

BETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 2 April 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 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Julie Keiter	Present (co-chair)
Jerilynn Mease	Absent
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 – None.

MINUTES – Samantha Acri made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5th, 2026, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$77,610.35. Savings account balance: \$411,390.45.

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

Bethel Township – Visa Reimbursement (sound system)	\$354.37
Breckert Illustrated Shirts – Spring Fling T-Shirts	\$538.00
Comcast Business – Monthly Invoice	\$121.85
Commonwealth of PA – Retail Food Facility License	\$82.00
Jonestown Ag Supply, LLC – Supplies (park)	\$22.32
Met-Ed – Monthly Invoice	\$162.76
Richard Rudy – Reimbursement (pop-up canopy)	\$169.59

Total	\$1,450.89

OLD BUSINESS

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – Bid process is in progress and currently being advertised, should have an update in May.

Spring Fling at the Park (**April 11th from 11am – 1pm**)

- Julie updated the group on her efforts with event planning. Coupons/handouts will be printed this week, including pool staff applications. The group discussed layout for vendors, parking, and signage.

America250PA Township Events

- No update for July 4th weekend celebration at the pool.
- Official kick-off for the “Paint the Town Red White, and Blue” decorating contest will occur at the Spring Fling event by handing out registration flyers. Samantha Acri will start requesting prize donations, and the board will explore options for potential pool-related prizes (season pass, splash party, etc.).

Ethics Statements – Due by May 1st. No update.

2026 Pool Season Forms

- A few edits were made to the pool and pavilion forms for the 2026 season: require new \$50 refundable deposit for large pavilion (same as small pavilion) and decrease the large pavilion rental price to \$175 (plus \$50 refundable deposit). All admission prices and other rental/party prices were kept the same. Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the updated forms, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.
- Samantha Acri made a motion to keep staff pay (\$10 for concession stand, \$15 for lifeguard) and reimbursement for lifeguard certification (1/2 certification cost after 100 hours worked) the same as last year, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Retaining Wall at Baseball Backstop – Recently reviewed by Nature's Accents Landscape Services, Inc. but no price estimate provided yet.

Weed Control at Park/Baseball Field – The need for weed control spray was discussed at previous meetings after issues were reported by NLLL and township maintenance staff. The person/company who performs the spraying must have state-approved certification/licensing. Two quotes by Nature's Accents Landscape Services, Inc. were provided – both quotes include spring through fall weed control with kid/pet approved spray. Allison Showalter made a motion to accept the quotes from Nature's Accents for \$451.56 at the baseball field and \$1,515.80 at the rest of the park, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase a Refrigerator for Large Pavilion – Allison Showalter made a motion to purchase a new refrigerator for the large pavilion, up to \$800, and recycle the old one (which no longer works), seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Neighbor Concerns, Baseball Field – Comments from a resident were presented to the board by Melissa Johnson, township manager, and were also shared separately with NLLL leadership. Concerns include – an upcoming homerun tournament (none planned per NLLL), older players than usual (none currently playing above intermediate age division), and installation of a fence/net at the edge of the outfield (will be evaluated if there are issues with baseballs going over the fence).

Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt, April 4th at 2pm – Allison Showalter made a motion to approve the Lion's Club request to use the park for this event, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny, April 4th – Allison Showalter made a motion to allow township staff to use Easter-related supplies to attend the Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt event and take photos with attendees, seconded by Samantha Acri. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting May 7th, 2026 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary