

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

February 26, 2014

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Jim Everhart, John Lamparter, Chris Chretien and Diane Tyson. Also present was Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager and Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director. Conrad Kasperson was absent. The meeting was called to order by John Lamparter at 7:00 pm.

The following persons signed in as being present in the audience:

Mary Pauli, 180 Amanda Circle, Lancaster, PA 17602
Jack Pauli, 180 Amanda Circle, Lancaster, PA 17602, Troop 83

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by John Lamparter and seconded by Chris Chretien to approve the October 23, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. The January 22, 2014 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Public:

Jack Pauli observed the meeting as a scout badge requirement.
Jerry Dyson did not attend to address his request for a Frisbee golf course at Flory Park.

Discussion:

Mr. Lamparter asked about the development of Flory Park. The current plan was done in 1996 and the board discussed the merits of updating the plan. The obstacle for development is money. Much of the recent park development has been done through grants and donations and grant money has dwindled with tight state and county budgets.

Elections:

Election of officers was postponed until all board members are present.

Recreation:

Baseball leagues have been in contact to reserve fields. Practices will start in March. Insurance certificates will be in place. Mr. Chretien will coordinate schedules with Little League and Midget teams.

Grounds:

The Flory Park sign was stolen. There was television and newspaper publicity which may help with recovery of the sign. PA Prison Industries contacted Mr. Thomas and said they could make a sign for less than our appraised cost. Mr. Thomas is exploring that option.

Storm damage to the parks was mostly tree limbs. We did have one large tree fall on a restroom but there does not appear to be any major damage to any buildings. There will be a lot of clean up once the snow disappears.

The lower bathroom at Community Park will get an update/redo this year (in the budget).

A meeting in late March with Mr. Matt Kofroth will take place to review tree planting. Any trees that did not survive the winter will be replaced. Mr. Kofroth will also check out the buffer for any repairs. Educational signage still needs to be installed.

Pavilion rentals were reviewed.

New Business:

The Township will hire 2 seasonal workers for 20-25 hours per week to do the mowing. There will be more control by Public Works bringing this in-house. One additional township employee will get licensed to do pesticide applications. Two mowers were purchased.

Jim Everhart asked about getting snow cleared from park paths. Mr. Thomas said that the roads are the priority. Also, if you do one park, others will ask to have all parks done. The labor cost, wear and tear on the equipment also needs to be considered.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 was made by Diane Tyson and seconded by John Lamparter and passed by unanimous voice vote. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson
Secretary