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Board of Commissioners

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Lawrence Park Township

Commissioners:

February 2026 Zoning Report:

Permit #	Cost	Fee
6995 MaryJo Titus 1041 Silliman Ave Replace front stairs	\$2,000	\$100
Closeout Totals	\$2,000	\$100

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

Charles Lewis
Commissioner of Public Safety



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Chief of Police

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March 11, 2026

Board of Commissioners

During the month of February, the department managed a consistent volume of calls for service while maintaining proactive enforcement efforts to support community safety and compliance. Throughout the month, our officers responded to 652 calls for service and issued 57 parking violations. Enforcement activity remained focused on recurring problem areas, with an emphasis on ensuring accessibility and safety in high-traffic zones.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chief John Morell

Township Manager's Report

Spencer Cadden, Township Manager
Lawrence Park Township – March 11, 2026

Finance, Grants, and Compliance

SLFRF Reconsideration

Administration previously submitted a reconsideration request in response to Treasury correspondence indicating that the Township might be required to return previously awarded federal funds. Treasury has accepted the reconsideration request and permitted the Township to submit supporting documentation. The required compliance reporting and documentation were submitted following acceptance of the appeal on February 18 and finalized.

This action will prevent a repayment obligation of approximately **\$196,319** to the federal government.

SAM.gov Administrative Access

Administration previously encountered an issue involving access to the Township's SAM.gov account. Because SAM registration is required to receive and maintain eligibility for federal funding, the issue created potential risk to approximately \$1.1 million in federal funding.

Following coordination with federal support services and submission of the required documentation, the issue appears to have been resolved. Access was restored on February 18 and the fix was confirmed on March 9.

Bookminders Engagement

Administration met with Bookminders on March 2 to discuss the anticipated financial services engagement and implementation timeline. Additional work is expected to begin this month.

Township Insurance Renewal

The Township's annual insurance renewal has been completed.

PSATS Membership

The Township has now been formally enrolled as a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). While the Township has occasionally utilized PSATS resources in the past, it had not previously been formally registered as a member despite having funds budgeted for that purpose.

Infrastructure and Facilities

Township Garage Repair

Work has begun on the damaged structural header at the Township garage. The project had originally been scheduled late last year but was delayed due to weather conditions.

Streetlight Conversion

The Township has executed a contract with Penelec to replace more than **500 streetlights** throughout the Township. Installation is expected to occur later this year.

Elevator Maintenance

Administration is following up with OTIS regarding operational issues involving the Township building elevator.

Grants and Development

Green Light Go Grant

The Township has received confirmation that it has been approved for the **Green Light Go Grant pre-scoping phase** and will now begin preparing a formal application.

STMP Grant

Administration expects to receive an update regarding the STMP grant application this month.

Intergovernmental Coordination

School District Collaboration

Administration has held several recent meetings with representatives of the Iroquois School District regarding potential collaborative initiatives between the Township and the district.

Magisterial District Judge Lease

Administration met with Robert Catalde and Jen Rager from Erie County regarding renewal of the Magisterial District Judge lease. Work is currently underway to determine updated lease pricing and develop a new lease agreement.

County representatives indicated that they are satisfied with the current arrangement and discussions have been positive.

Council of Governments (COG)

Administration attended the most recent COG meeting and will be participating in a regional housing study being organized among participating municipalities to evaluate housing needs within the area.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Initiatives

Administration continues working with the Parks & Recreation Board on expanded programming initiatives, including development of a farmers' market, yoga programming, grant opportunities, and recruitment of volunteers.

Administration has also begun reaching out to potential sponsors for the Township's Fourth of July celebration, particularly for the fireworks display.

Following discussions on February 19, Administration has begun establishing a **Junior Commissioner Program** intended to encourage youth civic engagement and participation in local government.

External Coordination

Administration continues working with the YMCA of Greater Erie regarding residual issues stemming from the former East Erie County Suburban Recreation and Conservation Authority.

In coordination with Waste Management, a new informational webpage has been created to provide clearer guidance to residents regarding waste collection services and related programs.

Finance Monitoring

Wabtec Receivable

Billing issues involving Wabtec remain unresolved.

Township engineer Andy Holland of Urban Engineers recently provided additional historical context and documentation related to the billing process. His review supports the Township's understanding that invoices remain outstanding and that the Township's handling of the billing process has been appropriate.

Workplace Safety

The Township's second Safety Committee meeting was held on March 5. The meeting generated several recommendations and ideas for improving workplace safety practices, which Administration will continue reviewing.

Economic Development Coordination

Administration met with Northwest Bank and USDA representatives regarding the previously identified loan issue involving Sudan's. Based on those discussions, the matter now appears to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Cadden
Township Manager