

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, October 20, 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

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

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2025 Regular Township Meeting.

SOLICITOR: Updates to the Zoning Ordinance are being prepared.

PARK MANAGER:

Josh reported that he has begun replacing the roof at the Dog Park, SLC Excavating, LLC has begun the Mini Golf Rough Grading Project, Native Creations continues to plant trees and hydroseeding the bank areas at the Park. The planting is part of the DCNR Lawn Conversion Grant received in 2023. The sewer line to the new restroom had to be replaced due to age. Josh was approached by the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce members about installation of "Pull Up & Tip Bar" exercise equipment. They would like to install it along the trail near the old Bear's Cage. D. Warntz made a motion to pursue the offer and get more details on the project. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

VISITORS:

James Lettiere, Mifflin County Planning Director, requested a Letter of Support for a TASA Safe Routes to School Grant to improve infrastructure along each side of the Electric Ave. corridor adding 5' sidewalks and installing 6' bicycle lanes. He noted that one of the stipulations being made by PennDOT is that the recipient of the grant would have to maintain the new infrastructure, including sidewalks and line-painting as needed. This would fall on Derry Township or the bordering property owners. The corridor would stretch from the Ort Valley intersection to just beyond the Kish Park entrance near Vince's Pizza. Mr. Lettiere explained that the initial grant request would be for \$1.5 million. That would cover one side of the improvements with future grant requests to cover the remaining \$1 million. J. Sipe made a motion to send a Letter of Support for the TASA Safe Routes to School Grant that will be submitted by Mifflin County. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve advertisement of the Airport Hazard Overlay Ordinance for adoption. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve advertisement of the proposed Wind Energy Ordinance, the Short-Term Rental Ordinance and an amendment to the Accessory Height requirements in the Zoning Ordinance. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to release the remainder of the L & O Storage Developer's Deposit Escrow in the amount of \$3,957.44. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Special Olympics Duck Derby to be held July 18, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the United Way Walk for Warmth to be held February 7, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the contract with Boyer & Ritter to perform the Derry Township Audits for fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028 in the amounts of \$22,920, \$24,975 and \$25,275 respectively. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Planned Maintenance Contract with McClure Co. for the Derry Township Municipal building HVAC in the amount of \$7,982.00 from 10/1/2025 to 9/30/2026. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to purchase a 96" blade for the Skid Loader using the 2025 County Liquid Fuels fund. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to appoint Todd Sheaffer as recommended by the Derry Township Sewer Authority to fill out the remaining term vacated by the death of Murray Laite. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.


J. Sipe made a motion to approve the reimbursement request for the ARLE Grant expenses in the amount of \$17,646.71. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the September bills as presented and the reconciliation of the September bank statements. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The estimated Liquid Fuels Tax for 2026 is \$278,528.99.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe at 5:50 p.m.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager