

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

August 26th, 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. Bruce Hess & Mr. Frank Hollingsworth. Also, present were Ms. Kim Piestrak, Asst. Township Manager & Ms. Leigh Obetz, 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 July 22nd, 2026, of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Mr. Hess and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

None

Reports

a. Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

Ms. Piestrak stated the occupancy permit was received for Lafayette Pavilion; 12 picnic tables have been built by the public works staff for the new pavilion. Gibbons Park proposal with DMA has been signed to start the launch project. The poorly painted sheds at Flory Park have been addressed with CV Baseball. The plantings at Flory Park off Strasburg Pike have been scheduled for October 5th & 6th, this should wrap up the stream bank restoration. The Board of Supervisors took action at their last meeting to

name the new pavilion at Lafayette Park The Arlene Clark Family Pavilion. Township is not sure if there will be a dedication or ribbon cutting ceremony yet.

Recreation:

1. Programs

101 Registrations in the past 60 days

2. Current accounts in the system:1348

Recap on recent events

- Summer Playground concluded.
Many positive comments on the parent survey.
- The Cape May bus trip had 21 people participate.
- Movie Night at Flory Park was this past Friday, Aug 21.
Over 100 in attendance for Finding Nemo. Alliance Towing sponsored hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Many residents commented on how happy they are that we are hosting events such as this.
- Chair yoga and Yoga in the Park are in the middle of their 6-week sessions

3. Upcoming Programs

- Two line dancing classes begin Aug 31
- Sourdough Bread: Beyond Basics Workshop, Sept 3
- Beginner Birding, Migratory Birds, Sept 13
- Jim Thorpe Bus Trip, Oct 1 has 46 people registered. Radio City Music Hall Nov 18 and NYC on your own Dec 12

4. Reservations booked to date for 2026

High Pavilion	69
Lions	60
Rotary	31
Clark	40
Sand Volleyball	8
Baseball Field	27

Reservations completed April 1-August 26, 2026

High Pavilion	54
Lions	49
Rotary	26
Clark	32
Total	161

Reservations completed April 1-August 26, 2025

High Pavilion	59
Lions	47
Rotary	22
Clark	22
Total	150

Mr. Everhart asked when the trail at Community Park is going to be re-opened, Ms. Piestrak was not sure, Mr. Everhart stated he is seeing several people going around the barricades. Mr. Chretien asked when they will be cleaning up the garden plots as they are totally out of control. He stated last year at the end of the season trash kept blowing over to his property. He would like them to be cleaned in the fall & spring. Ms. Piestrak stated she believes the dates are the beginning of November, or end of October. Mr. Chretien asked if in the spring the rototiller could be done better as this year residents had to bring their own in before they could plant. Ms. Piestrak stated she will discuss with Ms. Cleveland. Mr. Hess asked if anyone had any thoughts as to why the reservations are up as much as they are, wondering if it has anything to do with the programs being held. Ms. Piestrak wasn't sure but stated it could be a good possibility.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Chretien. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary