

**Ebensburg Recreation Board
Board Minutes from May 14, 2025**

OPENING:

The monthly meeting of the Ebensburg Recreation Board was called to order at 6:31 PM by Amber Mesoras. The meeting was held at the Ebensburg Borough Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Kuhar, Amber Mesoras, Ashley Bobby, Phil Woo, and Rebecca Williamson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Theresa Jacoby, Rory Coleman, Melanie Boland, Samantha Kemock

VISITORS PRESENT:

Members of the Ebensburg Pickleball Club

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Members of the Ebensburg Pickleball Club would like to place permanent courts at the hockey rink located at Lake Rowena. They provided the positive aspects of having the courts placed in this location over the Memorial Field location.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES:

Amber Mesoras

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD:

Ashley Bobby

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2025:

Not available

OLD BUSINESS:

RECREATION BOARD

-Ashley Bobby was present for her first meeting. She was welcomed by the group and caught up on agenda items.

YPCC:

-Sports Interior provided an estimate in the amount of \$63,715 to fix the leaking roof. This project will need to go out for public bid.

-A long discussion was had regarding converting the hockey rink into permanent pickleball courts. All positive aspects that were presented by the pickleball group were discussed and evaluated. The group discussed the community reaction to removing a permanent structure that has been at Lake Rowena for decades without obtaining proper feedback from the community. It is unknown, at this time, if the rink is used for hockey or inline skating. The group felt it was unfair to make an assumption that the rink was not used without proper data. Phil Woo suggested a community survey on the usage of the hockey rink for inline skating and the thoughts from the community on permanent pickleball courts. The group discussed sending an online survey to the community to obtain feedback on the usage of the hockey rink and the potential for permanent pickleball courts. Phil Woo motioned, Amber Mesoras seconded.

-The group discussed not needing two pickleball locations within the borough, therefore, the grant submission for the Memorial Field pickleball courts will not be submitted. Phil Woo motioned, Amber Mesoras seconded.

-The group discussed allowing the Ebensburg Pickleball Club to paint lines on the existing hockey rink and transport their own portable nets for summer play. They are also to evaluate if there is an overlap with any inline skaters or hockey players. Phil Woo motioned, Amber Mesoras seconded.

BALLFIELDS:

-Bathrooms have been deep-cleaned and painted at the Memorial Fields. A new toilet was placed in the men's room.

-McDonalds field continues to under water after any rainfall. RD assisted EYL and EAS on pumping the water off the fields and loading and spreading 5 bucket loads of sand. The field is often unplayable and games are cancelled or moved to a different location.

New Business:

POOL

-Opening day will be May 31, 2025 due to a lack of sun to dry the paint on the pool.

-Pump to be removed from the kiddie slide and a new pump installed.

-Sensors were ordered for the CAT 5000 and will be installed once the pool is filled

TENNIS CENTER

-The fire alarm system is malfunctioning. It continues to go off day and night. Bettwy evaluated the system last year and stated it was old and they no longer made the replacement parts needed. Bettwy recommended replacing the system. Two bids were obtained, one from Bettwy and one from Gittings. Phil Woo motioned to go with Gittings to keep it local. Amber Mesoras seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 motioned by Phil Woo, Susan Kuhar seconded.

Minutes recorded by Rebecca Williamson, Recreation Director