

## DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman	Ronald E Napikoski	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Vice-Chairman	Don Warntz, II	Solicitor	Timothy Searer
Supervisor	John T. Sipe	Park Manager	Joshua Garver
Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson		

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2025 Regular Township Meeting. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Mr. Napikoski abstained from voting since he did not attend the meeting. Motion carried 2 - 0.

**SOLICITOR:**

Atty. Searer reported that the motion of contempt against Cody and Jamie Hunter was filed today at the courthouse regarding the cleanup of their property on Greenwood Ave., Yeagertown. He is awaiting a court date for the hearing. There may be a buyer for the property. All liens will follow the property and would be satisfied at settlement if possible. Discussion was made on setting a date for the foundation to be filled in if a new structure is not built on it.

**PARK MANAGER:**

Josh reported that he had over one hundred participants in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kish Park Trout Tournament despite the rainy weather. There was a request to purchase two of the old Mini Golf ornaments for \$75 each. The Board had no objection to the sale.

The new restroom doors have not been installed due to delays in supply.

Josh asked the Board to consider allowing long term campers to do some light seasonal work like mowing and cleaning restrooms for minimum wage that could offset camping fees for a pre-determined length of time during the camping season. He said this would free up the park crew to do other work. He suggested up to 16 hours per week. He and the Manager will develop a detailed list of expectations and benefits for such a program.

**VISITORS:**

Brent Musser, Axis Surveying, LLC, submitted a Subdivision plan for Thomas and Mark Daubert for a 1.99-acre lot to be subdivided off their 102.78 acres parcel. J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Subdivision plan and grant the following waivers: SALDO § 186-17B(6) Tract boundaries with bearings and distances; § 186-16B(7) Provide topographic contours at 2' intervals; § 186-16(16) Location map scale and § 186-27(B) More than 2 lots on private ROW. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Subdivision for George H. and Linda M. McNitt, Jr. was submitted by Wright Surveying, LLC. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the subdivision as submitted. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Peggy Stewart, Old Park Rd., was present to address the Board regarding the Black Bear Fiber Optic company that is installing new fiber optic poles and lines in the Township. She said she was upset that the public had not been notified. The company put a utility pole in her front yard near a very old tree that she does not want disturbed. The Township Manager explained that the utility company applied for street occupancy permits after a letter from the Township attorney was sent to the company instructing them to do so. At that time, the Township attorney was asked if the Township has a responsibility to send out notifications and the attorney said that it would be up to the utility company. Black Bear Fiber/or Centre Wisp was asked to send letters, at the direction of the Supervisors, but they have not done so.

Dick Hershel, Blossom Hill, filed a complaint with the Board about the "No Parking" signs on Cambridge Lane in the cul-de-sac. He said this limits the parking too much on this street. He sees no need for this. Ron suggested that the Roadmaster review the situation and see if the signs are warranted in this area. Perhaps put signs up for no parking in the cul-de-sacs during snow events and street sweeping.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

J. Sipe made a motion to advertise Request for Professional Engineering Services for Derry Township. Contract to begin January 1, 2026. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held on the amendment to the Solar Ordinance. One of the sections refers to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The systems must be allowed in at least one zoning district. The proposed district for BESS would be within the "Forest" Zone. This was chosen due to the greater distance from residential or higher populated areas. The Board agreed to that location. The Board would also like to change requirements for the setbacks from the sides of rooves of roof top solar panels to "meet current UCC regulations" rather than a specific number as is now in the ordinance. D. Warntz made a motion to ask the attorney to include these changes in the proposed ordinance amendment and advertise accordingly. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to enter into an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Yeagertown Area Road Reconstruction Phase 1 with EADS Group to conduct the specialized services required to complete the CDBG Grant project. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to draw up a lease with the Mifflin County Tomahawks Football League for the months of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and charge for mowing and garbage removal for that time period. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

As discussed earlier in the meeting, the office reported various complaints regarding resident notifications concerning the Black Bear Fiber Utility company installing poles and lines in the Township.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the purchase of a computer server from M & L Business Services, LLC, in the amount of \$14,915.00. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding a partnership with a private company to remove trees and brush from two parcels in the PennDOT right-of-way along Ferguson Valley Road and US Hwy 322. The Board agreed to investigate costs associated with necessary engineering, legal and construction fees, including replacement of brush with natural plantings.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve Change Order # 6 of the Kish Park Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$753.83 for installation of paved walkway and grab bars. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to accept the Lease renewal with Bureau Veritas for another year for office space. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for an Adalyn Rose Foundation Empty Stroller Run/Walk at Kish Park on October 18, 2025 pending receipt of necessary documents and fees. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the bills for May and reconciliation of the Bank Statements. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Thank you letters were received from the family of Murray Laite; Home Nursing Agency; Keep PA Beautiful; the PA FFEW and the Mifflin County Library for donations given by the Township.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe at 6:15 p.m.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Kelly J. Shutes  
Township Manager