

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
May 25, 2016**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Jim Everhart, Chris Chretien, Diane Tyson, John Lamparter and Blayde Eberly. Also present was Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director and Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Public:

Chuck Brewer, FAA Harrisburg
Bill Helm, Volleyball Corner

Approval of Minutes:

John Lamparter made a motion to approve the April 27, 2016 minutes as presented. Chris Chretien seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments:

Mr. Chuck Brewer came to discuss drones. Mr. Brewer says it is a "moving target". He stated that the FAA concerns itself with drones weighing 55 pounds or more. He stated that under that weight drones are not regulated by the FAA and are considered for hobby. He stated that they must be within site of the operator at all times and must fly below 400 feet. He stated that anything over .5 pounds needs to be registered. He stated that DCNR allows drones to operate in six of the state parks and placed restrictions in the other state parks. He recommended looking there for a drone regulation for take offs and landings in East Lampeter Township parks.

Ms. Tyson suggested that the LIMC be consulted to see if other municipalities are considering regulations or ordinances about recreational drone use. Mr. Chretien offered to check with the other municipalities. Mr. Everhart would like to have an area designated for operation and maybe the RC Club on Geist Road could be a resource for recreational users. The Board suggested inviting the RC Club to a future meeting for their input.

Mr. Bill Helm, owner of the Volleyball Corner, asked to be informed of interest in volleyball. He stated his group may be a good partner for future development.

Recreation:

Baseball is running behind schedule due to the rain. The Midgets were informed that the Township will maintain the grass cutting. The Township sold 150 mini discs for a school field day.

Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

Flowers were donated and many have been planted already. Thank you letters will go out along with a mention in the next newsletter.

On June 2nd there will be repaving of the entrance to Community Park. The split rail fence will be removed and replaced with wooden bollards and chain at Flory East along the property line. The split rail will be reused as corner posts for Township properties.

The Joel Bare group cleaned up at Gibbons Park for the Great American Clean Up.

Old Business:

The DCNR grant agreement is still in progress. The RFP for the consultant to steer the project has to wait for DCNR review. The CS Davidson excursion for Mill Creek cleanup is now going to happen in July. The solar lights for the flag poles are installed.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lampeter and seconded by Mr. Chretien. The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson
Secretary