

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 8 January 2026

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 7:03pm.

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 were three (3) audience members in attendance – Melissa Johnson (township manager), David Brubaker (township supervisor), and Michael Saphore (township supervisor).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Samantha Acri made a motion to re-elect Allison Showalter as chairman, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Allison Showalter made a motion to elect Julie Keiter as vice-chairman, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

Allison Showalter made a motion to re-elect Samantha Acri as recording secretary, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

COMMENTS – Melissa Johnson shared with the board that there is a worsening issue with mud and erosion behind the baseball field backstop at the park which may benefit from the installation of a retaining wall. We will add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

MINUTES – Julie Keiter made a motion to approve the minutes from December 4th, 2025, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$77,611.90. Savings account balance: \$315,012.77.

BILLS PAYABLE – There were no payments to review. Park & Rec and supervisor meetings were switched for January, everything was already approved at that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Event Insurance – No update. We will try submitting a paper copy instead, electronic submission is still not working.

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – No update.

Spring Events at the Park – Three events were discussed.

- New “Spring Fling” vendor/food truck market (as described at last meeting). The group discussed various ideas and began finalizing details. We will work on a flyer and t-shirt design and will continue organizing entertainment and sponsors.

- Allison Showalter made a motion to schedule the event for **April 11th**, 2026 from 11am – 4pm (setup starting earlier) with a rain date of April 18th, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.
- Allison Showalter made a motion to advertise the event and start accepting reservations for vendors with a \$20 fee per spot and waived fee for community resources/non-profit organizations, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.
- Allison Showalter made a motion to design and provide 15% off season pass coupons for attendees, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor. Attendees can present the coupon to the township staff when purchasing their season pass for the discounted price, and we will record the name of each individual receiving a coupon for verification.
- “Paint the Town Red, White, & Blue” township-wide decorating contest promoting America’s 250th (as described at last meeting). Still exploring details but planning to launch at the Spring Fling market event, promote during May/June, and announce prizes on/around July 4th. No final decisions made.
- 4th of July/250th celebration at the pool. Allison Showalter made a motion to begin planning a pool party themed event at the pool during the first weekend in July (July 4th weekend), seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Sound System for Park Events – The group reviewed a few potential options and agreed to move forward with the purchase (\$500 limit voted on last time) as soon as we have approval from the supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethics Statements – In progress, will be completed before deadline.

Pure Test Price Increase – The price of the weekly tests for the pool were increased to \$36 per test. Allison Showalter made a motion to accept the revised price, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

Give Back Day at the Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel – The Eagle Hotel has offered to give 10% of all proceeds on **April 15th** to the township park/pool. Samantha Acri made a motion to design a flyer for the event and begin advertising, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Memorial Weekend Tournament at the Legion – Michael Saphore shared with the board that the Legion requested any available support (e.g., volunteers) for their tournament event during Memorial Day weekend 2026. The board discussed and are willing to share event information via our Facebook page and potentially volunteer during the event. We will request additional information from their organizer.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting February 5th, 2026 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary