

BOS MINUTES

Dickinson Township Board of Supervisors

April 1, 2026, Dickinson Township Meeting Room

6:00 pm

Attendance

Board Members:

Chairman Rob Kole, Vice Chairperson Jennifer DeGaetano, Supervisor Robert "Bob" Line III

Absent:

Jason Reichard, Engineer

Staff:

Jill Lovett, Township Manager, Glenn Kelso, Public Works Director, Grace Hogue, Secretary/Treasurer, Ryan Hoover, Zoning/Codes Officer, Matthew Boyer, Solicitor

Visitors: *Harold Cooney – 4 Melissa Court*

Jeff Swope – 158 W High Street

Lu Conser – 18 Har-John Drive

Call to Order

Chairman Kole called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Announcements

- Reminder that Dickinson Township is seeking volunteers for several open positions on various Boards and Committees. If interested, please contact Jill Lovett at manager@dickinsontownship.org if you are interested.
- Dickinson Township is asking residents to sign up for its mass text alert system. This system is used to alert residents of things such as emergency situations, road closures, trash delays, etc. To sign up please go to the Township website and click on the image where it says Mass Text Alert Signup. Fill out the form online and hit submit.
- Reminder that the Dickinson Township Park & Recreation Committee will be holding its annual spring event on May 9, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If interested in reserving a yard sale spot, please contact the Township office.
- A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at www.dickinsontownship.org.

Agenda Approval

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the April 1, 2026 meeting by Vice Chairperson DeGaetano. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and unanimously passed.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson DeGaetano to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2026 meeting, to ratify the March 13, 2026 bills of \$113,190.12 and to pay bills of April 1, 2026 of \$11,920.90. Supervisor Line seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Board of Supervisors Report

Chairman Kole reported on the meeting with the Borough Manager of Mount Holly Springs Borough and Manager Lovett to discuss the Dickinson Township Fire & EMS Study. Manager Lovett updated she reached out the Borough Manager and he confirmed information was going to be provided to the Borough's Safety Committee and she is awaiting word if they would prefer Rob and herself to attend their Council meeting.

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano announced the Environmental Advisory Council's (EAC) first meeting the prior evening and it went very well. There were several residents in attendance, and the main discussion of the meeting was the Food Processing Residuals (FPR) spreading within the Township. There is an action item on the agenda for further efforts. Vice Chairperson DeGaetano stated there was no current update on the FPR bills at this time. The EAC should be able to provide more information and assist with the FPR bills.

Supervisor Line stated the Municipal Authority had discussion on the data center ordinance formation. The Planning Commission recommended the Authority provide input from the public utility resources perspective. Those discussions are underway to have an amendment of the zoning ordinance. The Authority was appreciative of the inclusion.

Chairman Kole added that he attended the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce meeting and there was also discussion on the data centers. He stressed the importance and the need for good planning in the event of the situation arising.

Public Hearings –

Solicitor Boyer explained that while both Ordinance 2026-01 and Ordinance 2026-02 are listed for public hearing, only Ordinance 2026-01 requires public hearing since it reflects changes within the Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance 2026-02 only requires Board action later in the meeting.

a. Ordinance 2026-01 Amending Chapter 205- Zoning of the Code of the Township of Dickinson

Chairman Kole opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-01 at 6:10pm. Solicitor Boyer reviewed the changes made to this ordinance and why these updates were made. There were 3 minors changes made to this ordinance that reflected Cumberland County comments and requests.

After no further comments, Chairman Kole closed the public hearing at 6:13pm.

Plan Review/Conditional Use Hearings - None

Boards, Committee, and Authority Reports

- a. **Planning Commission** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Parks & Recreation** – Manager Lovett reported the ongoing planning of the May 9th Buy, Sell, Eat Spring event. There is currently only one spot available for vendors. There is also an action item further in the meeting requesting the appointment for the vacancy on the committee.
- c. **Zoning Hearing Board** – Nothing to report.
- d. **Municipal Authority** – Nothing to report.
- e. **Environmental Advisory Council** – Nothing to report. An action item request from this Council is later in the meeting.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report – Manager Lovett provided an update on the applied grants. She believes the awarding news for the funding from Cumberland County Land Partnership grant is coming shortly. This is the request for funding for the acquisition of 161 Old State Road property. The Township did receive communication about the Local Share Account Category 4 Grant that was requested. This was not awarded, however there are funding opportunities in this year's strategy to apply for the amount again. The Local Share Account Statewide Grant is a larger stream of funding. She is hopeful that the funding stream being larger, the Township is awarded the LSA Statewide to be able to start Phase I of Lindenwood. Manager Lovett added that there is another grant application in the process to be submitted by the end of April. It is a Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Park Rehabilitation Program grant. This grant will look to fund an ADA Playground and Pavilion labeled as Phase IIA within Lindenwood Park for \$250,000.00 with a 50% match. That match will be applied for in another LSA grant later this year. She mentioned there is an action item for this grant application later in the meeting.

Manager Lovett announced Ryan Hoover's completion of the PAAZO Zoning Officer exam. She presented him with his certificate, recognizing him as the Township's first certified Zoning Officer.

Treasurer's Report – Nothing additional to report.

Emergency Services Report – Nothing additional to report.

Public Works Report – Vice Chairperson DeGaetano asked when street sweeping will start. Glenn Kelso reported it will start in a few weeks. They normally schedule it around past winter to be sure there would be no more winter weather to affect their street sweeping.

Zoning Officer's Report – Ryan Hoover mentioned he attended a zoning academy training in March and his feedback was on data center discussions and the planning surrounding the topic. He spoke about the Planning Commission's work and how the Township is working to get the ordinance completed.

Chairman Kole questioned if this would include the solar needs in the Township. Supervisor Line answered solar is not included, but the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are included in this discussion. Chairman Kole mentioned at another Carlisle Chamber of Commerce event he attended, there was discussion on including solar discussion in the data center discussion and should be addressed with the data center realm. Glenn Kelso added there are zoning regulations within the Township's Zoning Ordinance regarding solar. Chairman Kole reiterated adding solar restrictions to the data center ordinance.

Engineer's Report – Nothing additional to report.

Solicitor's Report – Nothing additional to report.

New Business/Request for Board Action

- a. Seeking approval of Ordinance 2026-01, Amending Chapter 205 - "Zoning" of the Code of the Township of Dickinson

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano made a motion to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 2026-01, Amending Chapter 205 - "Zoning" of the Code of the Township of Dickinson to delete a definition and to add additional definitions to section 205-12 and add a new section 205-115, entitled "Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers" to create regulations pertaining to the installation and use of Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

- b. Seeking approval of Ordinance 2026-02 replacing the Burning, Outdoor ordinance

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2026-02 repealing and replacing chapter 75, "Burning, Outdoor" of the Dickinson Township Code of Ordinances in its entirety and replacing it with an Outdoor Burning Ordinance. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

- c. Seeking approval to award the 2026-2027 Road Material and Line Painting Bids

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano made a motion to approve the award of 2026-2027 Road Material and Line Painting Bids. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

- d. Seeking approval for the Lindenwood Park Maintenance Plan

Manager Lovett presented the Lindenwood Park Maintenance Plan. This plan will be added to all funding applications to show that Dickinson Township has a plan and will be good stewards of Lindenwood Park. This is an important step to include in the grant application to provide information on how the township will maintain the park and all of its amenities upon completion of all phases of the park.

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano made a motion to approve the Lindenwood Park Maintenance Plan. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

- e. Resolution 2026-12 Park & Recreation Committee Appointment – Sally McClintock

Manager Lovett presented the appointment request for Sally McClintock, reviewed her qualifications and interest in joining the Park & Recreation Committee. She has been attending the Park & Recreation committee meetings as a resident and is actively participating in planning the Children's Fishing Derby in September.

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 Park and Recreation Committee Appointment. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

- f. Environmental Advisory Committee seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors to engage with entities to provide assistance in the study of the environmental impacts of the spreading of Food Processing Residuals in Dickinson Township.

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano presented the request from the Environmental Advisory Council to engage local colleges and entities in the Township to further assist with the FPR issues investigation. She explained working with the colleges; it could be a study for testing for students for senior projects and/or class projects. Information that can be found could benefit the Township by providing this information to the legislators. This would benefit the EAC with information to continue to act on these issues.

Chairman Kole made a motion to approve Environmental Advisory Committee to engage with entities such as Dickinson College, Shippensburg University, Penn State Extension and/or other entities that may be able to provide assistance in the study of the environmental impacts of the spreading of Food Processing Residuals in Dickinson Township. It was seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson DeGaetano reviewed the schedule of the meetings for the EAC.

Old Business - None

Closing Announcements – None

Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items Only - None

Executive Session – None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson DeGaetano and seconded by Supervisor Line and passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace Hogue
Secretary/Treasurer

