

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 1 May 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	Present (Acting Chair)
Jerilynn Mease	Absent
Lauren Snader	Present
John Shireman, Alternate	Absent
Allison Showalter	Absent
Samantha Acri	Present (Recording Secretary)

There was one (1) audience member in attendance, Melissa Johnson (*township manager*).

COMMENTS – None.

MINUTES – There was no meeting in April (no quorum). Samantha Acri made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6th, 2025, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$82,930.13. Savings account balance: \$297,353.43.

BILLS PAYABLE – None, as of today’s date.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Events: Kids Fall Fun Day/Touch-a-Truck – Pending details. Date/time (September 20th, 2025 from 1-4pm) was decided at previous meeting.

Event Insurance – No update provided.

LSA Grant, Baseball Field Sprinkler System – Pending. Still needs reviewed with township engineer to begin bidding process.

America250PA Grants/Events – Two separate grants/events.

- **PA Day (July 19th, 2025)** – Our application for a \$2,000 “mini” grant was approved (*note: cannot begin advertising/promoting until announcement by America250PA*). America250PA will handle volunteer sign-ups, provide t-shirts, and possibly attend the event to take photos, share other giveaway items, promote other America250PA events/programs, etc. Samantha Acri made a motion to begin the PA Day event at 9am on July 19th, with the intention of being done by 12pm before the weather gets too hot, seconded by Lauren Snader. All voted in favor.
- **250th Celebration (2026)** – Grant applications are due May 15th for state funding for 2026 programs/events. Samantha Acri shared an update from the America250 Lebanon County committee – they are planning a very large event at the Lebanon Expo Center (multiple bands, re-enactments, fireworks display) on July 4th, 2026. The group discussed ideas for our own event and determined it would be best to encourage residents to attend the county’s celebration and instead focus on improving patriotism throughout our community by emphasizing historic sites in the township (scavenger hunt?), adding American flags wherever possible, and holding a yard/front door decorating contest for residences/businesses. We will also explore opportunities to collaborate with the county – e.g., 250th themed street lamp banners. We anticipate a \$5,000 grant plus \$5,000 in matched funding (donations, sponsorships, and/or recreation board budget),

which was already tentatively approved by the supervisors, is sufficient to achieve these goals. We will submit the grant application within the next week.

Pickleball Court Request – Pending, no updates.

2025 Pool Season

- Forms and Fee Schedule – Prices from previous meeting adjusted slightly, see below. Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the updated prices for the 2025 season, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.
- Menu Prices – Minor menu changes and price increases to reflect supply costs/availability. Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the menu and food/drink prices for the 2025 season, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Northern Lebanon Little League (new shed) – Board voted during last budget year (Oct. 2024) to donate \$1,500 to NLLL to offset costs of shed, site prep, and delivery only after “old shed debris is removed,” which was not completed by the end of the calendar year. At this time, the site of the old shed has still not been returned to original state (grass) and debris has not been removed. A vote to approve a donation is pending the completion of this work.

Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel, Give Back Day – This event raised approximately \$300 in proceeds and the FEH also donated six (6) lounge chairs to the pool. The board thanks the FEH and all those participated in Give Back Day for their support!

Purchase of Six (6) Sandstone Stacking Adjustable Resin Chairs (\$795.00) – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Lauren Snader. All voted in favor.

2025 Pool Season

- Lifeguard and Concession Stand Workers and Wages – The group agreed with the hiring suggestions for lifeguards and concession stand employees following interviews that occurred in April. Head lifeguard will receive \$16/hour, other lifeguards will receive \$15/hour, and concession stand employees will receive \$10/hour. Julie Keiter made a motion to hire for these positions at the noted pay rates, seconded by Lauren Snader. All voted in favor.
- Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement – The group agreed to follow last year’s process: we will reimburse half of the certification fee upon the completion of 100 hours worked as long as a receipt is provided. Julie Keiter made a motion to approve these (potential) reimbursements, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.
- Opening and Closing Dates – The group defers these decisions to the township supervisors, pending lifeguard availability and weather. Samantha Acri made a motion to request that supervisors choose an opening date on or after Memorial Day weekend, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.
- Maintenance, Acid Wash – Julie Keiter made a motion to pay for acid wash of the pool up to an estimated \$2,400, seconded by Lauren Snader. All voted in favor.

Playground Maintenance, Wood Fiber Mulch – Julie Keiter made a motion to pay River Valley Landscapes for the mulch/wood fiber carpet to be refreshed at the playground (currently below the depth required for safety) up to an estimated \$4,343.00, seconded by Lauren Snader. All voted in favor.

Park Maintenance, Tree Trimming – Samantha Acri made a motion to pay Lutz Tree Service up to the cost quoted (\$800) for removing one dead tree at the park and trimming/cleaning up another, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting June 5th, 2025 at 7pm. With no further business, Julie Keiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, 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 – \$9

60+ years or non-swimmer – \$5

Military or first responder – \$5

Season Passes

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

60+ years, military, or first responder – \$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