

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

June 15, 2026

7:00 PM

Call to Order

David Hess called to order the regular meeting of the Lehigh Township Recreation Commission.

Roll Call

David Hess, Tammy Hess, Patrick VanderPloeg, and Jerry Pritchard were present.

Approval of May 18, Minutes

Jerry Pritchard made a motion to approve the minutes. Tammy Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

Events—Updates

Noon Year's Eve. There was no update on this event.

Tree Lighting. Tammy Hess has confirmed the tree lighting with Preston Henry and the Lioness. She will also be reaching out to the Boy Scouts regarding helping with the fire. David Hess commented he contacted Aunt Mary's Tree Farm and they are willing to donate a tree again. Patrick VenderPloeg commented the juggler is not certain he wants to continue because of how difficult it is for him to perform in the cold. He will reach out to the individual who does the characters and the balloons to make sure they are available. It was noted everyone seemed to enjoy the Grinch character the best.

Small Christmas Trees. Jerry Pritchard is planning on setting something up at National Night Out to promote the trees and will also try to do additional advertising.

Egg Hunt (2027). There was discussion as to whether or not there was a need for an additional egg hunt in the area. Jerry Pritchard will reach out to Bethany Wesleyan to

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See why they discontinued their egg hunt. It was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter to see if there would be any volunteers that would come forward to help with the activity.

Pennsville Park Playground. The Board would like to develop a playground similar to what is located by the Slatedale Fire Company, starting with the MegaTower. Alice Rehrig was asked to reach out to Lyon Recreation to get an updated quote on the equipment.

Monica Brown questioned if it was being pursued to get the playground equipment from the Moore Township school since it has been listed for sale. Jerry Pritchard commented the Township could look into buying if it is not being sold as part of the school. It will all depend upon who buys the building. It was also noted certified installer would be needed to install it for the Township.

Park Signs. There was no update on the signs. The signs will need to be compared to what is in the ordinance to make sure they are consistent.

Tennis Courts. For now, the old Danielsville court should be repaired so that it can be used safely. Once the playground equipment has been finalized and we see where we are financially, the permanent solution can be pursued.

Sandy Hopkins commented someone should talk to Leo Livengood to see if anything different can be done than digging up the entire court. She spoke with him briefly and he thinks there may be a less expensive alternative.

Lettering on Berlinsville Fence. Jerry Pritchard is in the process of getting a price from Scribbles and Drips. He is not certain as to what type of lettering they would provide. His hope would be to get this done for National Night Out.

New Business

Jerry Pritchard commented it was brought to his attention that LTAA is considering partnering with the Township to get a new batting cage for Berlinsville.

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Jerry Pritchard also spoke with Northampton School District. They are tearing out their astroturf and are willing to give it to the Township, Sections of the turf could be used in the area of the dugouts and other areas where the grass doesn't grow.

Public Comment. Mark Kracji commented the e-scooters and e-bikes need to be addressed when the signs are redone. The misuse of the bikes and scooters are out of control in other areas and people are getting hurt. The Township needs to do what they can to protect themselves from any potential liability. It may be helpful to post the rules of the park in a locked bulletin board to help protect the Township, and they could also be used to provide additional information to people coming to the parks.

Adjourn. Patrick VanderPloeg made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.