

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

February 25, 2026

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, 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 & Mr. Frank Hollingsworth. Also, present were Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works 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

None

Public Present via Zoom

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting January 28th, 2026, of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Mr. Chretien and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

None

Reports

a. Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

- i. Mr. Thomas stated the weather put everything to a halt with the new pavilion. Hopefully within the next week or so the sewer line will be complete. There is no date for the delivery of the pavilion. Water line will be ran once weather breaks. A drawing was received for the basketball court, zoning officer contacted them and they needed to hire an engineer for the stormwater. Restrooms are still closed at the parks. We have received the liability insurance from CV Baseball.

b. Recreation:

- i. Ms. Piestrak stated we currently have 143 program registrations from January 1st – February 24th, 111 are residents. There are 811 accounts. Some of the programs are Coffee and Conversation with a Cop, Playground registration is open with 24 registered, we are actively looking for sponsors. Indoor Yoga, Line Dancing with 2 classes, Owl Prowl, Exploring the Night Sky, Dinosaur Pajama Book Nook, Sourdough Bread Basics, Washington DC Bus Trip and Exploring the Park Egg Hunt. Future programs are Sourdough Advanced Bread Workshop, Community Gardens, Beginning Fishing Workshop, Babysitting Course, Walk with Lancaster County Bird Club, Movie Night in (June, August & October), Discover the Magic of Lightening Bugs in June, Cape May Bus Trip in August. Park registrations are open and ongoing.
- ii. Ms. Piestrak stated CV Baseball reached out to Jacob Bowen Planning Director concerning the shed. They are going to be getting an engineer due to going through Land Development.
- iii. Ms. Tyson asked when the pavilion would be completed. Mr. Thomas stated it will depend on the delivery date, Ms. Tyson asked if possibly Memorial Day. Mr. Thomas stated it also depends on when PPL will be getting the electric service to the building, trenching needs done & meters installed.
- iv. Mr. Hollingsworth asked about winter maintenance in Community Park. He feels that since children sled there as part of a community service, we would clear the snow for people to park. Mr. Thomas stated the Board of Supervisors did not want it plowed due to the expense of Fuel, Salt & Man Hours. Mr. Everhart stated he fell at the park 3 weeks ago when he got out of his car. He stated a lady stopped him & asked why it was not being plowed. Mr. Everhart is thinking of asking the Board of Supervisors to allocate funds to keep the park maintained. He feels it is embarrassing as a member of the park Board to have to go to Greenfield because it is plowed with private funds. Mr. Hollingsworth asked if the rec budget could be used as he would like to see more of the parking lot maintained. Mr. Hess states he would like to see just 1 park done, not all parks. Mr. Everhart feels being outdoors is an important part of mental health. Ms. Tyson stated there are other options for walking at the school district, they have walking trails. Ms. Tyson feels our resources can be better spent rather than park winter maintenance, would like to see funds spent on other things during spring and fall. Mr. Hollingsworth asked if we could send a survey to see if residents would utilize the park in the winter if maintenance was done.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Mr. Chretien asked if we have a right of way at Gibbons by Ames building. Mr. Thomas stated that it was not passed. Mr. Thomas stated they are considering a bridge rather than people walking on Route 340.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20pm was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Mr. Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary