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**Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Latrobe Municipal Building.

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Mr. Bruce Jones	Mrs. Bobbi Harr	Mrs. Patricia D. Fenton
Mr. Ed Poponick	Mr. Eric Bartels	Mr. Tom Long
Mr. Joseph Koluder	Mr. John Urban	

**Also in attendance:**

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Mr. Kevin Hook	Cindy Smith	Sam Brink	Dawn Vavick
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**Absent:**

Mr. Will Redinger

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Koluder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, Mrs. Fenton (Vote 8-0)

**Executive Session:**

N/A

**Public Comment:**

N/A

**Bills and Communications (for approval and / or action):**

The Commissioners reviewed the expenditures.

A motion was made to accept the prepaid bills by Mr. Jones, Second, Mr. Urban. (Vote 8-0)

A motion was made to accept the unpaid bills by Mr. Koluder. Second, Mr. Poponick. (Vote 8-0)

**Report of the Committees:**

**Personnel: (Mr. Long, Mrs. Fenton, Mr. Redinger)**

The department is beginning seasonal hiring for Maintenance, Lifeguards/Admissions, and an Office Assistant Position.

**Finance: (Mr. Urban, Mr. Koluder, Mr. Bartels)**

The Commission reviewed the monthly financial reports. Net income was above budget for the first month of the year

The \$275,000.00 for Pickleball renovations has been moved to the PLIGIT account to gain interest while awaiting project approval. The project is \$50,000.00 short thus far.

Mr. Poponick has a few more donations to add to the Hi-Five "FUN"draiser. He will drop off at the office.

Mr. Shevchik received a letter from the McFeely Rogers Foundation asking the Commission, and all municipalities involved to help narrow the \$82,500.00 subsidy in Community Support.

**Facilities/Programs: (Mr. Jones, Mr. Poponick, Mrs. Harr)**

The 2026 Spring/Summer brochure was mailed. This is the earliest the publication has been distributed and registration numbers are looking very strong.

Comedy Night was very successful. It was a nice fundraiser for Parks & Recreation. The comedians were funny, the basket raffles and 50/50 were a hit, Huber Hall once again provided the venue, and Mr. Jim DeGlaue DJ'd the event. Comedy Night 2027 is slated for January 30<sup>th</sup> – Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Mr. Shevchik is in the process of purchasing a new truck from Airport Auto. It is in great shape and the cost is \$10,000.00.

Latrobe Legion Baseball received a lease agreement on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for field usage. The agreement is still unsigned at this point. Mr. Shevchik is meeting with representatives from the Legion, and the school district next week to discuss the upcoming season.

The Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday 2/21 is sold out. The theme this year is Hollywood Red Carpet. The event is held at the Center for Student Creativity.

The Splash Pad project is slated to begin in March and is proceeding according to plan.

Cardinal Park is locked to avoid destroying the parking lot in these wet conditions. Drivers use it as a racetrack causing ruts and damage.

Aquatics Lessons – Session 1 are completed. The second session begins on 2/22. All spots are full.

Adult Dek Hockey begins March 1<sup>st</sup> – there are 15 teams registered.

The staff is planning Summer Play Camp visits and trips for the Summer Play Camp Calendar.

Little Hoopsters and Bantam Basketball are completed. Mr. Hook and Mr. Brink, as well as the volunteer coaches, did a great job over the last 18 weeks.

Custom Computer Systems is getting a price for a new server for the office network.

Mr. Shevchik purchased new staff wear for employees from Off the Wall Graphics.

Mr. Shevchik and the Latrobe Police dealt with a pair of young adults planning to sleep in the Dek Hockey bathroom facility.

**Report of the Director:**

The City offered to link Parks & Recreation to their fiber optic internet service. There was a one-time installation fee of \$905.00. This will eliminate the monthly internet fee in the future.

**New Business:**

New partitions are planned for the men's and women's locker rooms at the Rogers McFeely Memorial Pool. The cost is \$6500 and is being covered by the McFeely Rogers Foundation.

Mr. Urban has officially been reappointed to the Commission.

Reports are being sent to the City of Latrobe and the Greater Latrobe School District.

Mrs. Fenton made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM. Second, Mr. Koluder

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 PM at the LATROBE MUNICIPAL BUILDING on Thursday, March 19, 2026.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Dawn M Varick*

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**Program/Aquatics Director**

Approved by Thomas Long – 3/19/26