforts are underway, but until those efforts are done there is no good way to identify what projects will come out of it. One is looking at the connection from Oak Grove Rd between Pitney Rd where trail ends now. Other would be Pitney Rd to basically the water works somehow, third would be adjacent to Walnut St where it splits off into the City. Hopefully those 3 planning efforts will identify what the next projects will be. Township applied for funding to go farther east on the goat path itself, still waiting for PennDot Multi Mobile grant decision. Mr. Everhart asked if there are other grants that can be applied for. Mr. Hutchison stated there may be & will be keeping eyes open for those opportunities. Mr. Hutchison also stated he understood the question and dollars are a reality, but what the Supervisors would like to hear is what the recreation facility priority for the community & the park Board input is vital, shouldn't get bogged down on the

expense. Mr. Hess stated he feels the pavilion is #1 priority & Gibbons would be 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list. Ms. Tyson stated she would like to look at the trails at Flory to get them usable, no sense to have 70 more parking spaces if there is nothing to park for. Would like to work on the Southern End to connect to the park trail network. Mr. Everhart asked about digging along Strasburg Pk, Mr. Thomas stated they are test holes for the Conservation District for MS4, the same was done at Lafayette Park. The test is to make sure the water absorbs into the ground.

- v. Mr. Everhart asked if they can provide priority list at next meeting. Mr. Thomas stated he will need to present items requested at the next Board Of Supervisors meeting, so he will need the lists prior to next Park Board meeting. Mr. Everhart asked to have everyone email the recommendations to Mr. Thomas and copy all Park Board Members.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm was made by Frank Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Chretien. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Tyson  
Secretary