

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

February 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Call to Order.

Sandy Hopkins called to order the regular meeting of the Lehigh Township Recreation Commission.

Roll Call

The following persons were present: David Hess, Jerry Pritchard, Patrick VanderPloeg, and Sandy Hopkins.

Reorganization.

Chairman. David Hess made a motion to appoint Sandy Hopkins as Chairman. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman. Jerry Pritchard made a motion to appoint David Hess as Vice-Chairman. Patrick VanderPloeg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary. David Hess made a motion to appoint Alice Rehrig as Secretary. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Patrick VanderPloeg made a motion to approve the minutes. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

Berlinsville Wall. The wall is complete with the exception of the padding for the wall. Jerry Pritchard met with a representative from Sportsgraphics who specializes in padding for sports complexes. The total cost with installation would be \$20,730. David Hess made a motion to move the purchase of the padding forward to the Board of Supervisors. Patrick VanderPloeg seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

As part of the padding, Sportsgraphics will provide two panels with a logo. Jerry Pritchard suggested putting LT on the ends of the pads and if the Lions provide significant funding and want their logo added, it can be done through Scribbles and Drips. The Lions will contribute \$14,000 towards the wall.

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Ag Days. Patrick VanderPloeg will provide additional information for the next meeting. The initial thoughts are food trucks and/or Lorahs dinners. He is also looking into Farmshow milkshakes. Giant also has a “be a farmer” trailer they can bring out.

New Business

Night Sky Event by St. Nicholas Church. St. Nicholas would like to hold a stargazing event at Delps Park on June 7. Patrick VanderPloeg made a motion to approve the event. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Future Park Improvements. Jerry Pritchard commented he believes this is the year we need to get the tennis courts done. David Hess suggested having our engineer meet at the site to make recommendations as to what can be done to prevent the cracking of the tennis court.

RFP for Consultant. Jerry Pritchard raised concerns about the cost of a consultant knowing the work that needs to be done with the tennis courts. Sandy Hopkins commented the way to move the parks forward, it is something that would be needed. They would be able to assist with what activities could be offered by the Township as they grow. Jerry Pritchard commented the Township already has good parks for residents to go to. He would rather see the tennis courts completed prior to hiring another consultant. David Hess commented he would prefer to wait and see how things go with the tennis courts before moving forward with a consultant.

Alice Rehrig received requests from LTAA to use Delps, Danielsville, and Berlinsville fields.

Blue Mountain Fish and Game approached David Hess regarding holding another fundraiser for the benefit of the Recreation Board. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Adjourn. David Hess made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.