

## **EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**May 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conrad Kasperson with board members John Lamparter, Chris Chretien, and Jim Everhart in attendance. Secretary Diane Tyson was unable to attend; as a result, the chairman appointed Jim Everhart as acting secretary. Township manager Ralph Hutchison and public works director Charles Thomas also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Conrad Kasperson at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the March 27 and April 24, 2013 meetings were approved, by motion of Mr. Lampeter and second by Mr. Chretien.

As part of the recreation report, Mr. Thomas noted that pavilion use had increased by a total of 35 rentals from the previous month, leading to a discussion about the recently enacted rate increase. Mr. Lamparter expressed the concern that the rate for non-resident rentals is still not high enough at \$85. After some discussion, Mr. Kasperson requested that township staff gather data from incoming pavilion requests, indicating whether township residents are unable to secure a rental when they seek one, because people who are not residents of the township are taking up most of the rentals. Mr. Kasperson also requested that the board review the pavilion rental rates again in October, and asked that request be noted in the minutes.

As part of the grounds and buildings and trails report, it was noted that the baseball activities are in full swing. Construction of the horseshoe pit will occur as soon as labor is available. Mr. Lamparter visited the parks several times and noticed the grass was high. Mr. Thomas indicated the mowing contractor had been contacted. Mr. Thomas also indicated that seven township greenhouses donated flowers for planting in the parks.

Mr. Everhart reported that the township hosted a recent meeting of the Greenways and Parks Advisory Board and two suggestions had resulted from the meeting. The first was that a wealthy family from Lexington, Kentucky, owned a parcel of land in Upper Leacock near the potential park development property in Bird-in-Hand. Because of recent turmoil in the family, they might be looking to donate or sell their land at a reduced rate.

The second involved a suggestion by county planning staff that the township consider asking PennDOT for potential park use of the "goat path" property PennDOT purchased years ago for the Route 23 bypass. While it would be prohibitively expensive to use so much land, Mr. Hutchison did note that the township would like to be a partner and advocate if or when the state moves to develop the land.

Regarding the potential purchase of the property north of the Old Philadelphia Pike at the creek in Bird-in-Hand, Mr. Hutchison noted that the township had submitted a proposal to the property owner and had applied for grants to develop the property as a park. The owner had come back with some changes in the proposed agreement and Mr. Hutchison expected that the supervisors would take action on the proposed purchase at their June 3 meeting.

Mr. Hutchison also noted that design work on the riparian buffers for Flory Park was expected to begin in June, with construction beginning in late summer or fall.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Everhart, acting secretary