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Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, July 16, 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	Mrs. Patricia D. Fenton
Mr. Ed Poponick	Mr. Bruce Jones	Mr. John Urban

Also in attendance:

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Mrs. Cindy Smith	Mr. Kevin Hook	Ms. Dawn Vavick
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Absent:

Mr. Joseph Koluder	Mr. Will Redinger	Mrs. Bobbi Harr
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Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, Mr. Poponick. (Vote 6-0)

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. Urban (Vote 6-0)

A motion was made to accept the unpaid bills by Mr. Bartels. Second, Mr. Poponick. (Vote 6-0)

Report of the Committees:

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

The seasonal maintenance staff has been challenging to motivate this summer. Mr. Shevchik needs an additional supervisor for the maintenance department.

Mr. Shevchik terminated Landon Updegraff. He was not reporting to his scheduled lifeguarding shifts.

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

The Commission reviewed the monthly financial reports. Program revenue is very strong thus far. There has been an \$11,000.00 increase in pool pass sales this season. Dek Hockey is already at \$21,000.00 of the \$30,000.00 budget with the fall season still ahead. Day Camp has exceeded all expectations, Soccer is already at half the estimated budget, art classes in conjunction with the Latrobe Art Center are also ahead of budget. All programs are being very well attended.

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

The engine of the Dodge Dakota truck blew, and the dump truck also is in need of repair. This left the department without any working vehicles. Mr. Shevchik contacted Mr. Scott Wajdic of the City of Latrobe, and asked if there was a truck the City could loan us to get through the downed vehicle situation. Mr. Wajdic contacted City Manager, Sue Trout. Mrs. Trout stated it would need to be voted on before council. The Mini Gardens were able to let us borrow their truck until ours could be repaired.

The "older" Ventrec mower is leaking fluids and is currently at Fletchers being repaired. The 2019 Exmark mower needs a new starter. Mr. Shevchik recommended purchasing a new mower for the 2027 season.

The Splash Pad pH problems have been resolved. We are still awaiting the final inspection.

The pool is very busy. All sessions of lessons are completely full, pool pass sales are up by more than \$11,000.00 from 2025, and daily admissions are up as well.

The pipes in the ladies changing room at the pool are backing up. Bowman's plumbing has been called to fix the problem. These are the original pipes from 1958, and there are cracks in the old cast iron pipes. Mr. Shevchik is hoping to get through the rest of the season, and look at a major plumbing upgrade in the off season.

The computer at the pool stopped working. A technician from Custom Computer Systems is looking at the system.

Report of the Director:

Lincoln Orzechowski has been banned from all Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation facilities. Mr. Shevchik provided a letter stating he is banned due to inappropriate behavior with a four-year old. If he returns to any of our facilities he will be arrested and charged with trespassing.

The Pickleball/Tennis Court Project is complete. There will be a grand opening Saturday, July 18th at 9 AM. Mr. Shevchik will order a plaque to commemorate the project. There was turf damage by Muir, the contractors. They will be fixing the damage next week.

The Firecracker Race was HOT! There were 125 runners and 88 walkers. The race will likely be scheduled 6/26 as a kick off to the Fourth of July Festivities.

The 4th of July Celebration was well received by the community. Mr. Shevchik collected trash at the festival in Legion Keener. The storm shut the festival down. There was turf damage near the Upholster Pavilion. The 4th of July Committee gave \$5,000.00 for the restoration of damages.

Play Camp is going well. Revenue for the program has surpassed \$115,000.00.

There were 15 kids who attended Soccer Camp with Mr. Shevchik and Mr. Kevin Hook.

Meghan Alexander, the new Greater Latrobe Volleyball coach, instructed our Volleyball Clinics.

EWf (wood Carpet) was installed at the Memorial Recreation Area playground, 3rd Ward and Marguerite are next on the list.

There is a leak on the roof at the LK Restrooms. An estimate provided by Westmoreland Roof was \$20,000.00 for the project.

Mark your calendars:

8/1 – 8/2 Latrobe Dek Hockey is hosting a tournament in Legion Keener.

8/8 – Steelers Night at the Stadium

8/15 – Wiffleball Tournament

8/22 – Banana Run

8/29 – Top Dog will host the Pooches in the Pool program this summer – renting facility for \$400

9/12 – Chic-Fil-A Day at Bob Evancho Park

9/19 – Steve LoCascio Memorial 5K

11/7 – Cash Bash in conjunction with the Latrobe Art Center – we will need several volunteers and baskets for this event.

Signs banning E-Bike and E- Scooters are being placed on the Legion Keener and Lincoln Ave. Trail.

No more memorial park benches will be added to Legion Keener Park. There is no room, and they are expensive to maintain.

Mr. Shevchik was approached by the Kiwanis Club regarding a Little Library installation. The commission decided it would not be a good fit at this time.

The Latrobe Memorial Stadium upgrades are nearing completion.

A Volunteer Appreciation Party is slated at the Rogers McFeely Memorial Pool on 7/17 from 5-8PM.

The Fall/Winter Brochure is completed and should be in mailboxes early August.

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 5:30 PM. Second, Mr. Urban. (Vote 6-0)

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 PM at the LATROBE MUNICIPAL BUILDING on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M Vavick

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Program/Aquatics Director

Approved by Tom Long – 8/20/26