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Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the Latrobe Municipal Building.

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

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Mrs. Cindy Smith	Mr. Sam Brink	Ms. Dawn Vavick
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Absent:

Mr. Eric Bartels	Mr. Will Redinger
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Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, Mr. Urban. (Vote 7-0)

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. Poponick. Second, Mr. Koluder (Vote 7-0)

A motion was made to accept the unpaid bills by Mr. Koluder. Second, Mr. Poponick. (Vote 7-0)

Report of the Committees:

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

Miss Katie Albaugh was hired as the summer office assistant. She is doing a great job.

The pool staff and camp counselors are working hard and are off to a very busy start this summer.

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

The Commission reviewed the monthly financial reports. Program revenue is very strong thus far.

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

The Tennis/Pickleball project is taking longer than anticipated because of a soft base. An additional layer of stone was necessary to create a solid base. This stone layer added \$47,000.00 to the project cost. Mr. Shevchik was able to secure \$40,000.00 of the additional funding. The courts are settling for another 15-20 days, then lines will be painted, and the facility will re-open. Tennis lessons were moved to the Greater Latrobe Senior High School courts, due to collaboration between us and the school district.

Mr. Jones stated Maintenance is doing a great job keeping the parks neat and clean.

Mr. Shevchik thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Jones for his assistance with the park bathrooms. He was able to get the Latrobe Municipal Authority to clean out the tanks at the facilities in Legion Keener.

The Dakota pickup truck is in need of a new engine. The cost is \$6500.00. Mr. Shevchik is reaching out to the City for a loaner until the repairs are completed. He may have to rent a truck for the maintenance crew.

The Splash Pad is currently a work in progress. There have been issues with the pH levels. We passed the electrical certification.

Tobin Landscaping laid sod, and seeded the area near the splash pad. After much watering it seems to be catching and the grass is growing.

The Rogers McFeely Memorial Pool is busy. The water issues were rectified and it looks beautiful.

Aquatics programs started. All sessions are full. It has been cold, but the staff is doing a great job.

Fred Days were a success with slightly lighter attendance this year.

Play Camp is going well. There have been a few issues with campers who are unable to participate in a safe manner. Refunds were given.

The Latrobe Farmers Market in Legion Keener Park opened to great success. Mr. Kevin Hook had 29 vendors week one, 22 week two, and 27 week three. Feedback has been very positive.

Mr. Hook and Mr. Brink held the Summer Basketball Clinic. Thirty-one girls participated in the program. A group of girls from the high school basketball team assisted with the clinic.

The Men's Spring Dek League finished their season. Mr. Brink had 16 teams participate. Hats off to Mr. Brink and the refs that made the season enjoyable and safe for all who participated.

The Lakeside Playground Merry-Go-Round is in need of repair, and unsafe. Mr. Shevchik notified Mr. Mark Ford of the situation. Mr. Poponick said he also reached out to him. MR. Shevchik suggested shutting the apparatus down until the issue can be corrected. Age-appropriate signage also needs installed at the site.

Installation of EWF at Marguerite, 3rd Ward and Memorial Recreation Area is incomplete.

Hauser Brothers fixed rotten wood at Playland.

Andy Krinock and his team sanded and repainted all the brown areas of Playland. They did a fantastic job. Unfortunately, two days later, an unknown individual graffitied the structure with a Sharpie.

There is a dead tree at First Ward near the ball field and pavilion. Jim Brown's Tree Service has been contacted for removal. The cost is \$2500.00.

The Firecracker Race is slated for Friday, July 3rd at 6:30 PM. Mr. Shevchik needs volunteers for the event. Mr. Koluder will man the water table. He requested a large trash receptacle with a liner, as well as removing the tops of the water jugs for easier pouring. Mr. Shevchik thanked Mrs. Harr for her hard work securing additional sponsorships.

The Parks are VERY busy this summer.

Report of the Director:

New Business:

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. Urban. (Vote 7-0)

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 PM at the LATROBE MUNICIPAL BUILDING on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Program/Aquatics Director

Approved by Tom Long – 7/16/26