

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, July 21, 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.

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

SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer reported that the Cody and Jamie Hunter Property is being cleaned up by the owner. There is a sale pending. Atty. Searer has been in contact with the buyer's attorney and has advised him of the various liens and court orders against the property. Atty. Searer suggested that we hold onto the court date of August 5, in case the sale is not completed.

RFP for Mini Golf Course

One RFP was submitted by Harris Miniature Golf. The bid amount was \$417,980. D. Warntz made a motion to table the award of the bid until the architect and Township staff have time to review the proposal. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PARK MANAGER:

Josh reported that the Kish Park Rehabilitation Project is complete except for the installation of the magnetic locks that will be installed by TWG Security in the next two weeks. He also noted that the Native Creations group have begun planting native grasses and plants along the Electric Ave. banks, along the pond banks and in the old volleyball court area of the park.

VISITORS:

Corey Wray, representing the Mifflin Co. Youth Baseball League, was present to pursue the lease presently held by the Mifflin Co. Pony League. He said he had spoken with Marshall Wagner, and he was open to relinquishing the lease to the Youth Baseball League. Corey explained that the Youth Baseball League has grown, and they need more fields. He said they will make marked improvements to the fields and plan to introduce T-Ball and Coach Pitched Ball to be played at the three pony league fields. The Park Manager said that the Pony League has struggled to keep up with maintenance of the fields and feels the Youth Baseball League would do a good job improving and maintaining the fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Burke, of Lewistown Heights, along with other residents of the neighborhood, attended the meeting to discuss a blighted property at 504 Princeton St. He commented that there is high grass, garbage and skunks on the property and it is a nuisance to the entire neighborhood. Mr. Napikoski noted that the Township Zoning Officer can give a ten-day notice to the property

owner and if nothing is done, the Township may come in and clean up the property. The Zoning Officer will review the property and send the necessary letters.

Mr. Geoffrey Wicks, 406 Oak Ridge Road, South Hills, complained that there is a storm pipe crossing under Oak Ridge Road from the Guerrini driveway and discharging onto a ditch on his property. He says it is ruining his yard, and he wants it removed. Mr. Napikoski told him we would send the Township Roadmaster and Engineer out to take a look.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the purchase of a Christmas display in the amount of \$600 requested by the Dog Park Committee to be placed at the Dog Park during the Shining Lights Through the Darkness event. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held on a National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court Grant that was awarded to the Township in the amount of \$30,000. A \$30,000 match would be expected by the Township. The Township Manager said that it would be necessary to get sponsorship for the remainder of the cost for the Court and installation in the amount of approximately \$170,000. Acceptance of the grant does not obligate the Township to complete the course if there are not sufficient funds to carryout the project. D. Warntz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-12, adopting and allocating funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2026 National Fitness Court Campaign.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve a Park Use Application for the United Way Day of Caring for September 16 and 17, 2025. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the June bills as presented. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

FYI


To date, there are three outstanding parcels whose property owners have not signed the Deed of Easement necessary for the Hummingbird Lane project.

A brief review was given to the Board on the Capital Funds budget for projects underway at the park.

A Goose statue was donated by local residents and placed at the Township Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe at 6:00 p.m.

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Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager