Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Board Meeting

June 11th, 2026, Regular Meeting 7:15 pm

Attendant: Matt Thaxton called meeting to order with Jessica Kurtz, Elyse Martin, and Joe Mazzucco all accepting.

Park/Pool Levy:

- We need to look into the future of the park/pool 1,5,10 years from now, what do we want to see it become?
- The pool levy is going to be combined with the park levy to get off the bond type levy, it is currently in. The park levy will fall off in 2028 accumulating an amount of $140,000 in those two years. After 2028 the park levy will be gone but already added into the new pool levy. Making the pool and park a combined levy.
- There are 3 different levy amounts being tossed around 1.25mil, 1.85 mil, 2.5 mil.
- 1.25 mil the bare minimum and 2.5 mil as the max amount.
- 1.25 Mil in 10 years would give us 125,000/ year. Would cover only park maintenance with the pool being gone.
- 1.85 mil in 10 years would be 2.39 mil and would give us 185,000 per year. The levy combined will be the same millage we have now with the park and pools current levies combined. Will allow park to continue maintaining it like they do now with no big updates.
- 2 mil in 10 years equals 2.58 would give us 258,000 per year. Would be able to repair the major issues with the pool, but the diving board and slides would need to be removed due to codes. The pool would not be deep enough to support them. Would possibly allow for some updates in other areas of the park such as community center, walking path, and possibly a pickleball court.

- We could replace the whole pool costing $4 mil to $4.5 mil in this year's monies not future monies. Meaning the cost for today would not be the cost for the future if we decided to not replace the pool now. Say 10 years from now the pool may cost 6mil to replace completely due to inflation.
- The levy needs to be able to pay for maintenance and repairs to the pool, community center, pond, ball fields, and daily operations of the park and pool.
- Currently the Pool Levy monies are set up as a bond state and cannot be used for anything but maintenance and infrastructure purposes. The money will not just disappear after the levy ends. It will hold into account being used to demolish pool if levy fails and if levy passes it will be used to build a small splash pad where the baby pool was located.
- Question: How do we ensure that the combined levy is only getting used to one part of the park, say the community center and not the other amenities in the park? The money will be allocated based off what the yearly expenses are and if a major repair needs to be completed and there are not enough funds in the current account, they will allocate the money to be transferred to the account.

Pool:

- Pool survives every year with bare minimums being fixed. How long this will be sustainable is a concern and not guaranteed for long.
- New concern of Jackson Township trustees is at the June 10th township meeting the pool manager stated that the pool pump house needs to be updated. He would like to put in a new filtration system that doesn't require him to climb down into a pit to flip a switch. The filtration system will cost anywhere from $250,000 to $350,000 based on Germantown's filtration system that was placed a few years ago with them having 20,000 less gallons than Farmersville does. Township Trustee doesn't believe that we can financially support the new filtrations system.

- Township Trustee stated he went to the pool, the weather was 86 degrees out and there were less than 40 people swimming.
- The first week open the pool staff were excited to make $1,000 dollars but in 3 days of running the pool heater that cost was eaten. The pool expenses are terrible and costly.
- The $1,800 that was lost in the concession stand due to employees not finishing the transactions still has not been recovered and may not be recovered.
- The website set up for online purchasing and reservations is still being investigated. Need to be ADA compliance. Current website designer was asked about what it would take to start this program. Was stated that the company they go through charges 2.6 percent and .30 per transaction saving customers money than the current systems the township uses for credit cards.
- Pool intake and output were asked for, and it was stated that they could not go based off right now's data for financing. Only at the end of the year could they compare the output and input. The board understands that but was asking for financial information mid-year to have some data to go off. This doesn't guarantee the pool's success, but it would give the board a place to start.
- Township trustee states that if we put a pickle ball court in it could be used 10 months out of the year weather permitting.
- Township trustee stated that one week you buy $3,000 dollars for concession and not guaranteed to sale those items in a week or 2 weeks.
- Again, Township Trustee stated that the pool is only open for six weeks out of the year when it used to be opened for 12 weeks out of the year. The Trustee explained that it was because school started earlier than it used to. Also, kids' sports are starting sooner than they used to taking away from lifeguard availability since most of them are kids in school.
- The township also stated it is hard to compete with a school district that already has a community pool (Germantown) and they require the

school to buy a pass to participate in the swimming team. Families do not want to buy two different pool passes.
- If pool levy passes put money into the pool and prove that the pool can be properly staffed and run.

Was motioned for a recommendation to ask for 1.85 mil on Novembers ballet by Elyse Martin, seconded by Jessica Kurtz. Roll call from Matt Thaxton to agree, Kurtz, Martin, Mazzucco, and Thaxton all agreed yes.

Park:

- Walking Path needs to be repaired: grind down and resurfaced to 8 inches thick. This is going to cost roughly around $250,000 or more.
- Montgomery county sealed the pathway from town to lower gratis road. This is not a good thing because Montgomery County can deem the pathway unsafe and remove the pathway completely if they want. Investigations are being carried out to figure out why Montgomery County did this.

Community Center:

- It needs to update and the women's bathroom is a huge concern as to where it is located.
- Future plan is to add additional space to the existing building.
- Township Trustee states if we doubled the community center the price would need to go up say to $500.00 to rent out instead of the $250.00 it's currently rented out at. Wanted to know how many people we would lose due to this increase in price.
- Was suggested to have a partition wall to separate the room and make it smaller, if need be, to keep the smaller events at a decreased price. As stated, then we would need two kitchens, and 4 restrooms. There are ways around this.

- **Question:** How many people do we lose due to not having a bigger space for people to rent out?
- Township Trustee used an example from Grand Park they have a three-season rental shelter that has attachable walls that can be placed and removed to open shelter during the warmer season.
- If we update the community center and add more space to the existing building, we will need to bring in more porta potties because the leach fields are almost full.
- **Question:** What can we do about the leach fields? Would it be possible to add sewer and waterlines?
- Yes, we could potentially add sewer and waterlines, but we would need the property owners from town to the park to sign a written agreement that they will allow it because it will potentially affect their land values.
- This could have negative affect to the farm owners and potentially cause buyouts for commercial and residential over barring contractors, they see this all the time in small towns.
- If we want to keep the integrity of our community, we should not offer the waterlines.
- **Question:** What can we do to fix the leach bed issues?
- There is not enough land you would have to put in a double leach bed, and you would have to switch it every year and need a back up if one was to fail.
- Would like to see water fountains added into the park with dog watering bowls attached. This will need to be investigated by code and price.

Community Engagement Opportunities in the Park:

- Plant wildflowers in areas to save mowing time and where the leach field is.
- Build bird and bat houses and place them around the park.
- More opportunities to come.

Baseball Fields:

- Mazzucco stated the water was not running in the bathroom and they needed to be turned on for the BK Tournament.
- Why are there no concessions at the ball fields? This was because the previous board decided that the license was a waste of resources at the time.
- We need to contact Montgomery County Health Department to figure out what needs to be done to get concessions back up and running.
- We will need to purchase the license
- Board will work on this for next season
- Pool passes are going to be offered at a discounted price for all baseball players called the BK Day Discount in honor of Bryston Keating.
- Get the concession up and run for baseball field with parents and other players running it. This will bring more money into the park and allow for baseball tournaments to happen at the park.

Everything the new Joint Park/Park board suggests must be approved by the Jackson Township Trustees