

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
August 27, 2014**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Conrad Kasperson, John Lamparter, Jim Everhart, Chris Chretien and Diane Tyson. Also present were Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager and Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director. The meeting was called to order by Conrad Kasperson at 7:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jim Everhart and seconded by Chris Chretien to approve the July 23, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Jeremiah Henry, a resident of the township, is interested in placing a geo-cache at Community Park. There are already two at the park. A motion was made by Jim Everhart and seconded by John Lamparter to allow the placement of a third geo-cache. Mr. Henry is encouraged to locate other geo-caches in Flory and Lafayette parks.

**Recreation:**

Fall baseball is starting. The midget football team is using the outfield of the non-lighted baseball field at Flory Park due to the construction at the high school. It is only one team and so far it is working out ok. There does not appear to be too much wear and tear. The midget cheerleaders are using Community Park for their practice.

**Grounds, Buildings & Trails:**

Fall mowing around the buffer. The July rainstorm resulted in the loss of quite a few trees. A volunteer will plant 70 trees in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The kiosk is still moving forward with the Conservation District working with the Public Works department.

Jim Everhart noticed a tree at Community Park that appears to have been struck by lightning that has a rather large limb that needs attention. He will give specific directions so that the maintenance crew can take care of it.

### **Old Business:**

The public safety officers are still looking into street numbers for the parks so they can be identified by emergency responders. The new sign is in place at Flory. It is more secure than the one that was stolen. The loss was covered by insurance.

### **New Business:**

John Lamparter commented on National Night Out. It was very organized and with participation by many in York. Lafayette attempted to participate but John reported that the event was poorly organized and not well attended and he took his family to the Columbia Borough's event.

John Lamparter would like to organize an event next year at Community Park. It would include fire, police and other community groups that could recruit and show off equipment, services, and present information to the public. The purpose is to get people out of their homes and meet their neighbors. The event is always on the first Tuesday in August, usually in the early evening (5 or 6 pm to 8 pm). He offered a list of participants at Columbia. There are a lot of suggestions of what other communities do on the internet. Parking would be a challenge.

The general consensus was that organizing such an endeavor is not the role of the Park Board. John Lamparter is willing to try to get a committee together to try to grow the event. It was suggested he approach Lafayette Fire Company to grow their event and the Park Board would look at how we could facilitate the use of the Lafayette Park for the event. Lafayette Park is in close proximity to several neighborhoods and many people can walk to the fire company and the park.

Ralph Hutchison will invite DCNR to a future meeting to discuss future park planning.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm by Conrad Kasperson and seconded by John Lamparter. It passed by unanimous voice vote. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson  
Secretary