

CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Frontino, Tim Brown, David Ellis,
Chris McGuire, Bob
Pacifico

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Riccio, Matt Pacifico, David Francis

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, Jeremy Molina,
Terry Bennett, Dan
Stants, Bill Kibler

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Ed Frontino.

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bob Pacifico made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the January 16, 2025 board meeting, David Ellis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of financial reports was next on the agenda. David Ellis made a motion to approve the Regular January through April, 2025 financial report. Bob Pacifico seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director Report was next on the agenda: Mike said that since we did not have a board meeting in March, he wanted to update the Board on the Community Classic Dinner, held on March 1, 2025. He stated that we had a \$25,000 profit, which was down from previous years', but we anticipated that, based on ticket sales. The event went pretty well considering that we lost our guest speaker two (2) days prior to the event. Thanks to Rocky Scalzi from Beating the Odds, he was able to secure

Rocky Bleier on short notice to appear as our guest speaker. Respected Citizens did really well. Thank you letters have been sent out and we hope to make \$30,000 next year.

Due to all the rain, the maintenance department is playing catch-up in maintaining outdoor facilities. The Spray Park is near completion and the water was turned on today and everything went well, we are on target to open on June 2nd. The BTW and East Juniata day camps will open on June 2nd with the playground program beginning June 9th. T-Ball starts tonight for ages 4 & 5 and will conclude mid-June. Our Spring programs (Cheerleading, Volleyball, Sports Clinic, Art) have concluded and everything went well. The registration deadline for the basketball leagues at Lakemont Park is May 20, and the team meeting is May 22. League is set to start on June 2nd. Chris Drenning will be running a basketball camp for grades 2 through 6 at Lakemont Park. We still need two (2) playground leaders and a few concession stand workers for Vets Field to complete our summer staff.

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New Business was next on the agenda:

- A. Mike is applying for a new grant, People, Parks & Community Foundation through the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society. The grant requires a resolution from the Board of Directors that authorizes the grant application. Our application is for barrier netting for Garfield Park. The City of Altoona has been making renovations to Garfield Park by redeveloping the secondary softball field. Currently there is just a ten (10) foot high fence separating both softball fields, by adding this additional netting there will be a thirty (30) foot high barrier. David Ellis made a motion

to approve the signing of the resolution for the People, Parks & Community Foundation grant application, Ed Frontino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

B. Golf Tournament – Our 15th annual Golf Classic Tournament will be held on Monday, July 28th with our event sponsor Encompass Health. The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Sinking Valley Country Club. He then passed a flyer out to the board members. We have roughly have 20 teams committed and we can take 32; we hope to have between 30 and 32 teams. We currently have about 30 tee signs, one (1) beverage cart sponsor and a putting contest sponsor. This is one of the best golf tournaments in the County because we provide a quality event. It takes about five (5) hours to finish playing and this year the course will provide lunch.

C. July Board Meeting – Chris McGuire made a motion to cancel the July 17, 2025 board meeting, a special board meeting will be called if needed, Bob Pacifico seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Board Comments were next on the agenda. Ed Frontino asked if Prospect Pool is opening this year. Chris McGuire said yes, it is opening this year.

Questions from the New Media was next on the agenda. Bill Kibler asked what happened to our guest speaker, Quinton Aaron. Mike said he had a major health emergency.

David Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Bob Pacifico seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Irwin

K. Michael

Hofer

Administrative Assistant
Director

Executive

