

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 3 July 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

Julie Keiter	Present
Jerilynn Mease	Absent
Lauren Snader	Absent
John Shireman, Alternate	Absent
Allison Showalter	Present (chair)
Samantha Acri	Present (recording secretary)

There was zero (0) audience members in attendance.

COMMENTS – Allison shared concerns with the group about one of the recent pavilion reservations at which individuals drove vehicles through the grass and left behind ‘silly string’ debris – we will follow up with the township manager re: exact expectations for future reservations to prevent this.

The group also reviewed a suggestion to hang birdhouses throughout the park. We will add to future agenda and discuss potential sponsorship program for local families/businesses to support the project and get their name on a birdhouse.

Julie Keiter shared a question that she got from a community member about the use of tents at the pool, which negatively impact others’ experience. The group discussed that these situations would be addressed by the lifeguards on a case-by-case basis, but we will follow up to ensure there is no rule against bringing tents.

MINUTES – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5th, 2025, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: PENDING. Savings account balance: PENDING.

BILLS PAYABLE – PENDING, not available at the time of meeting

BILL NAME	BILL AMOUNT

Total	TOTAL AMOUNT

OLD BUSINESS

Park Events: Kids Fall Fun Day/Touch-a-Truck – Scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 1-4pm. No new updates, will discuss supplies at next meeting. This event will be coordinated with the Rotary Club peace pole ceremony.

Event Insurance – No update, need updated file.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – No update, bidding process still pending.

America250PA Events – The grant application for 2026 was denied, we will re-evaluate event plans for 2026 after our other events have been completed. The group discussed final plans for the PA Day 2025

event (for which we received \$2,000 of funding via the America250PA statewide grant program) that will occur Saturday, July 19th from 9am until 12pm or finished. We will be painting an American flag themed baseball mural on the large pavilion building, potentially painting the windows as well, painting/staining the picnic tables at the small pavilion, and installing two large flower bed areas – one along the small pavilion and one along the band shell/stage. We are anticipating about 15 volunteers for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Lifeguard, Gavin Bush (\$15/hour) – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the hiring of Gavin Bush at a rate of \$15/hour, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

Concession Stand, Susan Sweigert (\$10/hour) – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the hiring of Susan Sweigert at a rate of \$10/hour, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

Concession Stand, Kaitlyn Criswell Resignation – Allison Showalter made a motion to accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Criswell, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting August 7th, 2025 at 7pm. With no further business, Julie Keiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary