

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner Fisher. She announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll. The Secretary called the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Fisher, Iozzo, Fleitman (Mr. Fleitman sat in for Mr. Wagner)
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Boyle, Cross and Shutter; Judy Kording, Township Manager; Joseph Shook, Assistant Manager; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Melanie Crawford, Director of Administrative Services; Sharon Lobosco, Administrative Assistant

New Business:

Danube Park Basketball Court

The first item of business was the Danube Park Basketball Court.

Mrs. Kording stated that the current court needs to be resurfaced, and a multipurpose court is to be proposed for the area. **Mrs. Kording** stated she received two quotes, and both bids were below the bidding threshold. **Mrs. Kording** explained this will be the first time a multipurpose court will be used in a park. Mrs. Kording stated that the proposed cost for this project is \$33,195.00 and is less than the budgeted amount of \$ 75,000.00.

Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Fleitman, that the Resurfacing/Surface Proposal of Danube Park Basketball Court be taken to the full Board at the February Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion was carried.

Crawford Pool Bathhouse update

The second item of business was the Crawford Pool Bathhouse update.

Mrs. Kording stated the progress of the bathhouse and explained there were delays due to the weather. **Mrs. Kording** expressed she was hopeful of meeting the deadline for the pool to open at the end of May.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher** and **Mr. Iozzo** regarding brick sales, **Ms. Crawford** stated about 140 bricks have been sold so far. **Mrs. Kording** stated that the bricks are concrete and durable.

Duss Park update

The next item of business was the Duss Park update.

Mrs. Kording discussed how all parks are related to the Master Plan. **Mrs. Kording** stated there is currently a chain link fence there and locust trees that are overgrown. **Mrs. Kording** explained a hedgerow between the playground and the road would make the park more aesthetically pleasing. **Mrs. Kording** stated a few trees will need to be removed to achieve this.

Public Winter Maintenance and Access to Parks

The next item of business was the public winter maintenance and access to parks.

Mrs. Kording stated that with the weather being severe, Upper fall Run and Denny Park would be chained for no access. **Mrs. Kording** stated that Ellen Hughes, Duss and Farrell Parks would have a blockade placed at the entrance for the roadway to be closed and patrons would enter at their own risk. **Mrs. Kording** stated that Meyer Road will be plowed and salted for Kiwanis Park, but the lower access road will have a temporary blockade. **Mrs. Kording** stated that Lower Fall Run, Richter, Stoneridge and Fawcett Fields would be kept open for the winter months.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that this would not cause a problem with the construction at the bathhouse.

Mrs. Kording stated this will allow Public Works to know what parks are in need of maintenance as well as the Police. **Mrs. Kording** explained this will only occur during the winter months.

Public Comments

Christopher Chirdon, 133 East Undercliff Street

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Chidron**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that it is an internal policy.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Fleitman, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kording
Manager

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M I N U T E S
SHALER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:43 p.m. by Commissioner Cross. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Cross, Boyle (Mr. Boyle sat in for Mr. Wagner), Iozzo
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Shutter, Fleitman, Fisher and Iozzo; Judy Kording, Township Manager; Joseph Shook, Assistant Manager; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Melanie Crawford, Director of Administrative Services; Sharon Lobosco, Administrative Assistant

New Business:

Watch Children Sign Policy Recommendation

The first item of business was the Watch Children Sign Policy Recommendation.

Mrs. Kording stated there was an incident recently where the placement of an autistic child sign caused issues with the neighbors and the sign had to be moved multiple times. **Mrs. Kording** stated that, moving forward, the person who is requesting the sign should reach out to the neighbors and agree on the sign placement.

Mr. Cross stated that some people are private and might prefer a generic sign instead.

Mrs. Kording stated that the sign placement should be at the discretion of the public works department, and placing of the sign would be on the property line. **Mrs. Kording** explained that the Township will reach out to the residents and ask if all agree on the sign location.

Mrs. Kording stated she will speak with the public works department on the location of the sign, reach out to the residents on placement and have them call if there are any issues.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Cross**, **Chief Frank** stated there are not any laws or ordinances regarding a distance requirement for warning signs and property lines.

Rita Lampe, 2512 Oakwood Road

Ms. Lampe stated that a neighbor had purchased their own sign. **Ms. Lampe** stated she prefers the idea of the Township reaching out to the residents instead of the neighbors having to do so.

Mt. Royal Blvd. Sidewalk Discussion

The second item of business was the Mt. Royal Blvd. sidewalk discussion.

Mrs. Kording stated an email was received regarding sidewalks along Mount Royal Blvd.

Mrs. Kording then asked if any residents would like to comment on the matter.

Nikolas Pepmeyer, 631 Mt. Royal Blvd.

Mr. Pepmeyer discussed the need for sidewalks on Mount Royal Blvd.

Mr. Cross stated that Mount Royal Blvd. is a state road, not a Township Road. **Chief Frank** stated there are specific guidelines of what can be done with state roads in the Township. **Mrs. Kording** stated she has reached out to PennDOT regarding this process and is waiting on a reply.

Jared Boyer, 190 Grant Avenue

Mr. Boyer discussed the need for sidewalks on a dangerous curve on Mount Royal Blvd. and Grant Avenue.

Mr. Cross agreed it is a dangerous area with not much space for a sidewalk, and the residents would need to maintain it.

Maria Eshelman, 415 Topaz Drive

Ms. Eshelman stated sidewalks would benefit businesses and the community.

Julie Lalo, 115 Mason Drive

Ms. Lalo stated sidewalks would be beneficial to pedestrians and the lack of sidewalks is a safety issue.

Mr. Cross stated that not all residents are in favor of sidewalks.

Todd Saulle, 1819 Shaler Drive

Mr. Saulle stated he agreed with the need for sidewalks.

Greg Zyhowski, 105 Lehr Avenue

Mr. Zyhowski stated that Shaler could be a sidewalk community and sidewalks would promote businesses.

Katie Gresh, 3403 Mount Royal Blvd.

Ms. Gresh stated that as a resident and small business owner, she is supportive of sidewalks in the community.

Chris Watts, 1932 Woodside Road

Mr. Watts stated there is a need for sidewalks and feels further study should be considered.

Darwin Koval, 1601 Shawmut Drive

Mr. Koval stated he is in favor of sidewalks and feels the way residents are approached on the matter is key.

Taylor Jackson, 631 Mt. Royal Blvd.

Ms. Taylor stated she is in favor of the sidewalks and discussed volunteer services for snow removal on sidewalks.

Katie Grimm, 126 East Road

Ms. Grimm expressed an interest in the topic of sidewalks and discussed an overall vision of Shaler as a whole.

Mrs. Kording thanked everyone for their comments and stated the first step is to gather all information needed to begin this process.

Preview of new RMS updating

The next item of business was a preview of new RMS updating.

Mrs. Kording explained that RMS is a Record Management System which provides detailed reports on individual police calls. **Mrs. Kording** expressed her gratitude towards **Sgt. Gapsky** for his involvement in the updating.

Chief Frank explained how the updating simplifies the record keeping process.

Public Comments

Christopher Chirdon, 133 East Undercliff Street

Mr. Chirdon thanked the board for listening to comments on the Mt. Royal Blvd. sidewalk discussion. **Mr. Chirdon** expressed a need for sidewalks in the community.

Debbie Yarnot, 26 Colony Oaks Drive

Upon inquiry from **Ms. Yarnot**, **Mr. Rihn** explained the event is far from over and the Township's emergency declaration is in effect for 7 days but recommends an extension due to thawing issues. **Mr. Rihn** explains an extension should be made at the February meeting. **Mr. Rihn** stated the Solicitor explained timing will not be an issue if the board is considering an extension.

Mrs. Kording commended the Public Works and Police Departments on their efforts during this storm.

Mr. Rihn commended the residents for vacating the roads during the storm.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kording
Township Manager

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