

BETHEL TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
March 7, 2024

ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and was held at the Bethel Township’s Municipal Building, 3015 S. Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, PA 17026. The following people were in attendance:

Julie Keiter	Member/Recording Secretary
Jeff Mazalewski	Member
Jerilynn Mease	Absent
Jay Rhoads	Absent
John Shireman, Alternate	Member
Allison Showalter	Chairman
Melissa Johnson	Township Manager

There was one (1) audience member in attendance. Township Supervisors Bruce Light and Mike Saphore were also present in the audience.

COMMENTS

Darlene Warlow contacted the township to express a continued interest in opening pickle ball courts at Lion’s Park. Melissa Johnson relayed this message to the board. The message was noted by the board to discuss at a future time.

MINUTES - Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the February 1st, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by John Shireman. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT - \$129,024.56 Checking and \$295,866.59 Savings

BILLS PAYABLE – Julie Keiter made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by John Shireman. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot and Walkway Repair and Seal Coat - Pending, estimates.

LSA Grant - Sprinkler System for Ball Field Update – Pending, being awarded the funds.

Pictures with Easter Bunny – All supplies ordered, event to take place March 23, 2024 at Lion’s Park. No other updates.

Ethics Statements for year 2023- Board members Jeff Mazalewski and John Shireman were provided with the form to fill out and return to township office.

Baseball Field Agreement- Northern Lebanon Little League- Present in the audience was NLLL board member, Marissa Hartz who is in charge of maintenance. Hartz recognized the need for better maintenance to the field by the NLLL, and created an open line of communication between the board and herself. Allison Showalter stated that the issues with the league in the past have been a general lack of respect for the field and property surrounding. Allison Showalter also stated that the schedule provided initially to the board is too vague, and that we need a set schedule of all practices and games so that the park can be rented for other purposes. It was also mentioned that games cannot be played on Sundays unless special permission is given. Mike Saphore brought up the topic of parking, and that the overflow parking for baseball usage. He emphasized that with the pool parking not be used when the pool is open. John Shireman gave the idea of “pool only” parking signs. The board did not see the immediate need, but will keep in mind for the future. Allison Showalter mentioned to enforce the no smoking policy. Marissa Hartz acknowledged all concerns and expressed that the schedule is currently being worked on.

Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the 2024 Baseball Field Agreement with the Northern Lebanon Little League upon the condition that the schedule is submitted to the township when finished. The motion was seconded by John Shireman. All voted in favor.

It was noted that there must be a new agreement for any tournaments at the field.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out Event- The township received an email from Robin Gingrich, a representative from St. John’s UCC church stating that they will no longer be responsible for hosting the national night out event, but are willing to offer assistance to whomever hosts. National night out is on 8/8/24. The board briefly discussed the idea of gathering volunteers and people from the community to help with the event. The topic was otherwise tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

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Fredericksburg Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt March 30, 2024 from Noon until 3pm: it was noted that no baseball games should take place on this day at the park

Pool- Melissa Johnson announced that there are 5 lifeguard applications, and multiple applications for concession stand workers. The township is beginning the interview process for pool employees. Now that there are applicants for possible employees, the township has also begun the stage of repairing, inspecting, and certifying the pool to be opened for the season.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Julie Keiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Shireman. All were in favor.

Julie Keiter
Recording Secretary