

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 4 December 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 7:06pm.

ROLL CALL

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| Julie Keiter | Present |
| Jerilynn Mease | Present (co-chair) |
| Lauren Snader | Present |
| 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 – A Facebook page was created to promote park & recreation events. It is informational only and cannot accept comments from the public (those comments should be presented at monthly meetings). Julie Keiter asked the group to consider ideas for future polls so that we can get community input for events/offerings.

MINUTES – Jerilynn Mease made a motion to approve the minutes from October 2nd, 2025, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor. There was no meeting in November due to lack of quorum.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$79,150.20. Savings account balance: \$315,021.77.

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

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| Met Ed – Monthly Invoice | \$165.93 |
| Visa, First Citizens – Supplies (trunk or treat) | \$41.46 |
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| Total | \$207.39 |

OLD BUSINESS

Event Insurance – No update.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – No update, township engineer confirmed during most recent supervisor’s meeting that they have the info and will be working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Events at the Park – Three events were discussed.

- A new spring event (similar to Kids Fall Fun Day) to promote the park and pool. We will begin preliminary planning next month for spring, maybe April, and defining potential costs/resources. Ideas included concession/lifeguard interviews or printed applications, pool season pass applications, pavilion rental applications, fundraisers, vendor spots, band/entertainment, pool/park history display. No final decisions were made.
- A township-wide decorating contest promoting America’s 250th leading up to July 4th. The group determined that this would need to occur in May/June to give time for contest registration, judging, and awarding prizes. This could be coordinated with a 250th themed event at the pool during the July 4th weekend.

- A car show/food truck event. This was discussed/planned last year but did not occur. This could occur near the time of the pool opening day. No decisions were made.

Photos with Santa (December 6th from 11am – 1pm) – The group discussed final planning/details for this upcoming event. We will set up starting at 10am and we each agreed to provide various items for the event. Jerilynn Mease made a motion to provide a \$100 donation/payment to Santa and Mrs. Clause for their participation, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor except Allison Showalter (abstained).

2026 Meeting Schedule – The board will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month in 2026, except for January (second week instead). Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor.

Sound System for Park Events – The group agreed to research simple speaker/microphone setups to be used during events at the park. Allison Showalter made a motion to recommend purchasing a sound system up to \$500 once we find a good option, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting January 8th, 2026 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary