Farmersville/Jackson Township Joint Park Board Meeting

May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting 7pm

Matt Thaxton called meeting into order with Jessica Kurtz, Elyse Martin, Joe Mazzucco, and Derek Shell accepting.

Jackson Township had Mike Moyer and Lisa Kozarec present with 2 community members attending.

Pool Opening Day

- Pool brought in $3,000
- Was an issue with transaction taken at the concession stands new employees did not realize that you had to push the continue button to finish transactions $1,800 dollars' worth was accidentally voided.
- This situation is being taken care of with US bank who said they would supply Township with transaction information so that the township can reissue the correct amounts to the correct cards used for purchase at the concession stands.
- We will update when the money has been issued back into the account.
- Employees have and will be retrained on how to complete the transactions to ensure this issue doesn't happen again.

Wrongful Information Going around/ Online purchasing power

- Information was going around about one of the township members saying it was illegal for them to make online purchases when that was not what was said.
- Jackson Township is trying to save the taxpayers money if they sign up for online purchasing and it costs $1,440 a year for 3 months out of the year then what is the point of having online purchases. They could use that money to update flower beds, mulch, or do other cosmetic/repairs to the park area.

- The pool manager was contacted about how Germantown does online purchases, he said that they use Clover and they rent the machine monthly and are charged monthly. When they are done using the Clover website after season, they give back the machine and stop paying the monthly fee.
- Village Administrator investigated and found out you must sign up for a three-year contract at $40.00 per month this would total up to $1,440 per year.
- The Township is not opposed to online purchases in the future but for this season it does not make sense to have to retrain employees to take those payments and bookings.
- We will investigate this more during the off season and try to get something started for next season if it meets reasonable expectations and township trustees agree to it.
- The Township is worried about online theft occurring with bank information being allocated to the online purchasing program.
- Township and Park board members do not want to rush into online purchasing and do not know all our options.
- Farmersville is not allowed to take pool passes because of legal government reasons. The government does not see Farmersville and the Township as one entity. Preventing Farmersville and the Township from sharing money accounts for the pool.
- **Question**: If the online payment program through Clover covers all park amenities?
- **Answer**: It would only cover the pool concessions due to Clover being a food purchasing program only. Germantown does Clover for concession and then does Square for all rental such as shelters and parties.
- We currently go through I works who charged and $500.00 set up fee and $1,200 per year for refuge. The Township cannot change this cost. This cost adds 3.5% to all transactions.
- Square doesn't automatically add a rate to causing employees to have to add the rate onto the purchase. Square charges and 2.9% plus a 0.03% interest.

- Township is also concerned about reoccurring customers who have rented the shelter/community center every year for years. That the customers will lose their dates they have always rented by going online booking.
- When pool manager was contacted, they asked about online booking. Pool Manager explained that when they book online, they get two dates that are booked, one for the actual day and one for a rain date just in case the party is rained out. That means there will be two days booked on the schedule.
- **Question**: What about the person who runs the website for the township now. He offers online booking and purchasing.
- **Answer**: The website handler was going to set up for purchase to go directly to website and straight into the bank accounts. There is an extra fee the township would be charged that goes directly to their banking account in the amount of $15.00. Twin Valley Bank will charge $2.00 to do a bank check on all ACH.

Passes

- Most passes are sold when they come to the pool to swim for the very first time. If a family pays $40.00 to swim for one day when a family pass is $180.00, they are more likely to purchase the family season pass. With them being able to pay cash or card at that time.

Financial Status

- Jackson Township Appropriation Status was reviewed
- Appropriation Payment Register was reviewed
- Revenue Status was Reviewed
- Fund Status was Reviewed
- All pool and park financial are separated

Jessica Kurtz motioned to accept financial reports, followed by Elyse who second to accept followed by Matt Thaxton and Joe Mazzucco.

Park/Pool Levy

- Park levy can pay for anything for park and pool including mulch, salaries, repairs and other upkeeps.
- Pool levy cannot pay for anything but maintenance on the pool and is not allowed to be used to pay for pool supplies, concession supplies, or pool salaries. It is more closely related to a school bond.
- They had not spent out of the pool levy because they knew the pool was going need repairs and wanted to make sure the money was there to be able to allow those repairs.
- **Question:** Was the most recent pool repair drawn out of the pool fund to repair the pool?
- **Answer:** Yes, all repairs were taken out of the pool levy account because they fell under the pool levy guidelines.

Immediate Attention Needed

- Levy needs to be agreed upon by Aug 1st to be on November Ballot.
- Levy needs to be written up and voted on
- First needs to be requested and auditor gives us what the levy will bring in for us.
- Second, the auditor comes back and says what our levy can be then we must do a determining to proceed. That yes, we want this and put this on the ballot. Then we must sign it at two different dates cannot be done all at one time.
- Asking for 2.5 Mil levy to replace the current pool levy with the combination of the park levy. The park levy will fall off making the levy one entity.
- **Question**: If the pool is demolished what happens to the money that is currently in the levy account is it still ours.
- **Answer**: Yes, we would use that money to demolish the pool and the rest to build the splash pad if allowed. Township is going to confirm this they are pretty sure they can since it falls under the same guidelines.

Jessica motioned to have the financial report accepted, Martin accepted, Thaxton accepted, Mazzucco accepted.

New Business

Park Administrator:

- Pool sales were $3,000
- 25 family passes sold
- 10 pool party reservations were purchased
- $1,800 funding will be added once it is retrieved
- Cost a little over $5,000 to do repair with Gates Handyman
- Trees will be trimmed off bike path once township is contacted about using the tree chippers.
- **Walking path issues**: Needs to be resealed: Mongomery County resealed from Farmersville to Lower Gratis Road without knowledge of the Village or Township. When village administrator asked why Montgomery County was sealing the bike path, they stated that it was an old contract that they had.
- Village Administrator is contacting Montgomery County about this contract to see if it includes the walking path around the pond.
- We will know more later
- Park Administrator job description? Township stated that it was agreed upon for the park board to assign the job description.
- Park board President Assigned: Jessica Kurtz motioned for Matthew Thaxton to be voted as President, Martin second and Mazzucco agreed
- New Park Board President is Matthew Thaxton
- Secretary: Matt Thaxton motioned for Jessica Kurtz this was seconded by Martin and Mazzucco agreed.
- New Park Board Secretary is Jessica Kurtz

Gates Handyman is doing repairs:

- 7 picnic tables- remove rotted wood, replace with pressure treated lumber
- 8 covered picnic tables- removed rotted wood, replace with pressure treated lumber
- Deck overlooking pond, remove decking material and replace
- Granite bench- install backing
- Remove fabricate and install wood doors on black building
- Remove fabricate and install wood doors on small pump building
- Stain covered picnic tables
- Stain picnic tables
- Paint poles on picnic shelter
- Disposal of all wood/hardware

Ongoing New Business

Volleyball Courts

- Residents reached out about renting the volleyball courts and doing a tournament this summer.
- Volleyball court needs to be updated and repaired
- Possibility of adding another court to ensure more play time
- **Question:** When they rent the courts out in the past the tournaments would go past dust and the light would turn off on them. How are we going to handle this situation?
- **Answer:** The light is on a timer and is set to go off someone during the tournament will need to track the time to ensure they are done before timers go off.
- We will revisit the Volleyball court updates later

Pool

- Jackson Townships pool page is still indicating that the pool is closed for the 2025 season. Was requested to update those pages.
- Pool Repairs
- **Question:** What is going to be done about the soft spots in the pool?
- **Answer:** Township employees have fixed the problem for now
- There will not be vinyl added to the pool, it will stay concrete
- **Question:** It was mentioned about if we needed to do major updates/repairs we would have to remove the diving board and slides. Why not just ask the citizens for the funding to completely redo the pool to have all the amenities we need/want?
- **Answer:** The walls are being held up, and no major repairs/updates are needed currently. It will come down to what we agree upon for this levy what the citizens will be willing to accept to pass the levy.

- Was mentioned about Facebook page and a comment made from another who uses Germantown's pool and stainless-steel gutters. They stated that the gutters are way too hot and will scold your arm if there is no water covering the guttering. The citizens were concerned about this. The Township and Park board had not considered this concern but with government guidelines this must be placed into the pool.

Levy

- Park Levy is being drained by the pool due to daily operations, pool chemicals, and salaries
- Pool is burning through chemicals, and a budget was set at $13,00 out of the park funds.
- **Question**: When we put a new levy on how we are going to word this levy to help prevent park funds from being drained.
- **Answer**: The levy language will be done by the township trustees

Set Up of New Levy

- New levy will be a one for all levy it will include park and pool together
- The pool levy will fall off this year and in the next few years the park levy will fall off the new levy will take the place of both levies
- When pool was remolded 10 years ago the special levy was reintroduced to the voting polls and was voted in. This levy at the time should have been worded differently to allow daily operations of the pool. However, when the levy was needed the only concern was repair and remodeling the pool at the time.
- New levy will correct this error and allow for pool operations to be allowed through the levy.

Levy Passes

- Pool stays
- Baby pool area will eventually get a splash pad
- **Suggestion:** If a splash pad is added where the old baby pool was to have a gate around it that locks on the outside and the inside of the pool area. The

gate to be unlocked on the outside to public when the pool is not open and to have the gate on the inside of the pool area locked to ensure no one can get into the pool after hours and vice versa.

- **Suggest:** If the splash pad is agreed upon to have the window to the concession stand on that side available to splash pad users during pool hours.

Levy Fails

- Pool will be demolished
- Remaining pool levy funds would be used to pay for demolition and the remaining would be used to support a splash pad