

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – February 6, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The meeting was held at the Bethel Township’s Municipal Building, 3015 S. Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, PA 17026. Called to order at 7:01pm.

ROLL CALL

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| Julie Keiter | <i>Present</i> – Member |
| Jerilynn Mease | <i>Absent</i> |
| Lauren Snader | <i>Absent</i> |
| John Shireman, Alternate | <i>Absent</i> |
| Allison Showalter | <i>Present</i> – Chair |
| Samantha Acri | <i>Present</i> – Recording Secretary |

There was one (1) audience member in attendance – township supervisor, Michael Saphore.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Julie Keiter made a motion to re-elect Allison Showalter as Chair, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor. Allison Showalter made a motion to re-elect Jerilynn Mease as Co-Chair, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor. Allison Showalter made a motion to elect Samantha Acri as Secretary, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

COMMENTS – None.

MINUTES – Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2025, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$82,906.85. Savings account balance: \$296,983.56.

BILLS PAYABLE – Samantha Acri made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

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| Comcast Business | Monthly Inspection | 121.85 |
| Hackman Fire Equipment | Annual Inspection | 300.75 |
| Met Ed | Street Lighting | 164.94 |
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| | Total | \$587.54 |

OLD BUSINESS

Park Events – Nothing new to report. Three events (Easter photos, spring car show/community event, and fall fest) discussed but details still TBD.

Touch-a-Truck (fall fest) Event Date – See above, no update.

Event Insurance – In progress, planning to have complete before events begin.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – Nothing new to report, bidding process pending.

America250 Event – Samantha Acri updated the group on information provided by “Visit Lebanon Valley” president, Jennifer Kuzo, who is organizing county-wide planning for America250 celebrations. There are teams in place to plan various aspects – Education, History, Marketing, Military, Community/Culture, and Sponsorships. Other communities have begun planning and are likely willing to collaborate once we determine our focus. Need to continue exploring grant opportunities (amount/source will depend on what we want to plan).

Pickleball Court Request – Still investigating. Discussed pros/cons of various locations and need for grant funding.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Pool Season – Supervisor Michael Saphore updated the group on plans for the pool. As discussed in January, the repair required for a leak at one of the seams will be minor and is moving forward as planned. The township will be assigning a dedicated maintenance resource for the pool (and park) this year, which should allow for quicker response when needed. New hire and retention interviews for pool staff will begin in the coming weeks – so far, it looks like we will have sufficient staffing. The Rec Board will need to review and adjust pricing (daily entry, season passes, food, etc.) before the pool opens.

NL Alumni Band, Request to perform July 11, 2025 (1 – 8pm) – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

Pavilion Electric Heater Use – Allison informed the group that an electric space heater was found running inside of the large pavilion unattended, likely causing increased electricity usage. Allison/Missy will send an email asking that these heaters be removed when the pavilion is not in use to ensure they are not left running again.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next meeting is scheduled March 6, 2025 at 7pm. With no further business, Julie Keiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary