

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
October 25, 2017**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Chris Chretien, Jim Everhart, Joel Bare and Diane Tyson. Also present were Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director, Troy Bresch, Parks Superintendent and Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Public:

None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Recreation:

Fall ball is over. No complaints.

Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

The lights at Flory East have been fixed. The restrooms will close November 11th but may be extended a few days if the weather stays warm. The roof to the upper restroom at Community Park was replaced.

The Township received a grant for stream restoration on Pequea Creek at Millstream Village. Bids will probably go out over the winter with hopes to start in the spring. The Conservation District did submit a grant for restoration of the Mill Creek through Gibbons Park.

Fall fertilizing is done. The oak trees at Community Park were thought to have an iron deficiency but it is really a bacterial infection that could spread to all of the oak trees. It has affected approximately 70 trees. The infection can be treated but not cured. The arborists will be consulted to determine if any of the trees should be removed immediately (the ones infected the worse) and the area replanted. Some of the trees might be saved for 5 to 7 years with the hopes that a new treatment would be available.

The public should be made aware ahead of time of the issue in the event that the “worse case” scenario of a major removal of the trees is needed. Mr. Bresch has a game plan to treat the infected trees in May. The timing of treatment is critical to the success. Ms. Tyson suggested that the neighbors of the park be aware of the problem in the event they are experiencing similar issues.

Old Business:

DCNR has signed off on the Open Space Grant and the Steering Committee will be contacted soon to get things moving. The Board decided to leave the rental rates the same for 2018. The rates are in the middle of the price range for rentals when compared to other nearby parks.

New Business:

A representative of the National Fitness Campaign contacted the Township regarding their social enterprise. Mr. Hutchison showed the Board a presentation regarding an “outdoor fitness court”. The company does donate some money but the Township must pay the bulk. The Board suggested it be presented as an option to the public during the Open Space public sessions.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson