

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 5 June 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 7:07pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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

COMMENTS – Melissa Johnson updated the board that the township pool is on track to open on June 6th and pavilion rentals have started for the summer season.

MINUTES – Jerilynn Mease made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1st, 2025, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$82,176.78. Savings account balance: \$314,228.86.

BILLS PAYABLE – Jerilynn Mease made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

John Gross & Company – Concession Supplies	1,049.50
Jono Hardware – Supplies	125.72
Met Ed – Monthly Invoice	275.39
River Valley Landscapes Inc. – Installation of Wood Carpet	4,343.00
Visa – Supplies (lounge chairs)	1,783.93

Total	7,577.54
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OLD BUSINESS

Park Events: Kids Fall Fun Day/Touch-a-Truck – Scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 1-4pm. Allison Showalter made a motion to rent three bounce houses for the event for an estimated cost of \$885.00, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor. Estimate will be provided for supervisors’ review.

Event Insurance – No update.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – Bidding process still pending until meeting with the township engineer.

America250PA Events (grants, purchasing items, volunteer sign-up) – Samantha Acri updated the group that the \$2,000 “mini grant” that we were awarded for PA Day 2025 (July 19th) was deposited into our account, so we can begin purchasing supplies for this event at the park. The group discussed options for the mural project because we still don’t have an artist and came up with a few solutions to be further discussed in July. The group also discussed plans for the garden beds/boxes and potential locations. Anyone can sign up via America250PA’s website as a volunteer and will be given a t-shirt. The grant for

the 2026 program was submitted and is still pending approval/denial. 2026 events will depend on the outcome of this grant application.

Pickleball Court – In order to move forward with planning and grant applications, we need to pay consultation fees for an updated Parks and Pool master plan. With our other current projects and the other local pickleball courts already established in mind, Jerilynn Mease made a motion to not pursue additional investigation and to remove this item from future agendas, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

Donation to Northern Lebanon Little League (new shed) – Still pending. Per township supervisors and as discussed last month, the site of the old shed has not been returned to original state (grass) with all debris removed. Disbursement of the donation is pending this being completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Elaine Ludwig letter (peace pole) – The township received a letter from Elaine Ludwig of the Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon County asking for a suggested date and location for installation of the Rotary Peace Pole (previously approved) and corresponding ceremony. The group discussed the project and determined that coordinating these activities with the Fall Fun Day (September 20th) would be the best option. The peace pole ceremony could begin at 11am, followed by Fall Fun Day at 1pm. We are flexible on the location but require that it be somewhere that doesn't impact normal maintenance/landscaping activities. Placement by the pool entrance may be the best option for this.

Northern Lebanon Little League, field usage on June 8th – The NLLL requested to use the baseball field June 8th for a championship game. Allison Showalter made a motion to approve this request with a reminder that the parking lot cannot be used while the pool is open, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

A complaint was received by the township that the baseball field is holding water and not draining properly, unclear if this is related to maintenance of the field surface or an underlying issue. We will continue to monitor, no action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting July 3rd, 2025 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary