

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 27, 2026**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 27th, 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 & Mr. Frank Hollingsworth. Also, present were Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director, Ms. Kim Piestrak, Asst. Twp. 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

Public Present via Zoom

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting April 22, 2026, of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Mr. Hess and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Cody wanted to know if he was doing or not doing anything that is slowing the progress of the basketball courts. Mr. Thomas stated nothing has been submitted by the engineer. Mr. Cody stated he received an application, but it was things he had no idea how to complete. He will get with the engineer.

Reports

a. Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

Mr. Thomas The block for the restrooms & mechanical room have been delivered and should be started this week. The concrete pad is poured, PPL is scheduled for next week, rain garden has been excavated and amended soils have been put in. Troy is waiting to hear back from a nursery; special plants have to be put in the bottom.

The contractor moved back in this week to continue work on the Strasburg Pike Trail. There is a meeting on Monday for the paving that starts at Strasburg Pike up through the park. Meeting is scheduled for June 1. They are to start the work on Greenland Dr to South Oakview either tomorrow or next week.

b. Recreation:

i. Programs

147 program registrations in the past 60 days

i. Current Accounts in system: 1143

ii. Recap of several recent programs

- Eggs-plore the park had several hundred participants collect the 6000 eggs graciously filled by our sponsor Alliance Towing
- Cherry Blossom Bus Trip to DC: We have received a lot of positive feedback. 30 registered.
- Community Garden Plots sold out at 16
- Beginning Fishing had 6 people, cross generational with several children and adults, even had a grandfather and grandchild.
- Beginning Birding we partnered with Lancaster County Bird Club. Even though it was drizzling, we had 16 participants and two walk leaders. One of those who joined the walk wrote an article online LNP.
- Bookmobile first stop was May 14. We had 8 people use the bookmobile. It is scheduled to come on the second Thursday of each month from 10-10:45 a.m.

iii. Current ongoing classes:

Improver+ Line Dancing (higher level) 24 registered

Chair Yoga 10

Yoga in the Park 10

V. Upcoming Programs

Sourdough Bread Beyond Basics is tomorrow

Cones with a Cop is this Friday, May 29 1-2:30 p.m. Fox Meadows Creamery has donated the ice cream.

Kick off to summer movie night is the movie Rookie of the Year on June 5 with our partner Alliance Towing provide hamburgers and hot dogs

Summer Playground has 50 registered (40 last year), begins June 8

Staff are hired, 3-4 volunteers. First staff meeting today.

Youth Wilderness Survival Clinic June 13

Line Dancing June 15

Goat Yoga June 17

Yoga in the Park June 23

Chair Yoga June 25

Discover the Magic of Fireflies on June 25

America 250 Flag Ceremony June 29

Cape May bus trip Aug 8

Jim Thorpe bus trip Oct 1

vi. Reservations booked to date for 2026

High Pavilion: 44

Lions: 46

Rotary: 22

Clark: 28

Ball field: 16

Volleyball: 5

Reservations completed April 1-May 27, 2026

High: 16

Lions: 14

Rotary: 5

Clark: 11

Reservations completed April 1-May 27, 2025

High: 14

Lions: 11

Rotary: 3

Clark: 5

Mr. Hess asked if there is any reason why reservations are higher this year, Ms. Piestrak stated could be the word is getting out, we also are advertising in Leacock Township

Old Business

- a. Mr. Thomas states he is meeting with an engineer to get a contract together for Gibbons Park. Mr. Everhart asked what is happening at the park. Mr. Thomas stated the entrance, parking lot & a little bit of the trail is what they are hoping to get with this contract. Township also have a verbal with the farmer across the road to get the portage on his property to get around the dam at Dutch Wonderland. Just need to get the solicitor to finalize the paperwork. There will be a pedestrian easement on his property.
- b. Mr. Everhart asked if Mr. Thomas wants budget items at the June meeting. Mr. Everhart asked if Township can give them what they would like to do next year. Mr. Thomas stated he normally does not have that information until July, but if the Board is thinking of something they are to give Mr. Thomas the information. Mr. Hess stated it would be helpful if they knew what the Township priorities are. Mr. Thomas stated they need to keep in mind that they have grant money for Gibbons Park, but there is also matching that needs to be budgeted for. Mr. Thomas asked if they see things at the parks that look bad, let them know.

New Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Cody stated his plan for the basketball court is there are 2 adult groups that want to use it, he is going to ask for permission for that and was also going to run some youth open gym things. Corey Meyer is head of the adult group that uses Fritz Elementary and would love to use the court at Flory per Mr. Cody. Mr. Hess stated that when the courts are completed Mr. Cody should reach out to Miss. Cleveland.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15pm was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Mr. Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Hollingsworth
Member