

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

June 28, 2023

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Board members present were: Diane Tyson, Chris Chretien, Frank Hollingsworth and Bruce Hess. Also present was Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager, Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager and Charles Thomas, Public Works Director. Absent from the meeting was Chairperson Jim Everhart. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Chris Chretien 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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was held on May 24, 2023 by Bruce Hess and seconded by Diane Tyson. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Concerns and/or Comments

None

Reports

- a. Recreation
 - i. Mr. Thomas received a phone call from the Little League coaches that use Smoketown Elementary School. They are eventually going to lose the fields they play and practice on. They asked if they could use the Community Park field. Mr. Thomas told them he would discuss it at the next meeting so the Board can see what their needs are. Ms. Tyson stated that Smoketown has a two-year lease beginning Summer 2024 so the fields at Smoketown Elementary School should still be available
- b. Grounds, Buildings and Trails
 - i. The new playground equipment has arrived for Flory Park and is currently being installed. It will continue being installed over the next two weeks with an opening date in mid to late July.
 - ii. The 6 cameras for the pavilions have been ordered and will be installed in mid to late July.

- iii. The trees have been treated for the leaf scorch disease like they have over the past 7-8 years and the ash trees have been treated for the Emerald Ash Bore.

Mr. Hess asked what we will do with the old playground equipment. Mr. Thomas answered that we either scrap it or sell it. Ms. Tyson asked if the money made from scraping or selling goes back into the Park Fund. Mr. Hutchison answered that it goes back into the General Fund. He also said that it would not add up to a lot of money, as the worth of scrap metal is very low. He added that they have to be careful in selling the used equipment because of liability issues. Mr. Thomas will keep the Board updated.

c. Recreation Program – Updates

- i. Ms. Tyson reported that the Township staff and she met with the CV school district last month and are meeting again next week. DCNR notified the Township that the Township is not eligible for the Circuit Rider Grant because two municipalities are need in order to apply. The Board was under the impression that pairing with a school was acceptable but it was not. The Board of Supervisors is committed to having a recreation program in East Lampeter Township. The Township will proceed with its own entity and hire a Recreation Director. The school district will be made aware of these changes and the Township is hopeful they want to proceed and work together. Mr. Chretien asked if there was a possibility to work with other municipalities such as Strasburg, Chester County, York County etc. Ms. Tyson believes that the YMCA runs a facility in these areas but does not have recreational programs in their parks and does not offer those services. Mr. Hutchison stated that East Lampeter Township will proceed on its own and hopes that by example more cooperation will come from neighboring municipalities.

Old Business

- a. Mr. Hutchison reported that the Lancaster Heritage Pathway is progressing with an opening date of late September to early October.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary