

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
August 24, 2016**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Jim Everhart, Chris Chretien, Diane Tyson, and John Lamparter. Absent was Blayde Eberly. Also present was Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager and Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Recreation:

Fall ball will be starting soon.

Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

There were issues with the lights that were installed at Flory Park. They are all not staying on. Mr. Thomas is working to get it resolved while they are under warranty. The problem may be a communicator module. The split rail fence will be replaced at Flory Park soon. The Homeowner's Association was informed.

Mr. Chretien noticed that more Amish are using Community Park. It was noted that there is no horse shelter in the park but installing one would take much needed parking spaces.

Budget items next year will address safety issues with park playground equipment. A certified park safety specialist will do a walk-through to offer suggestions.

Mr. Chretien suggested a bigger sign at the entrance to Community Park stating "Closed Dusk to Dawn" (maybe solar lighted?) Too many people say they didn't see a sign when Mr. Chretien chases them away during the night.

Old Business:

Mr. Lamparter asked if volleyball courts could be placed at Flory Park or Lafayette Park. Mr. Hutchison reminded him that the planning process is scheduled.

The Township is still working out the grant details with DCNR.

New Business:

Park rentals for 2015 & 2016 (year to date) are even. The Board briefly discussed whether rates for 2017 should be adjusted. Ms. Tyson asked if staff can keep track of how many people call for reservations but are turned down. The data could help with future park planning. This discussion will continue in September.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lamparter and seconded by Mr. Chretien. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson
Secretary