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

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

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Mrs. Bobbi Harr	Mr. Will Redinger	Mr. Ed Poponick
Mr. Eric Bartels	Mr. Tom Long	Mr. Joseph Koluder

Also in attendance:

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Cindy Smith	Dawn Vavick
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Absent:

Mr. Bruce Jones	Mr. John Urban	Mrs. Patricia D. Fenton
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Approval of Minutes:

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

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

Report of the Committees:

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

Summer Staff hiring is underway. Mr. Logan Short is returning to a summer maintenance position. The two Seasonal Maintenance staff resumed work on 3/17. Interviews are being conducted for lifeguards, admissions, and an office assistant.

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

The Commission reviewed the monthly financial reports.

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

The Daddy Daughter Dance was a great event. The program was well attended with 94 daughters and their respective dates for the evening. The newly added craft table was a hit at the event. There was an incident with a permanent marker on the floor. The janitorial staff cleaned the mess and corrected the issue.

Mr. Shevchik purchased a 2011 Dakota Pickup Truck to be used for maintenance. We were approved for Pennsylvania Sales Tax Exemption.

The Greater Latrobe Jr. High is using the Legion Field for its baseball season. Mark Henderson from Latrobe Little League will drag the field once the facility dries out.

Mr. Shevchik met with AJ, the Pickleball Court Project Manager from Keystone Courts, to discuss the upcoming project. No start date is scheduled.

The Splash Pad installation is underway! The project is slated for completion on June 1st.

The second session of Aquatics and Family Swim ends Sunday, March 22nd. Numbers were great for the indoor aquatics season.

Youth Dek Hockey will start Saturday, March 28th with 110 youth registrants.

Spring Soccer numbers are solid with 151 players registered thus far.

A new computer server has been ordered from Computer Connections.

There was a gentleman camping at the Creekside Trail Pavilion. Police were notified, and the man was arrested because of outstanding warrants. An unknown actor/s sprayed three sayings along the Creekside Trail. Luckily, Mr. Shevchik was able to rake away most of the words. The actor/s also graffitied the train trestle. It was reported to Latrobe Police.

A group of Super Seniors from EWCTC cleaned up sticks and twigs in Legion Keener Park.

Mr. Scott Immel cleaned up the Maintenance Yard. We made \$825 recycling scrap metal and aluminum.

Mr. Shevchik is getting quotes for EWF (Engineered Wood Fabric) for the playgrounds.

Report of the Director:

Mr. Shevchik distributed his annual report.

New Business:

Mr. Shevchik is working on an e-bike, e-scooter safety policy. He has a meeting scheduled with Mrs. Sue Trout and Chief Richard Bosco of the City of Latrobe to discuss the ordinance.

Mr. Shevchik is concerned about dogs at Lakeside Park. Several people are using the all-purpose field at the facility to train their dogs off-leash, creating an unsafe playground environment. The area is heavily used, and Mr. Poponick said he will speak with Mr. O'Barto and Mr. Mylant about the situation. Mr. Shevchik suggested Pet Waste stations should be installed along the exercise path. The cost is \$1000.00 for a set of four.

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

Mr. Redinger made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM. Second, Mrs. Harr.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M Vavick
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Program/Aquatics Director

Approved by Mr. Tom Long – 4/16/26