

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
March 25th, 2026**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, March 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, Ms. Diane Tyson, Mr. Chris Chretien & Mr. Frank Hollingsworth. Also, present were Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director & 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

Nick Wagner
George Smith – ELA Group
Thomas Small - ELA Group
Kathy Cody

Public Present via Zoom

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting February 25th, 2026, of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Mr. Chretien and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

- i. Mr. Small asked for approval as to where to place basketball court at Flory Park. The design was made to have court between concession stand & pavilion. It would be approximately 20' away from the walking path, 155' away from concession stand & approximately 300' from pavilion with the court dimensions 58'x78' per client's request. The court will be concrete. Mr. Everhart was concerned about the noise. Mr. Hollingsworth asked if a buffer can be put up. Mr. Smith stated they can check with the landscaper. Mr. Small stated client is also thinking about benches and a fence. Mr. Small stated this should not interfere with movie night as there will be no lights

- on the court. Mr. Thomas asked what the cost would be, Mr. Small stated he has no estimate yet. Mr. Thomas stated the Township can not contribute funds as that would turn the project into prevailing wage. Ms. Tyson approved of the approximate location with slight adjustments, possible screenings and upon review from staff, seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth and unanimously approved by voice vote.
- ii. Kathy Cody who resides on Crest Ave was questioning flags that were at Lafayette Park, Mr. Thomas stated they are from the PA One Call for the utilities, where the water service was going to be. Ms. Cody asked if anything could be done to maintain the baseball sheds. She stated no one is using the sheds. Mr. Thomas advised he would reach out to the baseball association. Ms. Cody asked when the new pavilion will be completed. PPL is to give us a drawing as to where electricity will be pulled from, pre-construction meeting will be Monday 3/30, pavilion will be delivered to Township building 3/31, but the permits aren't ready yet, so grading will start in approximately 2 weeks, could be sooner or later. Ms. Cody stated mud washed on the pathway, Mr. Thomas stated the contractor is to be back next week to finish tying in the sanitary sewer.

Reports

a. Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

- i. Mr. Thomas stated the restrooms will be open the week of April 1st. A water line was run to the garden plot area. PPL should have drawing in next week; water service will be installed next week for new pavilion at Lafayette Park. Clark is going to come to help unload the pavilion at the public works building. Mr. Thomas stated that in 2024 we received a fish and boat commission grant, 20% match which was a little over \$75,000.00. In 2025 a CFA grant was received in the amount of \$164,500.00 which is not a match. Total is \$239,500.00, Township match is approximately \$45,000.00. Parking lot, entrance, and boat ramp will be worked on at Gibbons Park with these funds. The Board of Supervisors opened conversation on what to do with the Mill & house. Not sure if they want to sell or keep it. Ms. Tyson asked about the millrace, Mr. Thomas stated Township will keep ownership of the millrace so Township can keep control of the dam.

b. Recreation:

- i. Mr. Thomas stated we currently have 896 accounts. Some of the programs are Line Dancing, Indoor Yoga, Chair Yoga, and bus trip to Washington DC for the Cherry Blossoms. Saturday is the Egg Hunt for Easter, Sourdough workshop in April, Community Gardens have only 1 plot left, Fishing Workshop and Babysitting Course in May, Advanced Line Dancing, Cones with a Cop, Goat Yoga in June. Ms. Tyson inquired about Summer Playground, Mr. Thomas stated 33 currently are signed up. Mr. Everhart asked what the number was last year, Ms. Tyson stated it was open to 40, but this year it has doubled to 80. June there will be a Flag Ceremony held at the

Township building. Mr. Thomas stated everything is posted on Township website if anyone has questions and also, we are always looking for volunteers to help with Park and Rec programs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary