

MINUTES

RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD:

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 23, 2025

The following were in ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS

Megan Klenzing, Chair
Lauren Casselberry, Vice Chair
Rick Grove, Secretary
Greg Mahon
Scott Duncanson
Susan Parry

TOWNSHIP PEPRSONNEL

Helen Grundon, Administrative Assistant
Tom Stambaugh, Parks Operation Supervisor
Renee' Greenawalt, Recording Secretary

LIAISON

Commissioner Josh Nagy

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Klenzing called the April 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Parry motioned to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025, Regular Meeting as amended. Mr. Grove seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Highland Estates

There was no public comment.

TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORT

Ms. Grundon presented the Recreation and Parks Staff Report.

Reporting on activity occurring in the parks, she noted that park operations staff had completed removal of tree stumps and landscaping, girdling of invasive trees, mowing and trash collection. Volleyball and tennis nets were installed, and fresh sand was installed for volleyball courts. Addressing general park usage, she reported that baseball and softball fields were being used and maintained. Cameras were installed at Wass Park.

Ms. Grundon reported that complimentary garden plots are available by application at Yellow Breeches Park with only three currently in use. The soil is tilled, and a water pump is available. Fencing must be provided by the residents.

Addressing rentals, Ms. Grundon reported that field rentals are booked, with structures such as the barn and pavilions mostly booked for the spring season.

Providing an update on events held at LACP, she noted the Easter Egg Hunt had been a success and that the Bark for Life event sponsored by the American Cancer Society would be held at the lower soccer fields on May 10th.

OLD BUSINESS

Yappy Hour Update

The event will be held on September 18, 2025, in the morning at LACP. Solicitors are being solicited. Environmental Coordinator Barb Arnold may do an educational session on dog waste. Dog Park registration will be available.

Gardeners Gathering Recap

The event was not very well attended. Following a brief discussion weighing the value of holding the event in early spring with the significant amount of work involved, members decided to reconsider having the event for next year.

Easter Egg Hunt Recap

Attendance was fair considering the poor weather. Anticipated needs for 2026 include a volunteer to wear the bunny costume and evaluation of the plastic egg inventory for replacement.

175th Anniversary Celebration

A joint ceremony with Upper Allen Township will be held on October 26, 2025, at 1 PM at the barn. County commissioners and local state representatives will attend. Additionally, the anniversary will be celebrated in coordination with Lisburn's Community Day on October 4, 2025. Staff are considering designs for several commemorative items. The event is in the early planning stages and may include old time games, a barber shop quartet, puppet show, and other events reflective of the 1850s. Ms. Klenzing suggested that props and costumes might be available through the Cumberland County Historical Society. Another idea is to incorporate a decorative collage with the township map as the backdrop into the event.

Let Hope Grow Fundraiser

Members discussed an email provided to them from Lura Sawyer with her responses to some of the questions board members had asked following her earlier presentation regarding a fundraiser for ALS. They expressed appreciation for the information but stressed the importance of having a formal proposal and plan for consideration. Mr. Grove noted that there is no established policy for governing these types of events and suggested it might be helpful to develop one.

ADJOURN:

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2025, and kick off the Park Tour series. Attendees should meet at 6 PM at Beacon Hill Park. The future tours will be held on June 11 and June 25 where attendees will meet at the Municipal Services Center.