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Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Latrobe Municipal Building.

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Mr. Tom Long	Mr. Eric Bartels	Mr. Joseph Koluder	Mr. John Urban
Mr. Will Redinger	Mrs. Bobbi Harr	Mr. Bruce Jones	

Also in attendance:

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Mrs. Cindy Smith	Mr. Kevin Hook	Ms. Dawn Vavick
Mr. Sam Hook	Abigail Hakas		

Absent:

Mrs. Patt Fenton	Mr. Ed Poponick
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Approval of Minutes:

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

Executive Session:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mr. Mike O'Barto spoke to the Commission regarding his request for improvements to the Marguerite and Pleasant Unity parks respectively. Mr. Shevchik assured him he would look into upgrades for the 2027 budget.

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. Koluder (Vote 7-0)

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

problem. Mr. Shevchik is waiting on a letter to confirm the details. Turf damage was fixed at the facility by the contractor.

Report of the Director:

The Pickleball players requested more benches at the courts.

Mr. Shevchik received a complaint regarding the tennis courts. A woman wanted to use the courts at the same time we were hosting our lessons.

The Banana Run slated for Saturday has 200 pre-registered racers. The staff will help the Chamber with this event on Saturday, August 22nd.

Play Camp closed the season with a successful year. Camper Michael Dowd was asked to not return due to behavior issues. Several campers participating with special needs have added challenges to the daily operations. Mr. Shevchik is looking for the possibility of half day option for children who are unable to make it through the entire day.

Ms. Vavick attended the Senior Luncheon at Unity Township. It is always a GREAT event.

Mr. Shevchik will have EWF spread at 3rd Ward and Marguerite. There was a complaint about the weeds at 3rd Ward. The maintenance staff will get it taken care of as soon as possible.

Mr. Brink ran a Dek Hockey Tournament with 8 teams. The profit was nearly \$2000.00 for the event. Several volunteers assisted with concessions.

The Latrobe Bulletin did a nice article of the Latrobe Farmers Market. Mr. Shevchik and Mr. Hook discussed possibly moving the market to the stadium parking lot for the 2027 season.

A Fall Market is slated for October 4th at the Bob Evancho Park.

The Wiffleball Tournament scheduled for 8/15 was cancelled due to lack of participation. We had to move the date from August 8th due to the Steeler practice switch to Saturday instead of Friday, August 7th.

Top Dog will host the Pooches in the Pool program on Saturday, August 29th.

The Parks & Recreation staff will once again help with the Steve LoCascio Memorial 5K on September 19th.

The Chic-Fil-A Day of Play is slotted for 9/12 from 12-3PM. Mr. Shevchik is meeting with representatives to solidify the schedule.

The Paints, Pages, and Parks Cash Bash is scheduled for 11/7 at St. John's. We are in need of baskets and volunteers.