

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
June 24th, 2026**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, June 24th, 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

Kathy Cody

Public Present via Zoom

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting May 27th, 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:

Mr. Thomas Township will be doing a walkthrough Friday morning on the trail from Strasburg Pike to Oakview Road. It is pretty much complete, just looking for flaws or errors they need to repair. If there are none it will be substantially completed. Staff met with Township engineers to start working on phase one of Gibbons Park which will consist of the entrance, exit, parking area and also the kayak/canoe launch. Mr. Thomas thinks that is all that is going to be able to be completed with the grant money that was received. Should be seeing documents within the next week or two and constructed by

the end of 2027. The pavilion at Lafayette is under roof. Waiting on electrician and plumber to finish up. Township will be doing some grading around the facility. The flooring guy has not been there yet, Township is hoping within the next month/month in a half to most of that complete. Picnic tables are going to be made on rainy days. There is no update on the basketball court, their engineer was to submit something for our engineers to review, still waiting on that. Baseball is complete, talked to President Michael Wolfe and he purchased paint, trim and shingles, going to start working on shed within the next 2 weeks. They are also possibly looking at submitting a building permit for dugouts at Lafayette Park. Mr. Thomas stated they were approved several years ago by the Board. Mr. Thomas reported that the trail and trailhead at Walnut Street are now the property of the Township, which we will start maintaining. A bench, trash cans and doggie stations were purchased to be placed along the trail. We are working with Lancaster City, Lancaster Township and Manheim Township on the Great American Heritage Pathway. Kathy Cody asked if she would give a donation of wildflowers would the Township be able to plant them. Mr. Thomas stated the Park Superintendent had already ordered all the specific plants for the rain garden. Ms. Cody stated she likes the looks of the new pavilion but still doesn't like the location. She is also asking if Township could speak to the baseball association and ask if they can put their things away instead of leaving everything scattered around.

b. Recreation:

i. Programs

176 program registrations in the past 60 days

1. Current Accounts in system: 1222

Recap of several recent programs

- Cones with a Cop: served 133 ice cream servings. Fox Meadows Creamery donated the ice cream.
- Movie night about 120 at the start of the movie. June movie starts late because of sunset. Alliance Towing sponsored hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.
- Bookmobile has been coming the second Thurs of the month, averaging about 8 people per visit
- Youth Wilderness Clinic: 6 children, worked out great at Community Park, built a shelter, learned about edible plants, learned to use a compass.
- Summer Playground has 52 children registered. Located at the Middle School this year because of the moving taking place at Old Smoketown. Lots of programs planned for the children. We have had baby goats visit, the Bookmobile, a NASA Solar System Ambassador and Raven's Ridge is visiting tomorrow.

Ongoing classes:

Line Dancing at Lafayette for June/July
Yoga in the Park on second session
Chair Yoga starting new session tomorrow

2. Upcoming Programs

- Monday, July 29 Celebrate America's 250 with a flag ceremony and recognizing our East Lampeter Township Fire volunteers with 35+ years of service. Hot dogs and Oregon Dairy Ice Cream will be served, while supplies last. Sponsors for the program are Glick Fire Equipment, Oregon Dairy, Alliance Towing, Pepperidge Farm and Walmart.
 - Thank you, Diane and Frank for volunteering to scoop ice cream for the event
- Cape May Bus Trip, August 8
- Mill Creek Exploration: Stream Study, August 9
- Beyond Basics Sourdough Bread Class, Sept 3
- Movie in the Park, August 21 is Finding Nemo
- Line Dancing will start back up at CV Middle August 31
- Next bus trips are Jim Thorpe in Oct, Radio City Music Hall Nov 18 and NYC on your own Dec 12

3. Reservations booked to date for 2026

High Pavilion: 55

Lions: 43

Rotary: 26

Clark: 34

Ball field: 19

Volleyball: 5

Reservations completed April 1-June 24, 2026

High Pavilion: 29

Lions: 29

Rotary: 13

Clark: 19

Reservations completed April 1-June 25, 2025

High Pavilion: 29

Lions: 24

Rotary: 13

Clark: 12

Ms. Tyson asked when reservations are going to be taken. Mr. Thomas stated it will depend on when the tables get built. Parks Department is currently very busy and hoping for some rain days. Ms. Tyson also stated her grandchildren are not happy with not being able to play on the playground. She doesn't understand why the School District will not allow them to use what is there. She is going to email the district with her concern.

Old Business

- a. Mr. Chretien asked if they had decided what they were going to do with the house and the mill. Mr. Thomas stated he believes they are still reviewing the paperwork. One thing that was discussed with the engineer was to leave the easement between the mill and the house.

New Business

None

Public Comment

Ms. Cody commented that there is a crack in the new concrete at Lafayette Pavilion. Mr. Thomas stated he is aware and has seen it.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Mr. Chretien. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary