

# PARK & REC MINUTES

## Dickinson Township Park & Recreation

Monday, February 23, 2026, Dickinson Township Meeting Room  
5:00 p.m.

### Attendance

#### Park & Rec Members:

*Chairperson Julie Quigley, Vice Chairman Mike Shenk, Diane Gill, Henry Koch*

#### Staff:

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

#### Absent:

*None*

#### Visitors:

*Sally McClintock – 408 Pine Grove Road*

*Perry Yingling – Kestrel Nest Boxes*

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### Call to Order

The February 23, 2026, Dickinson Township Park & Recreation meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairperson Quigley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Opening Announcements

Reminder that there is an open position on the Park & Recreation Committee, as well as other committees and boards. If interested, please contact Jill Lovett at [manager@dickinsontownship.org](mailto:manager@dickinsontownship.org).

Manager Lovett mentioned she has someone who may be interested in joining the Park & Recreation Committee.

A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at [www.dickinsontownship.org](http://www.dickinsontownship.org)

### Agenda Approval

*A motion to approve the agenda for February 23, 2026 was made by Vice Chairman Shenk and seconded by Diane Gill. It was passed unanimously.*

### Approval of Minutes

*A motion to approve the October 27, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Diane Gill and seconded by Vice Chairman Shenk. It was passed unanimously.*

**Public Comment & New Business**

**Sally McClintock – 408 Pine Grove Road** – Manager Lovett introduced Sally McClintock, resident from the South side of the Township, who was present to provide the Committee with information on the potential fishing derby. Sally McClintock explained her partner is a Board member of Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association. The club expressed interest in partnering with the Township to do a fishing derby at Stuart Park in the Yellow Breeches creek. Ms. McClintock provided the date of the fishing derby could be on the second weekend in September. She would confirm with the club. Discussion then moved to pairing the fishing derby with another fall event such as a car show or craft vendors. Ms. McClintock stated she had experience of organizing other events in the area such as Summer Fair at Letort and at her full-time job, she plans events such as car shows and various other activities. She has the ability to secure an inexpensive DJ as well. Manager Lovett asked if the committee’s interest was in pairing the fishing derby with another fall event. Chairperson Quigley explained the difficulty of finding dates for the Township events that don’t compete with other events in the area. She stated the idea of building the events year over year to gain attendance and notoriety is something the committee is focused on.

Chairperson Quigley explained the Buy, Sell, Eat event scheduled for May 9, 2026, to the audience as well as the concept of the Friends of Barnitz Mill group. She asked if Ms. McClintock has ideas for future events and future uses of the mill.

Vice Chairman Shenk suggested a title of “Fall Fish Fest” for the fall fishing derby event. Ms. McClintock explained how the fishing derby is set up typically in 3 sections by age for the children. She asked who would put the gates in for the sections and stated the club brings the fish and stocks. Glenn Kelso stated he has installed the gates in the past.

Vice Chairman Shenk asked for explanation on the process of appointing a new member and Manager Lovett reviewed those steps. Vice Chairman Shenk questioned on how long the terms of the committee seats would be if someone would join. Glenn Kelso confirmed the terms are 5-year terms.

Ms. McClintock questioned the ways of outreach to residents for events coming up. Diane Gill mentioned it was sent to the school this year and the bowling had more people. Manager Lovett also mentioned the newsletter advertising. She clarified the timing of the newsletter and advertising for the bowling event. Ms. McClintock suggested a program called Group Cast, where the sender can see who opens the message to assist with advertising. Manager Lovett also mentioned updating a new website platform, which should also encourage advertising.

**Request Permission to Install Kestrel Nest Boxes at Stuart Park (Barnitz Mill) – Perry Yingling**

Perry Yingling, introduced his idea on placing a Kestrel Nest Box in Stuart Park. He applied for a South Mountain Partnership grant to build these Kestrel boxes that provide nesting areas for mothers. The bird boxes contain a camera, so when Mr. Yingling is at the box to collect data for the “Nest Watch” program for scientists to use for their research. He was able to get permission from the Carlisle Area School District to place one on their property at N. Dickinson School Road. There was further discussion on the bird as predators involved to see if there would be any other issues with the park birds present. Mr. Yingling explained how and where he would be placing the bird box at Stuart

Park. Glenn Kelso confirmed he'd like to meet with him on the park property to double check on the location. Chairperson Quigley suggested for Mr. Yingling to come to the Buy, Sell, Eat event and to do a presentation to the public for the Kestrel Nest Boxes. Mr. Yingling thought that would be a great event to educate interested people.

*Vice Chairman Shenk motioned to approve the request to add the bird box to Stuart Park and the motion was seconded by Henry Koch. It passed unanimously.*

**Financial Report** – Report is attached.

### **Staff Reports**

Manager Lovett reported that the township has entered into an agreement to purchase 161 Old State Road to support improvements at Lindenwood Park. She noted that this parcel will be a valuable addition for the Township. Manager Lovett also shared that, through the DCNR Park Service, the township has received a \$1 million grant and is awaiting notification on additional grants. She added that there will be further opportunities to pursue funding through future grant applications. The next step will be to determine plans for Phase II.

### **Old Business**

#### **a. Bowling Event review**

Chairperson Quigley mentioned how successful the bowling event was. There was discussion on advertising on the possible extra lanes open next year, however there was confirmation that would not be best. Some participants stayed to bowl for an extra hour since the lanes were open. Manager Lovett reported it is possible to reserve the lanes very early for next year. The committee confirmed the date for the first Thursday in February next year. Vice Chairman Shenk suggested reserving 15 lanes for next year at the times of 6pm and 7pm. There would be a deposit required if reserved this early.

#### **b. Spring Event – May 9, 2026**

Vice Chairman Shenk stated the Township needs to rent 2 sets of cornhole equipment. He asked if there should be gift cards like last year for prizes. Diane Gill said she could get the gift cards without fees. Vice Chairman Shenk suggested amounts of \$50 and \$25 in gift cards. Ms. McClintock suggested looking into getting gift cards from local businesses to show support. Vice Chairman Shenk confirmed he can check to see if local businesses would like to donate gift cards for this event. If they don't provide gift cards, then we could purchase other gift cards as originally planned.

Manager Lovett reported Elizabeth Grant, with Friends of Barnitz Mill, would like to do a presentation during the May event for a historic marker for Barnitz Mill. She is to be getting a time and more information from Ms. Grant. Manager Lovett asked if there are more ways to have craft vendors attend. Diane Gill requested copies of the flyer to pass out at her church. Vice Chairman Shenk mentioned dropping off flyers at vendors at a local event. Each member of the committee committed to picking up flyers and request to hang them at local establishments.

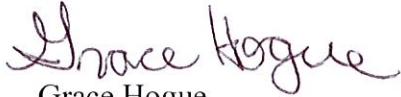
Chairperson Quigley asked what the process is for local alcohol vendors. Manager Lovett mentioned Big Hill Cider is a local establishment within the Township. Manager Lovett explained the process

for an alcohol vendor. Chairperson Quigley suggested seeing if they would provide a gift card, as well as attend the event through the alcohol in the park process.

**Adjournment**

*Henry Koch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Shenk and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Grace Hogue  
Secretary/Treasurer