

Engineers Report  
Lawrence Park Township  
Submitted 8-12-2025 for 8-13-25 Meeting

LPT Soudan Lift Station Replacement Update:

Urban has been reviewing equipment and material submittals, and answering questions encountered during construction.

The Contractor (Konzel Construction) has started working on-site. Perimeter fencing has been set up.

The Contractor has installed and backfilled the new precast wet well.

Materials have been staged on-site.

The contractor will continue installing site improvements in preparation for delivery of the new packaged lift station.

Anticipated delivery of the new station is scheduled for October.

The Contractor submitted Pay Application #3, requesting payment for approximately 15% of the contracted work.

Thank you,

Dave

David G. Harrington, P.E. | Civil Engineer



# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP

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Board of Commissioners

8/12/2025

Lawrence Park Township

Commissioners:

July 2025 Zoning Report:

Permit #	Cost	Fee
6976 John Pacinelli 858 Nagle Rd Roof mount solar	\$40,670	\$50
6977 Autumn Patchin 3722 Main 8x10 Shed	\$450	\$50
6978 Amanda Shaffer 1061 Smithson 6' Wood fence	\$3700	\$100
6979 Bill Kaliszewski 555 Smithson Garage	\$35,000	\$100
6980 Brian Toy 525 Smithson 8x10 Shed	\$1800	\$50
Closeout Totals	\$81,620	\$350

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Clorley

Zoning Administrator

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS:** Barry Rodemaker, President (Sewers); Thomas Buchleitner, Vice President (Administration/Police/Fire); Dale Williams (Sanitation/Streets); Tammy Benovic (Parks/Recreation); Joe Golden (Buildings)

**TOWNSHIP OFFICERS:** Spencer Cadden, Township Manager, Charles Clorley, Zoning/Code Officer; Joyce Spitznogle, Tax Collector/Treasurer

## Township Manager's Report

Spencer Cadden, Township Manager

Lawrence Park Township – August 13, 2025

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### Key Wins & Highlights

- **WABTEC Billing Correction Implemented:** Identified and corrected significant underbilling in both flow usage and industrial waste discharge for WABTEC. Moving forward, billing will now be in full compliance with Township ordinances—projected to generate **over \$120,000 in additional annual revenue** without retroactive legal exposure.
  - **STMP Grant Funding Secured:** We have received confirmation that the Township will receive **\$47,591** in Strategic Township Modernization Plan (STMP) funding. This funding can be leveraged to access **over \$600,000** in future project funding at up to a 90% match.
  - **Successful Community Events:** In the past month, we hosted two well-received events—**Christmas in July** (complete with Santa arriving in an LPPD cruiser) and **National Night Out**, which brought together residents, emergency services, and local leaders for an evening of family fun and community pride.
  - **Public Works Response:** Rapid and effective cleanup following a large fish kill due to a lake “flip,” storm drain repairs on Halley Street, and damage control on three separate streetlight destruction incidents.
  - **Transparency & Access:** Launch of the official Township YouTube channel, “Lawrence Park Township,” to post meeting recordings for public viewing, following the Board’s direction last month.
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### Topic of Concern – Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

In August, I presented at City Council and the Council of Governments regarding proposed MPO bylaw changes that would significantly impact Lawrence Park’s voting rights. Under the current proposal—scheduled for a **September 10 vote**—Lawrence Park, Wesleyville, ECATO, and the Airport Authority would lose representation.

This proposal uses **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)** as its basis, which:

- Relies on abstract calculations and estimated data, not direct observation.
- Penalizes communities that invest in sidewalks, bike paths, and public transit by giving fewer votes to municipalities with less car travel.
- Rewards inefficiency by assigning greater influence to areas with higher vehicle dependency.
- Inconsistently applies representation rules, allowing some entities with no road ownership to retain votes.

I have stressed that there is **no pressing operational need** for this voting change, and that the MPO has historically expanded representation without removing it. I continue to advocate for a fairer model—such as a tiered system based on both population and guaranteed municipal votes—and will keep the Board informed before the September vote.

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## A. Administration

August has been a month of strengthening our administrative foundation. I've continued outreach with the Iroquois School District, Wesleyville Borough, Erie County Administration, and DCED to explore cooperative opportunities.

In the past two weeks:

- Presented to City Council and the Council of Governments.
- Participated in three major audits: workers' compensation, DCED, and pension.
- Advanced internal process updates to improve efficiency, accountability, and transparency.

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## B. Public Works

- **Main Street Turnback Project:** This PennDOT-funded project will completely resurface and modernize Main Street before transferring ownership to the Township. PennDOT's investment of \$5,138,106 will address decades of wear (last resurfaced in 1997) and deliver a road built to the highest possible standards. Once complete, the Township will be responsible for future maintenance, but for the foreseeable future, this will be a brand-new, high-quality roadway under local control.
- **Storm drain repair** completed on Halley Street.
- **Streetlight destruction** at three locations pursuing repairs, insurance claims, and potential liability recovery.
- **Fish kill cleanup** completed following thermal inversion event.
- **Green Light-Go grant** application in progress for the damaged Rankine & Iroquois traffic light.

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## C. Planning & Development

- Sought **guidance from Preservation Erie** to access grant opportunities for Main Street revitalization.
- Continuing the **Comprehensive Plan update** with an eye toward possible regional collaboration.
- **Planning Commission** appointments needed; regular reporting and meeting minutes will be instituted.

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## D. Finance & Grants

- Confirmed **STMP grant** award of \$47,591 (potential leverage of \$600,000+).
- Actively pursuing grant funding for **footbridge corridors** and other infrastructure priorities.

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## E. Public Safety & Regional Cooperation

- **Crossing guard assignments** finalized for the school year with adjustments at Rankine & Iroquois due to the traffic signal removal.
- Ongoing discussions with Wesleyville Borough on **joint safety initiatives** and regional cooperation opportunities.

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## F. Communications & Public Engagement

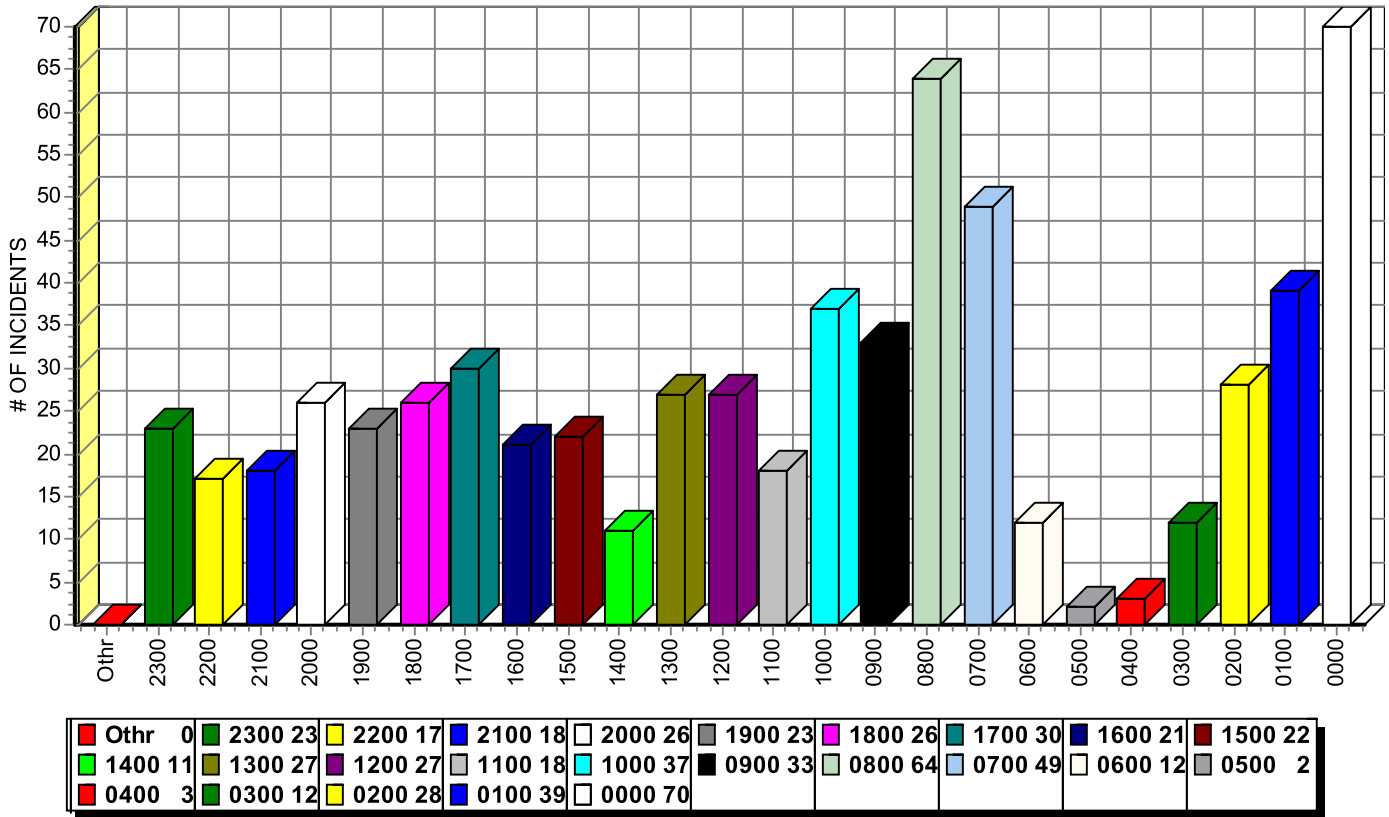
- **National Night Out**—thanks to LPPD, LPFD, Representative Merski, and all community members who participated.
- Launch of the **Township YouTube channel** for meeting recordings.
- Continuing to grow the **official Township Facebook page** as a reliable public information source.
- Exploring a **no-cost, ad-supported newsletter** model used successfully in other municipalities and other options for later discussion.

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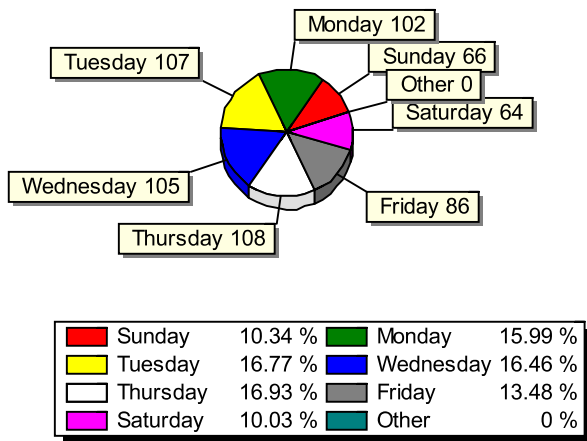
## G. Upcoming Projects & Board Input

- Formation of a **Township Safety Committee** with police and fire participation to address recurring public safety issues.
- **Planning Commission appointments** and operational updates in the coming months.

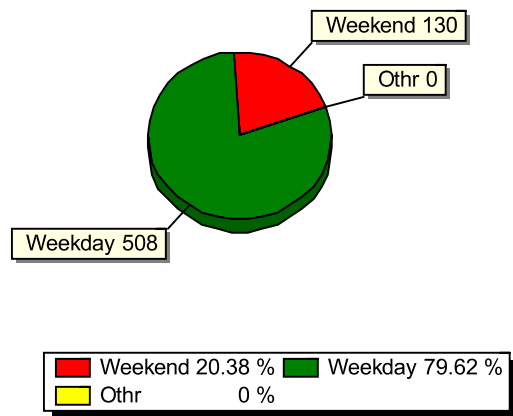
Incident Frequency by Hour of the Day (Using DATE RECD)



By Day of Week



Weekday vs Weekend



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**JULY 2025 TREASURER REPORT**

	BALANCE JUNE	RECEIPTS	INTEREST	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE JULY
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 181,177.83	\$ 2,099.00	\$ 7.45	\$ 21,360.26	\$ 161,924.02
GENERAL FUND	\$ 922,769.32	\$ 221,945.03	\$ -	\$ 682,720.94	\$ 461,993.41
GENERAL FUND-SAVINGS	\$ 861,830.97	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,964.71	\$ 3,010.53	\$ 1,360,770.15
HIGHWAY AID	\$ 155,146.97	\$ -	\$ 576.58	\$ -	\$ 155,723.55
IROQUOIS FUND ESCROW	\$ 915.82	\$ -	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 915.83
MUNICIPAL PENSION	\$ 18,887.90	\$ -	\$ 0.80	\$ -	\$ 18,888.70
POLICE PENSION	\$ 74,146.32	\$ 3,080.44	\$ 2.79	\$ 13,198.31	\$ 64,031.24
SEWER "SWEEP" FUND	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 337.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337.46
SEWER FUND	\$ 609,924.56	\$ 121,714.49	\$ 919.45	\$ 21,606.88	\$ 710,951.62
SINKING FUND	\$ 1,651.09	\$ -	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 1,651.10
SPECIAL SEWER FUND	\$ 5,573.42	\$ -	\$ 0.28	\$ -	\$ 5,573.70
SPECIAL SEWER SAVINGS	\$ 1,790,764.56	\$ -	\$ 6,655.07	\$ -	\$ 1,797,419.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,623,226.22</b>	<b>\$ 848,838.96</b>	<b>\$ 10,127.15</b>	<b>\$ 741,896.92</b>	<b>\$ 4,740,295.41</b>