

Elizabeth Township Park Board
Meeting Minutes for 01/02/2025

In Attendance: Rodney May, Tom Moyer, Steve Garman, Mike Landis, Ron Stief and Ken Fillo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ken made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Mike 2nd the motion. All approved.

Approval of the September 2024 minutes. Rodney pointed out some items about the sponsors for the 2025 music in the park series. (See 09/05/2024 revised.

Supervisors report: Rodney thanked the Board for their service.

Music In the park; we will try to get 3 Bands for the 2025 season. Ron is keeping dates open on the pavillion schedule. It take co-ordination with all of the parties involved to finalize the dates.

The park fund received another \$10,000 donation as “fee in lieu of” from a developer.

There are 2 bids pending to replace the water system at the park which has been in place since 2010.

Penn-Elm Park. The exterior block walls were painted. The bulk of the items in the storage area have been removed. Penryn Fire company picked up the outside storage shed and moved it to their fire station.

Rodney also mentioned that we keep open the idea of purchasing the 2 open lots on Keener Road. There was a discussion regarding DCNR’s change of focus away from the region to other areas. It was noted that Warwick was not awarded a grant for updating playground equipment or for an update to the regional park and recreation plan.

Old Business: there was a discussion regarding the agreement with Warwick Little League, which has not been signed. The sticking point

seems to be the question of who will pay for the “Diamond-Tex” for the infield. Their season starts on March 24th.

Committee reports: Ken presented some of the usage statistics for the disc golf course. YTD, rounds played =1860; 426 unique players; 1,966 miles walked, and 4,429,853 steps taken. There was a question for Loren as to whether all of the sponsors renewed their sponsorships?

Ken shared the results of a casual user survey on Facebook. 31 likes and 50 comments. Most of the comments were positive, with the negative comments mostly concerning the lack of trash cans. One responder was concerned about the use of Burning Bush around the playground area. It is designated as an Intrusive/ Invasive shrub. It is now banned from being sold in Pa. There was a discussion about removing the ones that are in place. Further discussion moved to a later date.

Pickle-ball; the Team Reach app for our court has 52 members, who play twice during the week and also on Sunday mornings.

Pavillion rental: Ron reported 17 rentals for Penn Elm and 58 for the big park. Roughly the same as 2023. Income, \$5600.

Earth Day is April 22, 2025. The park clean-up will be held on April 12th at 8a.m. with a rain-date of April 22nd.

Ron will make sure that Little League will not start until Noon on those dates. He will also block off the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost for use by the Plain community.

Next meeting: March 6, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Ken Fillo.