

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

August 17, 2026

7:00 PM

Call to Order

Jerry Pritchard called to order the regular meeting of the Lehigh Township Recreation Commission.

Roll Call

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

Approval of July 20, 2026, Minutes

Keith Hantz 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. Keith Hantz reported everything is going well. They are getting ready to send out the letters the sponsors from last year. They will again be filling the balloons at the Fire Company.

Tree Lighting. Tammy Hess reported the Boy Scouts are planning on monitoring the fire ring again. Patrick VanderPloeg had previously commented that the magician may not be interested in coming back again because of the weather. He is finalizing the characters that will be attending. The balloon artist is also willing to return.

Small Christmas Trees. The tree orders will need to go in towards the end of October. They will be cut the second week of November. Our cost for Douglas Fir will be \$36, the sponsorship price will be \$55. Jerry Pritchard commented he has purchased patriot ornaments to give to individuals who are sponsoring trees.

Egg Hunt (2027). It was decided to not pursue this at this time because of the amount of egg hunts that are currently taking place in the area.

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Pennsville Park Playground. After reviewing several playground options, Patrick VanderPloeg made a motion to pursue the equipment for ages 5 to 12 in the amount of \$51,299; the toddler set which was \$12,239, and the 3 swings sets, one pair of which would be a toddler swing. Keith Hantz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Jerry Pritchard commented the Lions could be contacted regarding placing an emblem on the open spots on the fence.

Public Comment.

Monica Brown commented the mud has cleared up since the bench was moved. Without any seating under the pavilions, no one is using them. The shelters should either be moved to where the benches are or seating should be added. The shade is either behind them or in front of them depending upon where the sun is. Marc Kracje commented no matter where you put shelters, there will not be shade. You need trees for shade.

Alice Rehrig provided the Board with information for the 2027 Budget so the discussions could start taking place at the next meeting.

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