

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:	Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
	Vice-Chairman	Donald R. Warntz, II
	Supervisor	John T. Sipe
	Township Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
	Roadmaster	Justin T. Allen
	Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson
	Solicitor	Timothy Searer

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

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, September 15, 2025, Mid-Month Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR:

One more signature is needed for an easement on Hummingbird Lane. The property owner is thought to live in India. His wife, Mrs. Singh, is collaborating with her attorney, Atty. McClure, trying to obtain service on Mr. Singh. They will try other methods to obtain service. Atty. Searer advised it would not be very cost effective to try to do condemnation of the property.

VISITORS:

Bill Sarge, Sarge Surveying, submitted a Subdivision Plan on behalf of Mark D. & Robyn Laub for property on Crossover Drive, Lewistown. They wish to subdivide a ½ acre lot for their son. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the subdivision plan as presented. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Bill Wright, Wright Surveying, submitted a Subdivision Plan on behalf of the Dunk Dynasty, Income Only Protector Trust, c/o Jeannette Dunk, Trustee, for property located near Hydeway Lane, Lewistown, to create Lot 2 for a single-family residence from residual Lot 1. Mr. Wright made the changes requested by the DT Planning Commission. A DEP Planning Module must be submitted prior to plan approval. J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Dunk Dynasty, Income Only Protector Trust plan subject to receiving the required signatures from the D. T. Planning and Mifflin County Planning agencies and the proper signatures from the Township Secretary, and approval of the DEP Planning Module. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14, adopting and submitting to DEP for its approval as a revision to the "Derry Township Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of the proposed Dunk Dynasty, Income Only Protector Trust. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judith Caldwell, 431 Princeton St., was present to complain about a neighboring rental property at 425 Princeton St. She said the property has over nine four-wheelers, in various states

of repair. She said the renter works at a salvage yard and brings junk home and leaves it sitting around outside the house. The Board of Supervisors advised her to call into the Township office and report her complaints to the Code Officer, so he can take the necessary steps to file Notices of Violation on any code violations occurring at the property.

A letter was received from Gerald Wenger, 871 Old Park Road, in response to a "Hazardous Vegetation" letter that was sent to him by the Township. The letter was sent to Mr. Wenger after a neighbor complained that the grasses he planted along his property where he raises longhorn cattle was encroaching out into the roadway. The Roadmaster met with Mr. Wenger today at the site. Mr. Wenger did ask permission to plant the Miscanthus grass. It was planted to deter spotlighting on his property as well as preventing shooting and poaching of deer. The Roadmaster observed that the grasses are now over six feet tall and are beginning to fall toward the roadway. He is concerned about what will happen after heavy rain or snow fall when the grass may be pushed down on the road. Mr. Wenger said he is willing to cut it back if that happens and the Roadmaster will keep an eye on it over the fall and winter months.

ROAD REPORT:

The Roadmaster reported that the Road Crew has begun getting equipment ready for leaf collection.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance clarifying some changes to the latest version up for adoption. The Supervisors will make a motion to advertise at their next public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to approve submission of a Lot Consolidation by Derry Township to combine the two parcels at 545 and 547 Woodland Ave. prior to the sale of the property. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held on use of Electric bikes at Kish Park. The Township Manager and the Park Manager have received complaints from pedestrians at the park that they have been involved with some close calls with operators of electric bikes. At the present time, no bikes are allowed on the walking trail because it is not wide enough to accommodate bikes. If the Township is successful in receiving grants to widen the trail, bikes will be allowed. The Board would like to establish a policy of no electric bike use in Kish Park due to the high rates of speed they can attain.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Shining Light Through the Darkness event to be held November 2025 through Jan 15, 2026. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Geisinger Walk in the Park for Arthritis Awareness event to be held May 2, 2026, pending the required fees and documents. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the release of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit held for the L & O Development-Orchard Hills Storage project. The Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the release of the funds. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to exonerate the Mifflin County Tax Claim Bureau from collecting the delinquent 2023 Real Estate taxes for Parcel # 16 ,05-0125--,000 due to issuance of a duplicate bill. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

There being no further business, J. Sipe made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

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Township Manager