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**Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at the Unity Township Municipal Building.

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

Roll Call:

Present:

Mr. Ed Poponick	Mr. Eric Bartels	Mr. Tom Long
Mr. Joseph Koluder	Mr. John Urban	Mr. Will Redinger

Also in attendance:

Mr. Craig Shevchik	Mr. Kevin Hook
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Absent:

Mr. Bruce Jones Mrs. Bobbi Harr Mrs. Patricia D. Fenton

Approval of Minutes:

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

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

Report of the Committees:

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

No report. Mr. Shevchik told the commission Happy New Year.

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

The Commission reviewed the monthly financial reports. Mr. Koluder stated that 2025 was a great year. Mr. Koluder pointed out The Record Breaking Attendance Turkey Trot, Aquatics, and Playcamp as the main drivers behind the

strong revenue. Also noted that expenses were slightly higher than the budget, but that is expected when programs are up.

Mr. Poponick presented the commission with checks from the High Five Campaign. Total: 810.91 Mr. Shevchik thanked the Unity Township Supervisors and residents.

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

Mr. Immel replaced the broken copper water line at the maintenance building. It's replaced with PVC piping. The staff has been using a makeshift hose system for 20+ years.

Mr. Shevchik scheduled EWCTC students to help clean up the branches and limbs down in the parks on March 2,3, and 4th.

Purchased new bristles for the Ventrec Broom

The 2026 Spring/Summer brochure is at the printing company. The publication is due in mailboxes the first week of February.

Winter Aquatics started. All sessions are FULL and we have 25 families signed up for Family Swim (Last Year 19 Families)

The Polar Plunge was held on January 3rd with 40 participants, including Executive Director Craig Shevchik. Keystone State Park staff had to break the ice on Friday and Saturday so people could enter. Mr. Shevchik has decided to cancel the future Polar Plunge Events for various reasons.

Mr. Shevchik reminded the commission members that the 21st Annual Comedy Night is just around the corner and requested raffle baskets and assistance with ticket sales. The event is on January 31st at Huber Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Daddy Daughter Dance is **Sold Out**

Report of the Director:

New Business:

Mr. Koluder made a motion to conduct all Greater Latrobe Parks and Recreation Commission meetings at the Latrobe Municipal Building. Second, Mr. Poponick (Vote 6-0)

Mr. Shevchik also noted:

- Plans to paint Playland II early spring
- Memorial Stadium Track renovation has started and seems to be running smoothly.
- Mr. Bruce Jones was reappointed to the commission by the city
- Mrs. Bobbi Harr was reappointed to the commission by Unity Township
- Mr. John Urban

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

Mr Bartels made a motion to adjourn at 5:22 PM. Second, Mr. Poponick

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Shevchik

**Craig M Shevchik
Executive Director**