

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

June 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

David Hess, Jerry Pritchard, Patrick VanderPloeg, Tammy Hess, and Sandy Hopkins were present for the meeting.

Approval of May 19, 2025, Minutes

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

Old Business

Ag Days. After discussing this event, it was agreed that Ag Days should be held in August 2026, at least two weeks after National Night Out, if it occurs.

Danielsville Tennis Courts. The courts cannot be salvaged. The drainage needs to be redone and the base reconstructed. The Township Engineer gave an estimate of \$118,400, but it could be less or more. Previously, Mike Jones had questioned if the Road Department could help to reduce the costs by removing the fencing and old materials. Jerry Pritchard suggested and volunteers to speak with local contractors to see if the price can be reduced.

2025 Tree Lighting. Tree Lighting will take place the first Saturday in December, December 6. The Lions, Blue Mountain Fish and Game, the Fire Department, and Lioness will contribute as they did in the past. Patrick VanderPloeg will be making the arrangements for the entertainment and also to see if the Police will be showing a movie as they did in the past.

Christmas Trees. Mike Jones had previously suggested getting smaller trees to be decorated at the Berlinsville Park. After discussing this, it was felt there needed to be more than a month or two to prepare for it since they are starting from scratch and the Road Department would need to do quite a bit of additional work with the wiring to run the extension cords. The Rec Board felt it would be best to

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do this next year. They also discussed that their tree lighting is not the same as other communities. They have been doing more of a free entertainment type of program.

Dog Park Shades. David Hess will try to get an estimate as to what they may cost as well as other suggestions that may be less costly.

Park Gates. Mike Jones is also getting pricing for the additional gates at the baseball field.

Window at Berlinsville Snack Stand. Sandy Hopkins thought she was going to have pricing because she and Frank Zamadics met Palmerton Garage at the site, but for some reason, Palmerton Garage did not have any record of anyone coming out to meet them. Mike Jones had suggested Whitehall Garage Door and Sandy Hopkins will be giving them a call.

Mats for Dog Park. There was limited additional information. The regular horse mats are very expensive. David Hess will be looking into some other type of interlocking mat.

New Business

Sandy Hopkins reported that there are some lights out on the scoreboard and the light for the flag is also out.

The Indiantrail Park pavilion roof were discussed as far as bird proofing them. In the past, netting was discussed, but there are also other methods that can be used to prevent the birds from getting into the rafters. This will need to be discussed with Mike Jones and Frank Zamadics as to what the best method is to prevent this.

The playground equipment that is to be provided through the Jainkl project was briefly discussed along with the need for forming a committee. Patrick VanderPloeg suggested if a representative from the Recreation Board was needed, he would like to be considered and volunteer for that.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Adjourn. There being no additional items of discussion, the meeting was adjourned.