

PARK & REC MINUTES

Dickinson Township Park & Recreation

Monday, June 22, 2026, Dickinson Township Meeting Room
5:00 p.m.

Attendance

Park & Rec Members:

Vice Chairman Mike Shenk, Diane Gill, Henry Koch, Sally McClintock

Staff:

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

Absent:

Chairperson Julie Quigley

Visitors:

Joy Warnick – 24 Peyton Drive

Harold Warnick – 24 Peyton Drive

David Miller – 1 Walton Drive

Call to Order

The June 22, 2026, Dickinson Township Park & Recreation meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Diane Gill followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Announcements

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.

A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at

www.dickinsontownship.org

Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the agenda for June 22, 2026 was made by Henry Koch and seconded by Sally McClintock. It was passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April 27, 2026 regular meeting minutes was made by Henry Koch and seconded by Sally McClintock. It was passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Harold & Joy Warnick – 24 Peyton Drive – Mr. Warnick referenced the previous April meeting minutes where cameras at Stuart park for security purposes were discussed. He asked if cameras would also be included at Lindenwood Park. Manager Lovett confirmed that there were cameras purposed at Lindenwood Park.

Mr. Warnick asked for clarification regarding the proposed lighting at Lindenwood Park, expressing concern that it does not create a disturbance to nearby residents and that it complies with applicable state guidelines. Manager Lovett responded that the Township is considering dark-sky compliant lighting designed to minimize brightness and light spill. Mrs. Warnick then asked how frequently the lighting would be used, whether usage limits would be established, and which areas of the park would be illuminated. Manager Lovett explained that the majority of the lighting would be used only as needed. Although no final decisions have been made, the current concept includes lighting for parking areas and athletic fields during periods of use. She noted that the park is intended to close at dusk; however, athletic fields could be proposed to occasionally remain in use for evening sporting events, during which time the field lighting would be utilized.

David Miller – 1 Walton Drive - Mr. Miller provided the committee with copies of a petition, signed by 19 residents of his neighborhood. He also presented his suggested modifications to the Lindenwood Park project plan. He referenced the modifications made to this park plan back in 2021, where the Township flipped the parking lot and the courts. Mr. Miller suggested to now reverse the changes in 2021 to where the parking lot is adjacent to his property and courts and amenities to the side neighboring the school parcel. Mr. Miller shared his concerns that the township ordinances would not be enforced with the noises and activities from this park. He stated this park will not allow his family to enjoy their home. He provided a sketch of the proximity his property would be to the park. He stated that his concerns have been presented to the Board of Supervisors as well and he would appreciate any consideration of his suggestions.

Vice Chairman Shenk arrived mid-comment period and said he appreciated Mr. Miller comments and asked if while in the process of purchasing his property, was Mr. Miller made aware of a proposed park on the Township property. Mr. Miller responded he knew the Township owned the land but did not know what was to become of the land. Vice Chairman Shenk stated the Board of Supervisors as the elected officials have final decision on any modifications if they chose.

Harold & Joy Warnick – 24 Peyton Drive – Mrs. Warnick asked about parking along Peyton Drive and Walton Drive and if the Township would allow on-street parking. Her concern of how narrow those streets are the Township should consider posting no parking signs along those streets. Manager Lovett answered that while there is no definite answer to that question until further development is made within the plan, there would be considerations. Mr. Warnick asked if the school's lot could be shared for parking since the school is out of space and an agreement would benefit both the elementary school and the Township. Vice Chairperson Shenk said he can't speak on behalf of the School Board but these suggestions will be taken into consideration as well.

Financial Report – Report was attached and Vice Chairperson Shenk asked about the expenses from the spring event. Manager Lovett stated those come out of General Fund.

Staff Reports – No Report.

New Business

a. May 16, 2026 Spring Event Review

Glenn Kelso reported there was an increase in spots purchased, however the attendance was down. This is most likely due to the rain date change. There was a decent crowd for the marker presentation.

Sally McClintock stated the food truck vendor stated how slow the activity was at the event. The cornhole tournament had a few people signed up. Manager Lovett stated the foot traffic at the event was not as busy as last year due to the rain date. Sally McClintock added next year there should be other things going on, besides the cornhole tournament and the community yard sale. Diane Gill suggested an event for the children such as face painting, or something to draw in more people. Sally McClintock also mentioned the ice cream vendor was set up at the pavilion and it wasn't the best placement and it had a cost to it which was not displayed as well as it should have been.

Vice Chairperson Shenk mentioned setting a date for the spring event for next year. Manager Lovett stated it has already been set for May 8, 2027.

b. Discussion on Tree Lighting Event for December of 2026

Manager Lovett shared that Township staff had suggested hosting a Christmas tree lighting event at Stuart Park. The Board of Supervisors expressed support for the idea. She noted that the event could include refreshments such as hot chocolate. Sally McClintock advised that Boiling Springs traditionally holds its tree lighting on Sunday, December 6, and recommended avoiding scheduling the Township's event that same weekend. Manager Lovett stated that the proposed event would be placed on next month's agenda under Old Business so the Committee could research potential dates while considering other local community events. She also noted that the live Christmas tree would be relocated to the park for planting.

Old Business

a. Fall Event – September 19, 2026 – Children's Fishing Derby

Sally McClintock provided an example of rules and guidelines for the proposed Fishing Derby. Manager Lovett asked how prizes or raffles would be handled. Vice Chairperson Shenk suggested offering participation prizes. Sally McClintock agreed to explore options for participation prizes and discussed awarding prizes based on the size of the fish caught. She noted that participants would be permitted to keep their fish, provided they met applicable size regulations, and suggested gift cards to local sporting goods retailers as possible prizes.

Vice Chairperson Shenk also suggested providing participation certificates and noted that fish below the legal-size limit would need to be released. Sally McClintock proposed awarding a prize for the largest fish in each age group. Vice Chairperson Shenk asked whether additional prizes should be considered depending on the level of competition. Glenn Kelso shared that

past fishing derbies had received donations from local businesses, allowing every child to receive a prize. Diane Gill stated she would gather ideas from individuals with experience organizing similar events. The Committee also discussed refreshments for the event, including the possibility of offering treats or ice cream. Sally McClintock suggested contacting Rita's Italian Ice regarding its mobile service or purchasing gallons of Rita's water ice. She also proposed reaching out to local water companies to inquire about donating bottled water for participants.

Adjournment

Diane Gill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Sally McClintock and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Hogue
Secretary/Treasurer