

ETHEL TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes – 7 May 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	Present
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 – None.

MINUTES – Jerilynn Mease made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2nd, 2026, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor.

TREASURY REPORT – Checking account balance: \$75,704.18. Savings account balance: \$411,390.45.

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

Comcast Business – Monthly Invoice	Pending
Jonestown Ag Supply, LLC – Supplies (park)	\$108.95
Martin Appliance – Refrigerator/Top Freezer (large pavilion)	\$799.95
Met-Ed – Monthly Invoice	\$272.40
Samantha Acri – Reimbursement (250 th contest flyers)	\$81.00
USA TODAY Media Corp. – Sprinkler Bid Advertisement	\$436.20
Zimmerman Mulch – Mulch (park)	\$194.25

Total	\$1,892.75

OLD BUSINESS

LSA Grant, Sprinkler System for Baseball Field – First round of bidding ends May 14th, currently none have been submitted. Another round of advertising is required by law if no bids are submitted.

Spring Fling at the Park – The event occurred as scheduled on April 11th, 2026. Overall, it was a success with positive feedback. We will apply lessons learned to next year to hopefully make it bigger and better. The leftover t-shirts will be offered for sale at our other events.

America250PA Township Events

- July 4th weekend pool party/celebration pending due to lack of pool staffing (lifeguards). If the pool is open, we will just decorate with red, white, and blue for the weekend and possibly offer discounted pricing and/or extended hours.
- “Paint the Town Red White, and Blue” decorating contest is open for registration. No submissions have been received yet. The group will continue distributing flyers and requesting prize donations.

Ethics Statements – No update, all submitted except John Shireman (now overdue).

Retaining Wall at Baseball Backstop – No update, still waiting for pricing.

NEW BUSINESS

Kids Fall Fun Day/Touch-a-Truck – This annual event is scheduled to occur September 26th from 1 – 4pm. Jerilynn Mease updated the group on planning efforts including the food truck, fire company, and other participants. Allison Showalter made a motion to approve pricing/contract from JRE Bounce Co. for three bounce houses at the event with a total cost of \$855.00, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

River Valley Engineered Wood Fiber (playground) – Allison Showalter made a motion to purchase enough engineered wood fiber to replenish the playground areas to the required depth at a cost of \$4,500.00, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.

Large Pavilion Renovations – The group discussed the need to refresh/update the large pavilion if we hope to have more rentals this year. All changes will be discussed in advance with the Lions Club. Jerilynn Mease made a motion to explore options for epoxy floor coating installation, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor. Julie Keiter made a motion to request the township maintenance staff to repaint the interior walls as well as the cabinets, seconded by Allison Showalter. All voted in favor. The group also agreed to review the current table setup to determine the best option (cleaning up and keeping the picnic tables vs. removing them and using folding tables).

Pool Opening Date – Allison Showalter made a motion to select Monday, June 8th as opening day for the pool (pending staff availability), seconded by Jerilynn Mease. All voted in favor. Additional lifeguards are being recruited from local school districts and lifeguard certification classes. We currently do **not** have enough lifeguards to open for the season.

ADJOURNMENT – *Next scheduled meeting June 4th, 2026 at 7pm. With no further business, Allison Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, seconded by Julie Keiter. All voted in favor.*

Samantha Acri
Recording Secretary