

Lehigh Township Recreation Commission

April 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Tammy Hess, Patrick VanderPloeg, and Jerry Pritchard.

Approval of March 16, 2026, Minutes

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

Old Business

Events

Noon Year's Eve. There was no update at this time.

Tree Lighting. Tammy Hess will contact Santa.

Patrick VanderPloeg will be checking into the entertainment for the evening. He is certain he will be able to get the characters and the balloon sculptor back. He will also reach out to the individual with the goats.

There was also a discussion regarding adding additional lights to the tree. It doesn't seem to be bright enough for an outdoor tree.

There was some discussion about getting a portable movie screen so that a movie could be shown at the tree lighting. It could also be used for movies in the park in the future.

The food is planned to be the same. The Lioness will most likely continue to do the candy cane scramble.

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Small Christmas Trees. Draft forms for small Christmas Tree sponsorships were provided to the Board for review. Patrick VanderPloeg made a motion to table the discussion until there was a full Board present. Tammy Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Egg Hunt (2027). This will need to be coordinated with other egg hunts that take place in the area. There are a lot of egg hunts that take place in the area.

Field Rentals

Chris Fielder—Baseball Tournament. Mr. Fielder was not present to discuss this.

Jessyca Varell—Push the Rock Soccer. Ms. Varell was not present to discuss this.

Patrick VanderPloeg made motion to table the requests until the individuals were present. Tammy Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pennsville Park Playground. It was previously discussed about getting new playground equipment for both Pennsville Park and Berlinsville Park. The funding from the Jandl project could still be focused on Pennsville, but with the closing of the Moore Elementary School, the Township may be able to obtain the equipment from Moore Township and relocate it to Berlinsville. There was also some discussion about moving it Delps, but there is not as much use at the park outside the organized sports.

New Business

Safe Sport Certification. This was looked into and it is not something that is required by the State like the background checks are. LTAA is following the requirements of the State. It was decided that the level of training that is required of the coaches would be left up to the organization sponsoring the teams.

Tennis Courts. The Rec Board will be looking into options for grants for replacing the tennis court.

Park Signs. The park signs will be reviewed so that uniform signs can be created.

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Public Comment. Monica Brown noted the structures have been started at the dog park.

Monica Brown questioned what happened with the rainbow bridge. Patrick VanderPloeg commented they opted to move the project to Walnutport.

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