

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
October 22nd, 2025**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025, at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. The board members present were: Mr. Jim Everhart, Mr. Bruce Hess, Ms. Diane Tyson & Mr. Chris Chretien. Also, present was Ms. Tara Hitchens, Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director, Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Recreation Director, Ms. Kim Piestrak, Asst. Township Manager & Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order by Mr. 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

Doug Cody
Tyler Martin
Tony Battaglia

Public Present via Zoom

Nick Wagner

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hess to approve the minutes of the meeting September 24th, 2025, of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Chris Chretien and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Doug Cody presented a statement to the board that stated the following:
I appreciate the Board allowing me to appear again. I was here 2 years ago and then due to some throat issues & a car accident, I sort of disappeared for 2 years. I did not want the Board to think I was no longer interested. Today I brought Tyler Martin, owner of Tbones Construction who will be laying the concrete foundation by sport court. I have a picture that is mostly what I was envisioning. The court would be a different color and might be rec size rather than pro size. I shared with Tyler my thoughts of extending the concrete foundation to attach 2 pickleball courts with a 10' fence between the basketball courts, but that might exceed the costs my wife & I have

agreed to. I was shooting for the court to be available by this summer (2026). Statement was read by Mr. Everhart.

Mr. Martin stated Mr. Cody would like to put in a basketball court & pickleball court in Flory Park for the kids in the Community, feels there is not much in that area, they are looking to place it behind the pavilion between the 2 driveways. Mr. Everhart asked how long they are anticipating the project would take. Mr. Martin stated it would all depend on zoning & what they would need, today they just wanted to bring it to see what the Board would need. Once approved it shouldn't take long. Mr. Everhart stated he would need to work with Mr. Thomas who stated he would need plans that include stormwater, grading, etc. Ms. Hitchens asked if there would be an option to use pervious pavement for concrete as it would reduce the stormwater. Mr. Hess asked how much concrete would be needed, Mr. Martin stated it would be about 600 square feet, 100 yards approximately. Mr. Hess asked if they would be putting up fencing, Mr. Martin stated they are planning on putting fencing in between the basketball & pickleball courts. Mr. Hess stated it's nice to have a low fence surrounding the court to eliminate chasing the ball. Mr. Martin stated they would like to run electric for scoreboard and maybe some lights. Mr. Chretien asked if Mr. Cody would be securing the finances for this project, and Mr. Martin asked if there were any finances available from the Township. Ms. Hitchen stated the Board is meeting on Tuesday to go through budgets & it is unlikely. There could be opportunities for grant funding. Mr. Cody is willing to cover \$150,000.00 of the project. Mr. Hess stated his son works in concrete & there might be some ability to get discounts based on the type of project it is from local concrete provider. Ms. Hitchens stated grant opportunities would be applied for by the Township, it's then a Township project. Prevailing wage, which increases the cost of the project. Ms. Tyson loves the idea but is concerned with the noise from pickleball in a residential area & was wondering if there is a better location in the park that would make more sense. Mr. Martin asked if there is a time limit at the park, Mr. Hess stated dusk. Ms. Tyson asked if it could be put at the Strasburg Pk side of the park, Ms. Hitchens stated we are not going to be touching the property that is leased currently. Ms. Hitchens stated the proposed area is currently used for movie nights, Ms. Tyson stated movie nights are easy to move. Mr. Chretien maybe just put basketball court in now & pickleball at another time. Mr. Chretien stated next year might be a little aggressive to have this put through, Mr. Thomas agreed that it takes time once plans are submitted. Mr. Everhart thanked Mr. Cody for his generous offer, would like to take advantage of it & asked if he could work with Township staff to work out the details. Motion was made by Mr. Hess to accept this offer, Mr. Chretien added to only have basketball at this time, seconded by Mr. Chretien, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Reports

a. Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

- i. Ms. Hitchens stated the trail construction from Strasburg Pike to Oakview, Township Staff had a pre-construction meeting with LCCD and construction will begin November 2nd.

- ii. Ms. Hitchens stated park restrooms will be closing November 11th. The porta-johns will be delivered soon for the winter months.
- iii. Ms. Hitchens stated the streambank restoration at Flory Park was an MS4 Project which the Township Sewer Authority provided funding for design & permitting and the landowner Susie Sutton & LCCD worked together to obtain an Exelon Grant to pay for the actual construction. While it was under construction, Township staff were able to go in & clean out the sediment deposits that were under the bridge that is used to enter Flory Park off Strasburg Pike. Both sides of the bridge were redone. It was further downstream completed with a layback of the stream beds to the point at which the Authority owns the property. Township did not enter into an agreement with the Authority & Lancaster County Conservation District because of the sewer lines being so close to the creek. It continues down parallel to Strasburg Pike where it meets Millcreek. She is not sure if planting will be completed this year or will need to wait until spring. Mr. Thomas stated grass is already starting to grow. Ms. Tyson asked if low shrub type things. Ms. Hitchens stated there will be low vegetation and in other spaces there will be larger trees and shrubs to maintain a visual barrier to the residents along Strasburg Pike from the park. Mr. Thomas stated as of today they were behind Susie's house taking the rest of the trees out and they are starting to put logs into the embankment like they did at Gibbons when they did that streambank restoration to hold the banks. Mr. Hess asked how long they expect the restoration to hold up. Mr. Thomas stated Gibbons was done 5-6 years ago & it looks great. Mr. Thomas stated the same gentleman is doing this project that did Flory Park at the upper end and also did Gibbons Park. Ms. Hitchens stated this is a great private public partnership that will reduce our sediment by over 70,000lbs, which is a small amount we need to reduce overall. Mr. Thomas stated the water started to clear up at Gibbons; you can see the bottom of the stream.

b. Recreation:

- i. Ms. Cleveland stated reservations were at 234 including the sports facilities, comparison to 2024 reservations is up a little bit. 202 Pavilion rentals this year compared to 168 last year. Pavilion revenue for this year is \$18,425.00, last year was \$16,580.00. Sport facilities were new this year and came up to \$2,200.00. Total revenue for the year is \$20,625.00, up a little over \$4,000.00. 80 baseball field reservations, 54 were CV using it for their baseball program, Sand Volleyball had 19 reservations. Ms. Tyson stated if basketball courts are put in Flory Park, that should also be included in terms of rental just like the ballfields & volleyball.
- ii. Ms. Cleveland stated Fall Festival was just completed on October 4th; several hundred people attended. 120 pumpkins were donated by area farmers, ran out of those within an hour 20 minutes. Help was provided by staff, CV Students, parents, CV Seeds. Witmer & Lafayette Fire Companies attended as well. Park Yoga is now indoors the old Smoketown Elementary building on Tuesdays.

Upcoming programs are Family Movie Night & Candy Scramble on Friday Evening, partnering with Alliance Towing who are providing hamburgers & hot dogs and helping with candy scramble. There will be hot chocolate, coffee & popcorn as well. October 29th we are partnering with the library for a fall theme pajama book nook, story, snack & a craft at the Township building. November 3rd, Wreath decorating hosted by Ken's Gardens. November 3rd Pa Attorney Generals office is holding a program to help prevent seniors from potential scams at the Township Building. Also, November 3rd Glazing Sun Pottery will lead us in holiday ceramic ornament painting, 3 pieces for \$30.00. This will take place at the High School. Zumba Class November 6th. Smoker Breads is coming November 10th for a Sour Dough Bread Making class at the High School in the Family Consumer Economic classroom. Bus trip to New York City December 13th, deadline to sign up is October 24th.

- iii. Mr. Chretien asked if the gardens will be in the same place next year, Ms. Cleveland stated as of now they will be in the same location. Everything should be out by November 1st; public works will be mowing everything down. Mr. Chretien asked why the front plots by the road were not rented and was wondering if it was too close to the road or just ran out of people. Mr. Chretien asked if they could be moved to the back, he is concerned with them being too close to the road. Ms. Cleveland stated that it would not be possible due to the tree & shade in the back. Mr. Chretien also asked about the privacy buffer, asked if something can be approved for next year between his property and the park. Ms. Hitchens stated Township does not put privacy buffers in. Mr. Chretien asked if something can be put in like it is being done at Tower Park. Ms. Tyson stated Township is not putting any plantings in. Mr. Chretien asked about Flory West, Ms. Hitchens stated homeowners are paying for the plantings.

Old Business

- i. Ms. Tyson asked if any rental fee would be increased for next year, and she feels everything should stay the same. Mr. Everhart asked if everything is workable the way it is. Ms. Cleveland stated everything was going well, only issue was technical challenges by people renting, but Township staff helped.
- ii. Mr. Chretien asked if any pinecones are needed as there is an overabundance at Community Park. Ms. Cleveland stated they might be good to use for Summer Playground.
- iii. Mr. Thomas stated a meeting has been scheduled concerning Lafayette Pavilion, which Clark volunteered to build next Thursday, Township Staff will be meeting with Clark to go over details, stake out is scheduled for next week. Once they start there is 6-8 weeks for the structure delivery. Should get stood up this year, utilities might not be right away but are being worked on now. Ms. Hitchens stated ultimate hope is for it to be rentable next year.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm was made by Mr. Chretien and seconded by Mr. Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary