EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
November 20th, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, November 20th, 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. Chris Chretien, Mr. Frank Hollingsworth and Mr. Bruce Hess. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director, Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant and Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Park & 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
Mr. G. Roger Rutt - Supervisor
Mr. Mike Thornton - Supervisor
Mr. Mike Reynolds – Cv Baseball

Public Present via Zoom
None

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Bruce Hess to approve the minutes of the regular October 23, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Frank Hollingsworth and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Reports

i. Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion to dispense with reports, seconded by Mr. Hess and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Old Business

i. Ms. Cleveland stated proposed pavilion rentals will be Tues/Weds/Thurs $65.00 for Residents, $85.00 for Non-Residents. Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon $85.00 for Residents,

$105.00 for Non-Residents. Volleyball & Baseball/Softball Fields are $25.00 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours and can be rented for 3 blocks in one day for a maximum of 6 hours. Ms. Tyson made a motion to accept the new rental fees, seconded Mr. Hess. Mr. Reynolds asked if there is any opportunity for CV Baseball to use the field at Community park at no cost. They will be losing Smoketown Elementary. Mr. Reynolds stated it would be for the U8 level. Ms. Cleveland asked when they would be wanting the field. Mr. Reynolds stated they would take any days available, but normally practice Monday-Thursday with games on Saturday's. Season would be end of April thru 2nd week in June. Mr. Chretien asked if they will have the fields at Smoketown for another year or so. Mr. Reynolds stated yes, but the field at Community is better for games. Mr. Hutchison stated rentals should be looked at prior to deciding. Ms. Tyson stated that they wait a year & see how the rental demand is, then decide on what can be done for usage. Mr. Hess stated very little activity Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Mr. Hutchison stated Saturday morning are likely not high demand times. Ms. Cleveland asked how many teams there are. Mr. Reynolds stated normally 8u have 5 or 6 teams. Between T-ball, 8u & 10u they have between 14-16 teams the last 3 years. Mr. Hess wanted to make sure residents get first choice on rentals. Mr. Chretien asked if $25.00 is the rate for field rentals in other areas, Ms. Tyson stated that $25.00 is the average rate after investigating. Mr. Chretien asked if organized games will need to provide liability insurance. Mr. Thomas stated we can not ask for insurance from the individuals, but if it is an organization then they would need to provide a copy of the liability insurance. Mr. Thornton asked what they attribute the increase participation. Mr. Reynolds stated the Boards outreach for kids to participate. The Boards have gotten younger with parents of children just starting the program which helps spread the message. Schools & principles have been very supportive. Registration is open November 1st – Middle of January. Mr. Thornton asked if they are contemplating the need for additional fields. Mr. Reynolds stated if the growth continues, yes. Mr. Hess stated with the increase population it is not going to go down. Ms. Tyson asked if we can change the rental agreement & make it bold so renters realize there is a change in practice. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm was made by Bruce Hess and seconded by Frank Hollingsworth. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary