

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

May 18, 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, Keith Hantz, Patrick VanderPloeg, and Jerry Pritchard were present.

Approval of April 20, 2026, Minutes

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

Old Business

Events--Updates

Noon Year's Eve. The work on the event is continuing. It's not expected that there will be a whole lot of changes

Tree Lighting. The Christmas Tree will be again donated by Aunt Mary's Tree Farm. The Fire Police have also been contacted. Tammy Hess has worked on a lot of the other items and will provide the information. Lights for the tree will be donated.

Small Christmas Trees. A table will be set up at National Night Out to promote the trees. The trees would be placed at the lower end of the track near the shed.

Egg Hunt (2027). There was discussion as to whether or not there was a need for an additional egg hunt in the area.

Pennsville Park Playground. Alice Rehrig brought four catalogues from PSATS. Two companies will definitely help design and layout the equipment. The other two

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companies may offer the service, but she hadn't spoken with them. Alice Rehrig will contact Slatedale to see if they can get a cost and who installed the playground equipment.

Jerry Pritchard spoke with Joe Kovalchik regarding the possibility of getting the used equipment from Moore Township. A certified playground installer would need to be used. More information will be available in the near future as the school project concludes.

Park Signs. No updates on this matter.

Tennis Courts. The entire tennis court will need to be replaced. There are concerns regarding the condition of the playing area and the safety of the players. Alice Rehrig will talk to Frank Zamadics to see what type of repairs he can do.

New Business

Lettering on Berlinsville Fence. There was discussion regarding putting "Lehigh Township" on the fence. The lettering would need to be mounted onto the fence. Jerry Pritchard will get pricing for the lettering.

Keith Hantz noted the memorial for William Beck that is in center field really should be cleaned up or redone. The Breyfogle memorial should also be moved to the area of the arch so that it can be seen by people rather than its location by the shed where no one can see it.

Public Comment. Mark Krajci raised concern regarding the use of e-bikes at the parks. He is seeing young kids going fast, riding recklessly, and without helmets. So far, he has not yet seen an issue at Delps, but it is only a matter of time. The Board will need to take a stand regarding the use of them in the parks before it becomes an issue. This will be placed on the June 9 Supervisors meeting for discussion.

Patrick VanderPloeg commented he feels embarrassed that we were not able to help the girl scout out to construct the Rainbow Bridge. He feels we need to be more open and welcoming to these projects. It's not a good look for the Township to not

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encourage the projects. David Hess commented the project was approved at the Supervisors meeting but the Board had requested that there be some natural colors incorporated into the project.

David Hess noted the shelters at the dog park have been installed and the benches by the gate have been moved to try to help alleviate the mud.

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