

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 6 March 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 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Julie Keiter	Absent
Jerilynn Mease	Present (Co-Chair)
Lauren Snader	Absent
John Shireman, Alternate	Present
Allison Showalter	Present (Chair)
Samantha Acri	Present (Recording Secretary)

There were three (3) audience members in attendance: Justin Bortz (*Northern Lebanon Little League*), Elaine Ludwig (*Northern Lebanon Rotary Club*), and Melissa Johnson (*township manager*).

COMMENTS – None.

MINUTES – John Shireman made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6th, 2025, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$82,479.17. Savings account balance: \$297,353.43.

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

Met Ed	\$165.93

Total	\$165.93

NEW BUSINESS

Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon, Request to install a Rotary peace pole – Elaine Ludwig (*Northern Lebanon Rotary Club*) presented to the board. Their organization is requesting permission to install a peace pole at a location of our choosing in the township (likely at the park). A peace pole is an eight foot, white, vinyl pole showing messages related to peace, community, and the Rotary Club. All material and installation costs will be covered by their organization via grant funding. Estimated timeframe to install the peace pole will be September 2025, and the Rotary Club will host a dedication ceremony at that time. With no concerns from the board members, John Shireman made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon Little League Field Agreement – Justin Bortz presented to the group and provided a written agreement for March 10th – July 31st, 2025. The group agreed to allow NLLL continued usage of the baseball field/park facility with clarifications: NLLL will provide contact information to this board for urgent matters (John Shireman offered to be this contact), park lights will **only** be turned on for games (not practice) or with advance permission from the board, and the baseball team will coordinate with the board to avoid conflicting events. With John Shireman abstaining from the vote (due to role on NLLL board), Allison Showalter made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All remaining voted in favor.

Ethics Statements (2024) due May 1st, 2025 – All in-progress or completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Events

- Kids Fall Fun Day/Touch-a-Truck – The group discussed planning for the event and selected Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 1-4pm for this event. Additional details TBD. Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the selected date/time, seconded by John Shireman. All voted in favor.
- Easter Bunny Photos – Still pending, need confirmation from Lions Club about coordinating with egg hunt at the park or having separate events.
- Spring Car Show/Community Event – The group decided to discontinue planning for this event in order to focus on other upcoming events and the opening of the pool. Allison Showalter made a motion to cancel this event (currently planned to occur May 24th, 2025), seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

Event Insurance – Allison Showalter updated the group that she has the insurance form in progress and will be ready for submission soon.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – Nothing new to report, bidding process pending. Needs reviewed with township engineer.

America250 Event – The group was made aware of a “mini” grant program open to America250PA partners with submissions due March 24th for community events to be held this summer on “National Pennsylvania Day” (July 19th). Events must be volunteer-centered to improve local communities in anticipation of the America250 celebrations in 2026. The group discussed ideas including new landscaping/gardens at multiple locations throughout Bethel Township’s Fredericksburg Lions Park and agreed to have Samantha Acri draft an estimated quote for volunteer t-shirts and community garden supplies to present to the township supervisors and apply for the grant (if approved). Allison Showalter made this motion, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

Pickleball Court Request – In order to continue investigating and apply for grant funding, the township will need an updated Master Plan. Allison Showalter made a motion to contact the township engineer for a quote to revise/recreate the Master Plan, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

2025 Pool Season, Forms and Fee Schedule – The group reviewed pool fees in detail. In order to support increasing costs and the required staffing, most prices were increased – see attached price list. Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the updated fees and update the fee schedule and forms accordingly, seconded by John Shireman. All voted in favor. The group agreed to keep concession stands as low as possible (especially in context of increased fees) and will have Michael Saphore, township supervisor, simplify the menu and assign prices once supply costs are available for the 2025 season. Allison Showalter made a motion to request Mr. Saphore move forward with this work, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting April 3rd, 2025 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary

Daily Admission

Up to 5 years old – \$3

6 to 12 years – \$5

13 to 17 years – \$6

18 and older – \$10

60+ years or non-swimmer – \$5

Military or first responder – \$5

Season Passes

Individual – \$135 resident, \$165 non-resident

60+ years (should this also include military/first responder season pass to match daily pricing?) – \$80
resident, \$100 non-resident

Family (up to 4) – \$225 resident, \$275 non-resident ... \$20 for additional family members

Military or first responder family (up to 4) – \$180 ... \$15 for additional family members

Rentals

Splash Party (2 hours) – \$200 plus extra for additional life guards

Small Pavilion (full day) Rental – \$50

Large Pavilion (full day) Rental – \$225

Non-Profit Organization, Large Pavilion (full day) Rental – \$125