

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

March 26th, 2025

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 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, and Frank Hollingsworth. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager, Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director, Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant and Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Director of Parks & Rec. Board Member Bruce Hess was present via zoom, but was not included in voice voting. 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

Jonathan Naff – CV Baseball

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Frank Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2025 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Diane Tyson and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Jonathan Naff from CV Baseball Association thanked the Township for the use of the fields. He stated they did some minor work and are looking forward to be doing more work in the fall. Mr. Naff asked a few questions concerning spraying of weeds, who is responsible. Mr. Thomas stated the Township will be responsible for weed spraying. Mr. Naff also asked when restrooms will be open. Mr. Thomas stated April 1st. Mr. Naff asked if the fencing that protects the 2 benches on the home & visitors side can be extended, he is curious if the Township would be open to extending the fence to protect the bleachers. The bleachers are adjacent to 1st & 3rd base. This would avoid any spectator potentially getting hit by a stray ball. Each extension would be about 25' on each side. Mr. Hutchison stated any improvements of the ball field that the CV

baseball is using is addressed in the agreement and if the Board agrees to any improvement's CV Baseball would want to do, they would have to pay for it. Mr. Naff stated he wanted to ask incase the fencing was a material the Township had. Ms. Tyson stated she would have no issue with the fencing as it would improve the safety. Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth, 2nd by Ms. Tyson. Unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Naff stated he is not sure when this will be completed, but he will reach out to the Township to let them know where they are in the process.

Reports

a. Grounds, Building and Trails

- i. Mr. Thomas stated restrooms will open Monday, March 31st or Tuesday, April 1st. Water samples were taken, waiting on results. The results usually take a week to get back. Guys started distributing picnic tables. Mr. Thomas stated he did receive CV Baseball liability insurance. Mr. Everhart stated he noticed the trimming of the trees.

b. Recreation

- i. Ms. Cleveland stated there are approximately 55 rentals, this includes ballfields, Volleyball Court & pavilions.
- ii. Ms. Cleveland reported we have Indoor Yoga happening now, a new Chair Yoga starting soon. Township is partnering with Alliance Towing to have an egg hunt on April 12th at Community Park. April 1st Community Gardens open, we currently have 8 individuals that have reserved plots. Community Gardens will be in the newsletter, hoping this will add a few more. Flags will be put on the plots Monday March 31st so individuals know which plot is theirs. Summer Playground has 35 students registered. Working with CV High School for a design for t-shirts. Positions for Counselors have been posted, received a good response. May 6th outdoor Yoga will begin. Lancaster County Bird Club will do a Bird Walk in May and then again in the fall at Community Park. June 13th will be a Summer Kick-Off movie at Flory Park. June 18th will be Goat Yoga at Lafayette Tower Park. May 21st Zumba at Lafayette Fire Company. All programs will be included in the newsletter. Currently there are 225 people signed up for a Rec Account, they will be receiving information on things that are going on as well.
- iii. Ms. Cleveland stated we are applying for T-Mobile Hometown Grant which would be in the amount of \$50,000.00 which would go toward a pavilion at Lafayette Tower Park, the deadline is Monday, March 31st. DCNR C2P2 Grant is open & due April 2nd, this will be used for Phase 1 at Gibbons.

Old Business

Mr. Hollingsworth stated Lafayette 250th Bicentennial will be taking place this year. They will be having a Ceremony & Troop Buster at Lafayette Tower Park & Lafayette Fire Company. Mr. Hutchison stated Park Board would need to consider if they want to discharge firearms in the

park. Mr. Everhart suggested putting the event in the Township Newsletter to warn residents this is happening.

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20pm was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Ms. Tyson and unanimously approved voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson

Secretary