

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

August 28th, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 28th, 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 Jim Everhart, Ms. Diane Tyson, Mr. Frank Hollingsworth and Mr. Bruce Hess. Also present was Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director and Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Parks & Rec Director. 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 Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the regular July 26th, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Mr. Hess and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

None

Reports

- a. Recreation
 - i. Mr. Thomas stated fall ball season started & are practicing. No additional communication with softball.

- b. Grounds, Buildings and Trails
 - i. Mr. Thomas stated public works paved lower walking trail at Community Park, also top soil & seeded. Mr. Thomas stated they are waiting on a permit to install a

new breaker box at the outlets in Community Park. They will be controlled by timers.

c. East Lampeter Township Recreation Program

- i. Ms. Cleveland proposed a fee program for residents & non-residents. Non-resident would pay 30% more if price of program is under \$50.00 and 20% more if over \$50.00, round up to the next whole dollar. Ms. Tyson asked if we are opening programs to residents first dibs, then offering it later to non-residents if spaces are not filled. Ms. Cleveland stated they are not, they currently just want to fill the spaces which currently have not been. Ms. Cleveland stated if we start hitting the maximum then we might look into doing that.
- ii. Ms. Cleveland stated Yoga in the park next series starts September 10th and runs for 6 weeks. Currently looking for a back-up facility in case weather starts getting cold. Price for series is \$30.00 for residents, \$39.00 for non-residents. Ms. Hitchens stated rate is based on 30% increase for non-residents. Ms. Hitchens asked if the board is ok with the rate fee percentage. Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth, Seconded by Mr. Hess. Motion was approved.
- iii. Ms. Cleveland stated September 10th the walking group will begin. There will be 2 locations. Tuesday – Lancaster Heritage Pathway Trail Head, Thursday – Community Park. There is no end date, it will continue as long as the weather stays nice. There is no fee for this program, but would still like people to register so waiver can be signed & Township can keep track of who is attending. Mr. Hess asked if we anticipate how many will be attending, Ms. Cleveland stated not at this point. She stated she spoke to 4 people that were interested.
- iv. Ms. Cleveland stated there is a Fall Festival geared for children 2-12 years old. There will be different activity stations. Pumpkin painting, leaf rubbing & fall type activities. Possibly some of the CV sports teams will man the stations. There will be a plant kokedama for the adults, there will be a fee for this.
- v. Conestoga Valley did sign the Memo of Understanding, this will give ability to use their indoor space for winter. Ms. Hitchens stated CV will have first dibs of the space, we will work around their schedule. Mr. Hollingsworth asked if there could be continued education for adults as part of the plan for the future. Mr. Hess mention indoor mini golf.
- vi. Ms. Cleveland stated there is going to be a Halloween movie night featuring Hocus Pocus on October 18th.
- vii. Ms. Cleveland stated they are looking into doing a community garden at Community Park on the lot between the parking lot & the road. Ms. Cleveland has spoke to Penn State Extension Master Gardens who has a committee that does community gardens. Soil testing needs done to see what the soil might need for vegetable gardens. The surplus could be donated to the local food bank.
- viii. Ms. Cleveland reported things that have been completed so far was a Hero Hangout with a police officer that met with about 7 kids on August 7th. Goat

Yoga was August 7th, with 18 participants. Yoga in the park had 15 people registered by the end of the session, most that showed up was 10 at a time. Mr. Everhart asked to see the flyers for upcoming events.

Old Business

- i. Mr. Hollingworth reported the beginning of the year there were 10 discs and today we have 11 with a \$2.00 donation for a disc that was taken. Mr. Hollingsworth thinks the signs might have helped the problem.
- ii. Mr. Thomas stated at the budget workshop the Board of Supervisors wanted to phase out Gibbons Park. They felt it was a little expensive to do everything. They feel they will probably end up phasing it out. Figures are going to be looked at and if approved for next year would probably be parking lot, boat ramp & part of the trail. The Board of Supervisors asked to look at other funding options. There was no bad feedback concerning the new pavilion at Lafayette Park. Mr. Thomas is still waiting on the final numbers. Mr. Thomas stated he should have a final design at the next meeting. Hoping to have construction begin Spring of 2025 if approved. Mr. Hess & Mr. Everhart stated phasing out Gibbons is fine, they just want to see something happening.

New Business

None

Updates

- i. Ms. Hitchens stated all 3 projects with the Lancaster Heritage Pathway are moving forward. Hiccups with PennDOT ECMS System and moving forward with the 2 that are on the western edge of the project are now resolved and we can finally move forward.
- ii. Ms. Hitchens stated the Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with the City of Lancaster to expand the Bike It system. Bike It system is you purchase rental bike, ride it around & put it back into one of the stations that you got it from. East Lampeter Township will install one station with five bikes near the Lancaster Heritage Pathway in 2024 or early 2025.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary