EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 23rd, 2026

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 23rd, 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, 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
None

Public Present via Zoom
Kathy Cody

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the meeting August 26th, 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:
   Mr. Thomas stated pavilion at Lafayette is completed, and picnic tables are completed as well. Camera's have been installed, waiting for contractor to come back to finish the wiring & connections. Mr. Chretien asked how many cameras are at the parks, Mr. Thomas stated there are a few at each pavilion. October 5th & 6th the trees and shrubs will be planted as part of the Strasburg Pike Stream Bank Restoration. The contractor is scheduled this week or next to clean out the hanging limbs and open the trail back up at

Community Park. Mr. Thomas has been emailing CV Baseball to get the sheds repaired. Ms. Tyson asked if we could hold up the building permits for the dugouts. Mr. Thomas stated Township is looking into what can be done. There was also a tree that came down on the backstop. CV Baseball reached out & asked who is responsible, Mr. Thomas advised that CV Baseball has a copy of the agreement and is responsible for any damage, Township is not. Parks Department is getting ready for fall weed & feed. Mr. Thomas stated the trail from Strasburg Pike to Oakview still has a minor punch list that needs to be addressed. Mow grass, rocks in area & Infiltration Test on the paving. Once this is complete Township will take the trail over.

Recreation:

a. Ms. Piestrak stated the garden agreement is until November 1st but will run into the middle of November. Mr. Chretien asked who is responsible for cleaning the gardens. Mr. Thomas stated the renters of the garden plots. Mr. Thomas stated they are looking for other options rather than recycling bins for cleanup. Mr. Chretien was concerned that plots are not being kept up. Mr. Thomas advised that if comments are being made to let Township staff know who & Staff will address the concerns.

2. Programs

   138 Registrations in the past 60 days

3. Current accounts in the system: 1389
   Recap of recent programs

   - Line Dancing (2) Classes are in the middle of their session
   - Beginner Birding had 17 people on Sept 13
   - Chair Yoga and Yoga in the Park just finished their sessions
   - The bookmobile stops on the second Thursday of the month have been seeing on average 10 or more people

4. Upcoming Programs

   - Chair Yoga starts a new session tomorrow
   - Yoga begins at CV High School 9/29
   - Walk with a Doc first walk is Friday, 9/25. Takes place the fourth Friday of the month with Dr Mary Tierney of Walnut Grove Family Medicine. Begin each walk with a short talk about a different topic each month. First topic Discover the Health Benefits of Walking

- Fall Festival is Oct 3 10 a.m.-Noon at Community Park. We have games, crafts, pumpkin painting, and the North Museum with live animals. Lafayette, Ronks, Lafayette and possibly Witmer Fire Companies will be attending. We are still in need of volunteers. Thank you, Diane, for volunteering.
- Bus trips: 46 people are going to Jim Thorpe on Oct 1, Radio City Music Hall on Nov 18 has 9, NYC on Dec 12 has 10
- AARP Smart Driver Course Nov 16 & 18

5. Reservations booked to date for 2026

High Pavilion	71
Lions	62
Rotary	33
Clark	40
Sand Volleyball	8
Baseball Field	30

Reservations completed April 1-Sept 23, 2026

High Pavilion	66
Lions	55
Rotary	30
Clark	36
Total	**187**

Reservations completed April 1-Sept 23, 2025

High Pavilion	68
Lions	59
Rotary	27
Clark	27
Total	**181**

Mr. Hollingsworth stated this past Saturday they had the business grouping at the pavilion & it was very nice, there were about 10 -15 businesses participating. There was business there that he never knew existed in the Township. He asked if they do not continue to do this, would the Township be able to. Ms. Piestrak stated the Township cannot pick & choose what businesses to have participate. Mr. Hess asked if there was any additional information on the Senior Driving Course, Ms. Piestrak was not sure but knew that if you complete the course, you will receive a discount on insurance rates.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

Ms. Cody stated she wanted to express gratitude to the Board finally addressing the time concerns concerning the maintenance of the sheds, they are still an eyesore. She wishes the Board would look at them. Mr. Everhart stated that Mr. Thomas is on top of this. Mr. Hess asked if the shed gets bad enough will they just get removed. Mr. Thomas stated this is what he is working on, not sure which way Township will proceed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary