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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda March 25, 2026 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Park and Recreation Commission Candidates

6:30 p.m. Edison Furlong Road Bridge Replacement –
Project Update by PennDOT

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Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held March 25, 2026 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Mike Bateman (via Zoom)	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
Not Present:	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
	Gary Weaver	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

The Work Session commenced at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Rash announced that Mr. Bateman was away at a work convention and would attend the meeting electronically via Zoom.

Park and Recreation Commission Candidates

Many Park and Recreation Commission candidates were present to meet with the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Rash asked the candidates who were unable to attend the March 16th Park and Recreation Commission meeting to raise their hands, and 4 did. Mrs. Rash recognized Louise Silberg and Lisa Braud as the current members of the Commission. Mrs. Rash then asked each candidate to tell their story and what they might want to see accomplished by participating in the Park and Recreation Commission.

Reggie Rytter, Macclesfield Road, said he has three UPS stores in the area (but not the Holicong store), has sons who achieved Eagle Scout and are plugged into nature, they play laser tag in the township parks, and he is on the board of the Barn Nature Center on Almshouse Road.

Mike McDonough, Swamp Road, said he lives in Furlong and retired 4 years ago from a career in banking and wants to be more engaged with the community. He said he brings 43 years of negotiation experience, project management and problem solving, and would like to improve and expand the commission. Mr. McDonough said he grew up in central New Jersey.

Hasnaat Prophete, Charter Club Drive, said she grew up in Doylestown Township, has kids age 7 and 11 years old, and they are constantly at Bush Park for soccer tournaments. Ms. Prophete said she works as a mechanical engineer in the design and construction industry at Penn in Philadelphia and saw the opportunity on Patch to get involved in the community. She recommended that the supplies in the bathrooms be stocked up when

there are tournaments at Holicong Park as they run out very quickly. She also said the kids are afraid of the air dryers and would like them replaced. Ms. Prophete complimented the township on a 325 celebration she attended and said that it inspired her to join.

Scott Nier, Brentwood Drive, said he is a retired physical therapist and now does construction with Habitat of Humanity. He said his daughter played soccer on the township fields and his wife walks on the trails. He felt it was time to give back to the community.

Doug Seaberg, Bradley Court, said he moved here 9 years ago, that the parks during the pandemic were a godsend as they went there to walk, and that he now has a community garden plot at Holicong Park. Mr. Seaberg said he has recently retired from 40 years of educational fundraising for prep schools and colleges and has the background to assist in shaping proposals. He said the parks are a wonderful asset for the community and quality of life. Mr. Seberg recommended that this commission could help develop additional programming including a “pay as you go” type of thing where instructors are hired. He recommended activities for all ages and said he sees this committee as a bridge between the Board of Supervisors and the community.

Mr. Forest said he was very glad for the strong turnout this evening, that he has been a township supervisor for many years and lives in Buckingham with his wife and son and has the Winery on Route 413. He said it’s always good to have input. Mr. Forest said that Northampton Township has a lot of “pay as you go” activities that are not funded by the taxpayers.

Oscar Mikols, Upper Mountain Road, said he is the owner of a local marketing firm in Doylestown, has been here a long time, and played sports up to the low professional level. He said his marketing firm does content marketing, shoots commercials, and he has a drone license. Mr. Mikols said he runs at Holicong Park regularly and has 3 dogs. Mr. Mikols said he works with Penn Athletics in Doylestown, and proposed more community events in our parks, such as yoga sessions.

Colin Jefferis, N. Forest Drive, said he has lived in the township since 2004, recently graduated from undergraduate work in Florida, worked at Bear Creek Camp in Wilkes Barre (outdoor recreational camping for kids), and has been a park ranger during the summer in Maine. Mr. Jefferis said he is now attending Lehigh University for his master’s in environmental policy, adding that he has a passion for public policy, government, and the importance of local government. Mr. Jefferis thought the commission would be a good way to apply his previous experience in park rangering and summer camp.

KP Jimmink, Bridle Court, said he moved to Buckingham 20 years ago and has very active with the township park programs for many years. He said he is involved in scouting, is on the Fanny Chapman board in Doylestown and renovated the baby pool, his

son achieved Eagle Scout with a project at Bush Park. Mr. Jimmink said he loves giving back to the community.

Yuliya Vovk, Cobblestone Court, said she has been in Buckingham Township for 7 years, has children age 10 and 11, has a husband, and is in corporate finance focusing on financial planning and analysis. Ms. Vovk said she loves the area and wants to give back, and that she is very involved in her kids activities. She said she previously lived in Warwick Township and had been active there, felt that Buckingham was a smaller township and that parents with small children need to outsource opportunities to other townships. She liked the “pay as you go” idea and would like to help develop our township programs.

Nancy Boylan, Braddock Court, said she has lived in Buckingham Township with her husband for 28 years, raised 4 kids (age 16-21 now), and has a career in corporate finance with J&J prior to raising children. Ms. Boylan said she has spent a lot of time in our wonderful park and in other local parks. She likes the park courses in Doylestown Township, such as yoga, pilates, photography, gardening, and would like to hone in on that idea and create a revenue stream for the township with folks paying for the courses. She said the income would allow us to invest in the parks in order to compete for use by adding basketball or baseball programs.

Paul Huntington, Deep Creek Way, said he returned to the area 11 years ago as his family has been in the area for many generations. He said he was a Fonthill tour guide in the past and is now CBRE director (real estate) for the Army Corps of Engineers. He said he is involved in land management, operations, facilities management and participates in master planning for development projects involving land and resource management. He said they moved into the area right across from Bush Park as they have 3 children under 4 years old and are expecting another in 2 months. Mr. Huntington said he works from home and they regularly attend birthday parties at all the township parks.

Steve Briegel, Swamp Road, said he was present as a member of this community and Lisa Brauds dad, saying it is nice to see this many people wanting to give back! He said he manages the Bucks County Bee Club at the church in Forest Grove, with over 300 local beekeepers helping one another.

Donna Zalepa, Macclesfield Road, said she moved to the area in 2017 from New Jersey, and is a neighbor of Reggie Rytter and Lisa Braud. She said she has a MBA and was in marketing for many years, raised kids, and is now in the accounting field. She has Rutgers University certification as a Master Gardener, is into native plants and knows the sustainability trend. Ms. Zalepa said she saw the Park and Recreation Commission openings on FaceBook and thought it would be a great opportunity to meet people, be outside and part of something.

Mrs. Rash said one of the committee’s suggestions was to meet in concert with our Environmental Advisory Commission of which the co-chair, Diane Smith, is also a Master Gardener.

Gene Walker, Crosspointe Drive, said he lives in Hearthstone near Hansel Park, has been here for 25 years, kids went to Central Bucks Schools and has a daughter in Holicong Middle School. He said he was an engineer by education and now does consulting engineering and accounting for governments. Mr. Walker recommended programs for kids who cannot participate in the regular sports.

Mrs. Rash asked the candidates for ideas they may have for kicking the parks up a notch.

Ms. Prophete said the sandbox at Bush Park is falling apart and has lots of bees throughout the year. She recommended nature activities for the kids such as a nature walk, bird walk, anything for younger kids exploring such as animal footprints.

Mr. McDonough thought the scouting and sports kids activities could be grown, but also introduce activities for seniors such as tai chi, yoga or other forms of exercise in the parks. He recommended transportation to bring seniors to the parks for a change of environment. Mr. Forest said that currently Buckingham Springs, our only senior center, happens to have 1000 people, and they rent the softball fields for their club. He said they have many activities for their community and also host the townships rainout concerts in their clubhouse that seats 300 people.

Mr. Nier recommended shared activities for all ages. He said that the commission had talked about a survey and the committee could brainstorm all of these ideas and add to the survey to find the level of interest. He also suggested floating various price points that people might want to pay. Mr. Forest said the township conducted a survey many years ago and mailed one to every tax parcel (7,000 tax parcels). Ms. Braud said the survey was in 2012 and the township only received 200 responses.

Mr. Jimmink asked how the township wants reach people in the community and added that he supports the idea of programs for the older population. Mr. Seaberg recommended a multimodal community. Mr. Mikols recommended a QR code with a drip campaign, phone number and name, and to send the survey via text message as this is a digital age. He said most people using the parks are in their early 30's-40's. He offered to assist with marketing the parks as he can take beautiful photos of them.

Mr. Walker recommended education for the elderly to stay engaged via use of their phones.

Mr. Jimmink said they should look at what neighboring communities are doing and maybe partner with them and Peddler's Village rather than competing with one another, such as food truck events. He said it would be good to find a partnership for fundraising, community, survey and market research.

Mr. Rytter said his kids are Eagle Scouts and the scouts are always looking for service hours. He said the troops and packs have never been asked to help in the township. Mrs. Cozza said the township has regularly received requests from Eagle Scouts for their projects and has assisted them with their projects.

Mr. Seaberg said he is on his Homeowner's Association and is developing a website for their community, and recommended tapping into each of the Homeowner's Associations in the township to share information on the township programs.

Ms. Prophete said she would love to get her parents to the park, but they don't drive or walk very much. Mr. Jimmink said if the township worked with other 55+ communities, maybe they could provide transportation. Mrs. Rash said she thinks the county has a program that does this. Mr. Walker said yes, it's "DART".

Mr. Jefferis recommended keeping the park open after dark on certain days to watch meteor showers, solstice, red moon, eclipse, etc. Mr. Jimmink agreed and added "firefly walks".

Ms. Mikols recommended participating in "Pints in the Park", a program for local breweries to offer food and alcohol. Mr. Forest said the Buckingham Civic Association used to have car shows at Holicong Park to raise money for land preservation and would serve food and alcohol. Mrs. Cozza explained that it was a private event, and wasn't township sponsored. Mrs. Rash said there may be liability with serving alcohol in the parks. Mr. Mikols said he knew Warwick Farm Brewing would sponsor an event, especially in the summertime. Mr. Forest added that Doylestown Township has breweries at their concerts, so maybe that could be looked into.

A member of the audience recommended a chili cookoff. She also recommended renting inflatables for little and medium sized kids and suggested they could pay \$5 to get in. Mr. Seaberg said the community had a loss when Midway Volunteer Fire Company stopped having their carnival. Mrs. Rash explained part of why the carnival stopped was due to lack of volunteers and people dropping their kids off and leaving.

Mr. Walker recommended a watch party in one of the parks for the Royal Cup this summer, adding that people want to get together to watch the games. Mr. Forest said the township previously had movie nights at Hansel Park and could see about projecting the games. Mrs. Cozza said there was a small cost to license the movies. Mrs. Cozza explained the township used to do a lot of kids programs such as theater workshops and craft day but stopped due to lack of interest. She said the township added more fields at the parks due to a huge focus on sports in the area. She said now there are more ways to publicize the events and it would be good to see what people want. Mr. Forest said his son had enjoyed the drone aeronautical program offered one summer.

Mrs. Stephanie Weisser, Amberton Way, said now the township has an employee who manages social media and can reach a much wider audience.

Mr. Seaberg said that pickleball is the fastest growing sport and there could be pickleball leagues and courts offered.

Mr. Huntington said as a parent of 4 little kids, daycares are always looking for activities they can share with the parents and explained that the daycare announces and organizes

activities for the families to attend on weekends. He said even an event as small as a bake sale pavilion day could be an activity. Mr. Huntington said organized activities in April – September are the most helpful.

Mr. Forest noted the township does have an annual Buckingham Day with many daycares bringing their kids as the township intentionally schedules it on a weekday. He said the police and fire departments come and there are many activities including games and animal rides, adding that it is mostly focused on the younger kids.

Mr. Jimmink said it is important to do the survey and plan for 2027 so that activities can be planned and communicated far in advance. Mr. Mikols said that polls can be posted on FaceBook for the fastest and most accurate answers, with the QR code next recommended. Mr. Rytter suggested the QR code could be posted in the township parks for an ongoing survey. Mr. Forest questioned how many of the park users live in Buckingham.

Mr. Mikols asked how the parks are currently creating revenue, and Mrs. Cozza replied there are rental fees, but the township uses that to be reimbursed for the cost. She said even the kids programs were a break even, and there hasn't been an event used as a money generating business. Mr. Forest explained that local governments aren't supposed to generate money. Mrs. Cozza said that Northampton Township has 46,000 residents with fulltime park and recreation employees and charges the taxpayers for their programs. She suggested a question on the survey along with a list of what they wanted to do, adding "are you willing to pay for it". Mr. Rytter said "pay as you go" is a good idea as you only pay for what you want.

Mr. Walker said clients rely on how something is sold to people, such as a pickleball court, and recommended calculating the cost per resident. Mr. Forest noted that the new section of Holicong Park has pickleball courts. Mr. Walker said that pickleball tournaments create revenue.

Mr. Matt Braud, Dark Hollow Road, suggested a line item for revenue generating opportunities to offset the activities, for instance a water park would require more income.

Mr. Seaberg suggested a foundation, such as state colleges raise money through a separately incorporated foundation with its own federal tax ID #. He said the mission would be to support a specific item that people could donate money towards. Mr. Forest said that is what the Civic Association did, with their money donated to land preservation.

Mrs. Rash said she had never considered raising revenue for entertainment. Mr. Forest said the new Park and Recreation Commission could provide an operating plan for consideration. He said the Board of Supervisors would appoint the number of members needed to fill the commission. Mrs. Rash noted that everyone is welcome to attend the

commission meetings and activities, even if they are not an appointed member. She said it's important to stay involved.

Mr. Bateman joined the work session electronically via Zoom.

Edison Furlong Road Bridge Replacement – Project Update by PennDOT

Ms. Rebecca Silver and Mr. Brian Rasiul were present to provide a Project Update presentation on the Edison Furlong Road Bridge Replacement. Ms. Silver said she works for PennDOT's design firm and Mr. Rasiul is a project manager at PennDOT. Ms. Silver explained the Edison Furlong Road Bridge is located 450' west of Pebble Hill Road and one mile east of Route 263 and the purpose for replacing it is to provide a safe and reliable crossing, and to accommodate future travel. She said that Edison Furlong Road has a speed limit of 45mph in this area and averages 7200 daily trips.

Ms. Silver explained that PennDOT intends to replace the existing structure with a box culvert embedded into the ground and will increase the profile of the road by approximately 2 feet in order to meet current PennDOT standards and accommodate a shared use path in the future. Ms. Silver said they had received clearance from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and conducted archeological studies with no resources found.

Ms. Silver said 4 properties in the immediate area will be affected with temporary right of way takes and temporary construction easements.

Ms. Silver described the detour route to be posted on PennDOT Roads and bike detour signs on local roads. She said they intend to award the project in November, with construction not expected until June of 2028 after school is out, and expect to be open before school starts in September. She said they had made this same presentation recently to Doylestown Township.

Mr. Gray asked if there were any maintenance responsibilities for the new bridge by the township, and Ms. Silver replied "no, maintenance will remain to be by PennDOT". Mr. Gray asked if there would be significant tree clearing, and Ms. Silver said it would be minor and would be coordinated with the utilities when appropriate. Mr. Gray asked if they would use weathering steel guiderail rather than galvanized as it blends in better, and Ms. Silver said they could request that. Mr. Forest thanked PennDOT for adding the bicycle path on the side as the township is trying to do that everywhere they possibly can.

Mr. Rasiul said that PennDOT's website has a link to the presentation given tonight with details on the bridge replacement project.

7:00 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

8:00 p.m. The Work Session resumed.

Park and Recreation Commission Candidates

Mr. Bateman requested a discussion on the next steps in appointing members of the Park and Recreation Commission following their attendance earlier this evening during the work session. Mrs. Rash said that each of the candidates had wonderful ideas thinking outside the box. Mrs. Braud said they were all very passionate and had ideas to contribute.

Mrs. Cozza said the Board could consider a new resolution appointing a certain number of members. She said the MPC and Second Class Township Code should be consulted to determine any preset maximum number of members. Mrs. Weisser noted that persons who are not appointed as members should be encouraged to attend the meetings and to volunteer at events.

The Board agreed that Mrs. Silberg and Mrs. Braud as the current members of the Park and Recreation Commission should review the candidates and make their recommendations for appointments to be considered during the Boards next regularly scheduled business meeting.

Environmental Advisory Commission

Mrs. Rash reported that the Environmental Advisory Commission is requesting the township have a Shade Tree Commission as a standalone commission that is not a subcommittee, which would require the members to be on both commissions. Mrs. Cozza said she would research other townships for sample resolutions.

Neshaminy Creek Watershed Consortium

Mrs. Cozza reported that the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Consortium that the township is considering joining, is applying for a grant and has requested a letter of support. Mrs. Rash and Mr. Forest agreed that Mrs. Cozza should supply the letter as requested.

8:41 p.m. The Work Session adjourned and the Board retired into Executive Session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation matters.

9:15 p.m. The Executive Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 22nd day of April, 2026.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

Mike Bateman

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.