

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

April 24, 2024

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

Matt Rhoades – CV Softball Association

Public Present via Zoom

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Frank Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the regular March 27th, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Chris Chretien and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Matt Rhoades, President of CV Youth Softball Association requested the use of Community Park Field if not rented for Spring Ball (March thru June). Fall Ball (August – End of October) may not be required. The field would be used Monday – Thursday until early June, practice field, not sure games can be held there due to backdrop needing repaired. Mr. Hutchison asked if CVSD stated Smoketown can't be used? Mr. Rhoades stated there are only baseball fields there, not softball. Ms. Tyson asked if they have checked Talmage Park Field. Mr. Rhoades stated it floods often & needs work. Mr. Hutchison stated there are not a lot of reservations during weeks days. Ms. Tyson doesn't have a problem committing this year, but Rec Program will be starting so no promises for next year. Association will need to provide Certificate of Insurance to Mr. Thomas. Mr. Rhoades stated this is his last year but will have his predecessor contact the Township in January for the 2025 season. Mr. Hutchison stated Mr. Rhoades will need to call

office for availability. Mr. Hess asked if we should post a sign stating field not available between certain hours. Once Mr. Rhoades sends schedule the Township can look into what signs should be posted. All Board Members agreed to allow use for 2024 season.

Reports

- a. Recreation
 - i. No Baseball Report.

- b. Grounds, Buildings and Trails
 - i. Mr. Thomas stated Spring weed/feed is done based on soil samples.
 - ii. Mr. Thomas stated a small parking area at Gibbons is being developed to move cars off of Millcreek Rd.
 - iii. Mr. Thomas stated train @ Community Park is being repaired.
 - iv. Mr. Thomas stated flower donation letters will be going out this week to local greenhouses. Pick up is scheduled for May 21st.
 - v. Parks are open & rentals are coming in strong.

- c. East Lampeter Township Recreation Program
 - i. Mr. Hutchison stated the Rec Director has been hired with a start date of May 28th, 2024.

Old Business

- a. Mr. Hollingsworth stated he checked mini disc's and there were 13, checked again today and there is only 9. Suggested to maybe paint or stencil a sign since the one at the 18th green fell off.

New Business

- a. None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm was made by Frank Hollingsworth and seconded by Bruce Hess. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Tyson
Secretary