

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

February 28, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 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: Chairperson Jim Everhart, Ms. Diane Tyson, Mr. Chris Chretien, Mr. Frank Hollingsworth and Mr. Bruce Hess. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager, Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Charles Thomas, Public Works Director and Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson 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

Ms. Rebekah Hamner – Wellspan Health

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Frank Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the regular January 24, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Chris Chretien and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Rebekah Hamner, representing Wellspan Health spoke concerning a summer program which they partner with the library summer read program for children & adults to get outdoors. A post would be hidden in Community Park. Children will be given clues to help find the post that will be secured to a tree in the park. Rebekah stated no damage will be done to trees. Program runs June 1st – August 10th. Ms. Tyson asked if this could be moved to Flory Park. Flory Park is on the list for next year (2025) per Rebekah. There are several parks included in Lancaster County. Board was asked which icon they would like to be used on the post, airplane was chosen.

Motion to agree to participate in the program was made by Frank Hollingsworth, Second by Bruce Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

- a. Recreation
 - i. Mr. Thomas stated he has not received anything concerning the baseball schedule.
- b. Grounds, Buildings and Trails
 - i. Mr. Thomas showed 3 location options for new pavilion at Lafayette Park. Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Thomas gave pro's & con's for each location.
 - ii. Mr. Thomas stated next meeting he will have a report on all pavilion rentals.
- c. East Lampeter Township Recreation Program
 - i. Mr. Hutchison stated advertising has just begun once again for Recreation Director position and will run until later in March. Ms. Tyson asked if advertising could be done with Career Link as well.

Old Business

- a. Mr. Hollingsworth thanked Township for giving Mini Disc's out at forecast meeting. He stated he also checked the box at Community Park & 12 Mini Disc's are still inside box for public use. Mr. Hollingsworth also suggested having a Mini Disc tournament once Recreation Director is hired.

New Business

- a. Lafayette Park
 - i. Mr. Hutchison stated he received information from Lafayette College for the reenactment of the tour Marquis De Lafayette once did in 1825. Part of the 200 year reenactment will be held at Lafayette Tower Park July 2025. Mr. Hutchison stated there is a monument located on the South Side of Old Philadelphia Pike by Rosewood Terrance. The monument marks the spot where there was a gathering to recognize Marquis De Lafayette.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm was made by Frank Hollingsworth and seconded by Bruce Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary