

DTPR MINUTES

Dickinson Township Parks and Recreation Board

January 27, 2025, Dickinson Township Meeting Room
6:00 pm

Attendance

Board Members:

Chairwoman Julie Quigley, Vice Chair Michael Shenk Ed Rosenberry, Diane Gill, Henry Koch

Staff:

Glenn Kelso Jr, Public Works Director, Laci Hockenberry, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors:

Marty Williams

The January 27, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:04 Pm by Chairwoman Quigley.

Opening Announcements

A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at www.dickinsontownship.org

Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Ed Rosenberry and seconded by Vice Chairman Shenk and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shenk and seconded by Henry Koch and unanimously passed to approve the October 28, 2024 minutes.

Public Comment - None

Financial Report

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shenk and seconded by Ed Rosenberry and unanimously passed to approve the financial report.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Kelso provided an update to the Park and Rec Board on some upcoming opportunities for Barnitz Mill, and the possibility of the purchase of two properties owned by Carlisle Area School District. He met with C.S. Davidson, and Friends of Barnitz, members Julie Quigley, Henry Koch and Bill March to discuss a phased approach to stabilize Barnitz Mill starting with phase 1 which would include the west side wall, girders and some beams that have fallen. C.S. Davidson has done two structural assessments in 2012 and again in 2022, he noted that C.S. Davidson was unable to complete the assessment done in 2022 due to life safety issues. Phase two would be to fix outlying issues and establish final use. C.S. Davidson is working up a price estimate to design construction drawings and the Township expects to have that back this week and ready to present to the Board of Supervisors at the Wednesday, February 5th meeting. Public Works Director Kelso will also meet with Cumberland Area Economic Development on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 to discuss the opportunity for funding and to look at the LSA grant and other grant opportunities that they may have. The Township and Friends of Barnitz group met with the executor of the Boyd property located off Barnitz Road. They had two of the original mill stones and the Township was able to acquire one of them. The Barnitz Mill will be cleaned out and prepared for the newspaper to come out and do a walk through and news story.

Chairwoman Quigley questioned if the Board of Supervisors would be giving a direction on what they would like the Park and Rec's role to be? She noted that once numbers and funding sources are received it is important to reassure taxpayers that this is not going to be a big hit. She believes having collaboration with Friends of Barnitz, the Board of Supervisors, and Township staff is very promising and exciting.

Public Works Director Kelso also gave an update on the two properties owned by the Carlisle Area School District. The first property is a 4.98-acre parcel located next to the North Dickinson Elementary School. The Township and Chairman Kole met with the school district to discuss the joint venture opportunity. The Township would look to reassess the original concept plan for the Lindenwood park by shifting the parking area to this parcel which would allow for overflow parking for the school district. This lot is flatter and would be less earth moving than the original design, this would allow for the bathrooms to be relocated to a more centralized location. The Township has fast tracked this due to available funding options to complete phase one, which will be the relocation and centralization of the restrooms, and amenities such as pickleball and basketball courts. The second property owned by Carlisle School District is located on the south side of the Township at the old South Dickinson Elementary School off of Old State Rd. Public Works Director Kelso noted that at this time the Township uses this a staging area for storage and equipment. It is up for discussion to add a small park with a walking trail and playground, since there is not currently anything on that side of the township. Vice Chairman Shenk noted that it would be a nice property for a disc golf course. Chairwoman Quigley agreed and mentioned a fitness trail stating that both would be more self-preserving.

New Business/Request for Board Action

- a. Discussion on 2025 P&R events**

There was a lengthy discussion on what events to hold for the 2025 year. The Park and Rec board agreed to host a Spring Fling Flea Market and Food Truck festival on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Mike Shenk will reach out to DCNR to see if they will bring their mobile Pennsylvania forestry and wood history museum. Chairwoman Quigley will contact Trout Unlimited and the Kings Gap Store to inquire if they would be interested in participating in the event. Vice Chairman Shenk stated that he would be willing to lead a bicycle ride or pet and family fun walk at the Lindenwood Park.

Vice Chairman Shenk motioned to hold a Spring Fling Flea Market & Food Truck Festival on May 10th, 2025, inclusive of yard sale booths, a walk or bike ride at Lindenwood Park, Ice cream stand, Food Trucks and possible cornhole and horseshoe tournaments. Ed Rosenberry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on the idea of holding a fishing derby in the fall. Public Works Director Kelso stated that the Township has heard from residents inquiring if another fishing derby would be held so there is definitely interest in it. Chairwoman Quigley inquired on the cost associated with a fishing derby? Public Works Director Kelso stated that in the past the Township received a lot of support from some of the warehouses and it did not incur a large impact on the Park and Rec budget. The board agreed to research the potential of a fall fishing derby and see what timeline is needed to order fish.

Chairwoman Quigley questioned what the Townships policy on partnering with a winery or distillery for a fundraiser such as having a Barnitz Mill specialty label created.

Old Business

a. Bowling Event – February 6, 2025

The Board discussed finalized plans for the Bowling event. It was agreed that it will be opened up to the Township Staff and their families as well and walk ins will be welcome along with longer bowling time if space allows.

Closing Announcements - None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shenk to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm, the motion was seconded by Henry Koch and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laci Hockenberry
Secretary/Treasurer