

PARK & REC MINUTES

Dickinson Township Park & Recreation

October 27, 2025 Dickinson Township Meeting Room
6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Park & Rec Members:

Chairperson Julie Quigley, Vice Chairman Mike Shenk, Ed Rosenberry, Diane Gill

Staff:

Township Manager Jill Lovett, Secretary/Treasurer Grace Hogue, Public Works Director Glenn Kelso

Absent:

Henry Koch

Visitors:

None

Call to Order

The October 27, 2025, Dickinson Township Park and Rec meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Quigley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Announcements - None

Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda for October 27, 2025 was made by Ed Rosenberry and seconded by Diane Gill. It was passed with one abstention from Vice Chairman Shenk.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Vice Chairman Shenk and seconded by Ed Rosenberry. It was passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Financial Report – Report is attached.

Staff Reports – Manager Lovett requested the Committee to consider moving the meeting to 5 p.m. instead of the current time of 6 p.m. The committee overall had no conflict with moving the time of the monthly meetings. Manager Lovett stated it would be advertised starting January 2026 meeting dates of all committees as 5 p.m. and if there was conflict later in the year, it could always be changed to a more desirable time.

New Business

a. Timeline for Bowling Event

Manager Lovett presented a timeline for every event to provide a structured plan to encourage better advertising and promotion to hopefully gain more engagement. Manager Lovett explained the approach and generic timeline can be used for all events that the committee would like to plan and by getting started early can ensure vendor confirmations and resident awareness. Manager Lovett stated the Carlisle Area School District would be willing to include any event information on their social media platform that goes out to the parents of North Dickinson Elementary School.

After discussion, the decision on the date of the Bowling event was made and was set for Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ed Rosenberry suggested keeping the bowling event in the first quarter to give some separation between this event and the May event. The committee agreed to retain the 10 lanes with an option to add more depending on the volume of registrations. The registration to bowl would be for one hour of free bowling for any resident of the Township to register a team. Vice Chairman Shenk clarified for the committee that just the person registering the team needs to be a resident. Manager Lovett will inquire about reserving lanes at Midway Bowling Center for the date decided. Grace Hogue was assigned to organize the event flyer, registration form and further advertising. Registration deadline should be moved to a later date. Manager Lovett suggested the Friends at Barnitz Mill set up a table to promote their cause. Vice Chairman Shenk suggested getting a few non-profit agencies to be able to engage at the event. Chairperson Quigley asked about possible collaboration with other township Parks and Recreation Departments. Manager Lovett suggested tabling this thought until further information is gained through registration and the need to ensure registration spaces are available for Township residents prior to advertising the event beyond Dickinson Township.

Diane Gill questioned if the Board of Supervisors had a preference of committee representation at the monthly Board of Supervisor meetings. She wondered if it was required to attend to speak, instead of having the staff speak on behalf of the committee. Manager Lovett responded that while it is always good to have committee representation at the Board of Supervisors meetings, staff are always willing to speak on behalf of the Park & Recreation Committee.

Vice Chairman Shenk mentioned changing the flyer to clarify on time and number of lanes and maximum number of people per lane. There was further discussion on possibly needing to combine teams and the process of assigning the lanes. Vice Chairman Shenk suggested giving the bowling alley a few bumper lanes for kids. He also talked about a deadline to register closer to the event, possibly during the week of the event. Manager Lovett requested to have an alternate date would be if we are able to choose one. The committee thought Thursday, February 12, 2026 would be a good snow date.

ai. Discussion on other events throughout 2026

Manager Lovett provided the Committee past event flyers that was held by the Township. The committee reviewed the flyers and Ed Rosenberry stated the ice cream social may have appeal for a good event. Chairperson Quigley suggested partnering the car show with the ice cream social and holding this during the summer, perhaps August time frame, and forego the fall event since there were many events that interfered with the fall event planning. Chairperson Quigley suggested having an ice cream social and a fishing event in August. Glenn Kelso stated the water levels for fishing is typically low in August so waiting until September would be better. He volunteered to call to see when fish had to be ordered if the committee decided to do that event combination.

Glenn Kelso mentioned discussing the May event at this point if there will be no meeting in November and December.

The event would be May 9, 2026. Manager Lovett suggested focusing on securing vendors. Vice Chairman Sherk mentioned the DJ from the 2025 May event was interested in returning. Vice Chairman Sherk will speak to the food truck vendor for interest in returning as well. Glenn Kelso suggested advertising for a corn hole tournament instead of a horseshoe tournament and have a sign up for that. Vice Chairman Sherk thought the fire company may want to sell food to raise funds, staff to check with the fire company. Diane Gill suggested looking for wine and beer vendors. Vice Chairman Sherk confirmed he will post on the Facebook site that the Township is looking for vendors such as wine vendors, cornhole, and a DJ for the event and find out if the DCNR truck on history of deforestation is available. Chairperson Quigley said she'd investigate getting the fly-fishing person again. Diane Gill thought having other craft vendors would be a good idea. Diane Gill stated she could provide flyers once completed to her church to advertise for craft vendors.

Manager Lovett suggested sending email communication for updates on the event work, and if the committee is comfortable with everything planned at that point then the November and possibly December meetings could be canceled.

Old Business

a. Neighboring Park & Recreation Contact List

Grace Hogue presented the list for the surrounding Park & Recreation departments and explained a few details, including other townships' responses to possible collaborations. Chairperson Quigley mentioned that if there is no collaboration, there may be the possibility of cross-promoting to encourage more attendance for events for both municipalities. Manager Lovett suggested getting King's Gap Educational Center information added to the list. Ed Rosenberry thought that would be good from a programming perspective.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Shenk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Diane Gill and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace Hogue
Secretary/Treasurer