

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

January 19, 2026

7:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Tammy Hess, Jerry Pritchard, David Hess, and Keith Hantz were present at the meeting.

Reorganization

Chairman. Jerry Pritchard made a motion to appoint David Hess as Chairman. Keith Hantz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman. David Hess made a motion appoint Jerry Prichard as Vice Chairman. Jerry Pritchard declined.

Jerry Pritchard made a motion to appoint Keith Hantz as Vice Chairman. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Secretary. David Hess made a motion to appoint Alice Rehrig as secretary. Keith Hantz seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of November 17, 2025, Minutes.

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

Old Business

Brianna Clough was present to further discuss the possibility of creating a memorial bridge at Delps Park. She will be doing all the fundraising for the project. The Rec Board wants to make sure that the project will blend with the park. Once the project is approved by the Board, Frank Zamadics will help them find a location. The Rec Board approved to move this project to the Supervisors at their November meeting.

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The project is expected to be as maintenance free as possible. Ms. Clough is considering using a Trex or composite type of material for longevity of the bridge if funds or donations permit. If it is too expensive, they will use pressure treated wood. The goal is to complete the project by August.

Ms. Clough will provide additional details for the Board of Supervisors to review.

Monica Brown questioned if the bridge will be strong enough to support individuals walking over the bridge and if so, will the composite wood be slippery. Mrs. Clough commented it would be strong enough for someone to walk on, and doesn't believe the composite wood would be slippery as it is the same material that is used on decks.

New Business

Pennsville Park Playground. Jerry Pritchard commented Mr. Jandl is starting to work on the treatment plant at Pennsville. As part of the agreements, they should be required to pay their fees relatively soon. He thinks the Rec Board should start looking into what type of equipment they would want. The agreement requires a payment of \$42,000 for playground equipment at Indiantrail Park and an additional \$50,000 that is also obligated additional funding for a recreation project.

Field Rentals. There has been an issue with collecting field use fees from teams that are scheduled by a third party. It was agreed that all teams must schedule their games directly with the Township and the fee should be paid in advance. Any team that has an outstanding balance will not be scheduled for additional field time until they are paid in full. The Resolution will need to be updated to reflect this.

Events. This item was tabled.

Keith Hantz commented he was told that the Lions are willing to fund and construct a pavilion at Berlinsville Park. If there is an interest in having this move forward, he would be willing to work with them. The Board agreed that Keith Hantz should work with them to get additional information as to what they are proposing to fund and where they would locate the pavilion. Sandy Hopkins commented it would be nice to have a

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pavilion at the park, but you will need to keep in mind the size of the parking lot when trying to rent a pavilion and have a baseball game take place.

Keith Hantz commented it would be helpful if there could be support by the Public Works Department when the different events are taking place. He found it challenging when the Noon Years Eve was taking place. If there are going to be additional events, it would be great to have their support. David Hess commented he will talk to Frank Zamadics.

Public Comment. Cindy Miller commented she heard the Noon Years Eve event was quite successful, but recommended a Small Games of Chance License be obtained if there is going to be another raffle.

Monica Brown commented she previously brought up adding concrete to the entrance of the dog park to try to eliminate some of the mud in spring. It would be an area like what they did at Allen Township's dog park. She will provide pictures of what the park looks like from the dogs running along the fence. David Hess questioned if the mud issue wouldn't recur at the end of the concrete. Monica Brown commented she doesn't believe it would. It works well at Allen Township. Tammy Hess commented the pavilions will help keep some of the congregating away from the entrance. Monica Brown commented that will help, but the dogs will still run along the fence when other dogs or people come in. She will provide additional information as to what it needed.

David Hess thanked Sandy Hopkins for the amount of time she spent on the Rec Board.

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