Township Manager's Report
Spencer Cadden, Township Manager
Lawrence Park Township: November 18, 2026

A Message to the Community

Thank You and Transition

As the Board accepted my resignation last month, I want to once again thank the residents of Lawrence Park, the Board of Commissioners, and Township staff for the opportunity to serve as Township Manager. Serving the community where I grew up and still live has been one of the great privileges of my life, and I am deeply grateful for the trust and support I have received.

I want to affirm that I will continue to work diligently on behalf of the Township through my final day on January 11, 2027. Over the coming weeks, I will do everything I can to ensure the smoothest possible transition, so that ongoing projects, grant initiatives, and daily operations continue without interruption.

Roads and Infrastructure

Rankine Avenue and Iroquois Avenue Signal Project

The Township continues to coordinate with RCI on the contracted reconstruction of the traffic signal at Rankine Avenue and Iroquois Avenue. As reported in prior months, contractor scheduling and supply-chain constraints have affected the start of work. Administration will continue to press as much as possible for a firm schedule and will share updates with the Board and residents as soon as they become available.

Bell Street Bridge

Lawrence Park and Wesleyville jointly applied for a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for the Bell Street bridge. Because PennDOT allows only one official grantee, Wesleyville is named as the grantee, but the project is a joint effort in both principle and practice. To formalize the partnership, an intergovernmental agreement is on this evening's agenda under Old Business for adoption by resolution. Under the agreement, costs not covered by the grant would be split equally, Lawrence Park would handle routine upkeep on its side of the bridge, such as mowing, foliage, and snow removal, and capital maintenance would be shared. Wesleyville is expected to take up the same agreement at its meeting this evening.

Public Works and Parks

Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf vacuum collection is underway. As reported last month, the Township obtained a new leaf vacuum that was fully grant funded. Unfortunately, the machine arrived with start-up issues in its electronic control panel, a problem from the manufacturer, which delayed the start of collection. Staff were not able to begin operating the machine properly until approximately November 2. Since then, staff have been working diligently, and at this time they have completed approximately one and one-quarter full passes of the Township.

Residents should be aware of several limitations that affect how quickly collection can move. First, the machine itself moves slowly. Second, any yard or material waste that is not leaves, such as sticks, brush, or debris, can cause breakdowns, which has already happened twice this season. Third, operating the machine requires three people, and the Township has exactly three full-time Public Works employees. If one person is unavailable, or if another priority comes up, such as preparing for snow, leaf collection must wait to some extent. The Township supplements with part-time help wherever possible, but part-time staffing is also limited. In addition, the Township cannot know the volume of leaves on any given street in advance. Once the truck is full, it must travel to the Harborcreek Township municipal building to be emptied, which takes between 30 and 45 minutes each trip, with an average of about four trips per day. Collection also cannot take place when it rains.

To help address these challenges, the Township is currently hiring an additional person to assist, and staff will be working overtime for the rest of leaf season. No one has forgotten about leaf pickup, and with the

overtime planned over the next few weeks, we hope to complete another full pass of the Township. As always, we ask residents to place only loose leaves at the curb and to keep sticks, trash, and other debris out of leaf piles.

Beute Park Gazebo Repair
The gazebo at Beute Park, which was damaged by a falling tree, has been fully repaired. A small amount of electrical work remains and has already been scheduled. Administration appreciates residents' patience while the repair was completed.

Winter Readiness
Public Works continues to prepare for the winter season while leaf collection is ongoing. Under the winter maintenance agreement reported last month, the Township will be compensated for providing snow and ice control on Main Street and other covered PennDOT facilities. As previously noted, salt prices have increased significantly across the state, and Administration will continue to monitor the impact on the Township's winter maintenance budget.

Tree Hazards
Administration continues to review the hazards identified in the DCNR arborist's assessment of trees throughout Lawrence Park. Trees presenting an immediate danger to streets, homes, vehicles, or pedestrians remain a public safety priority, and residents will be kept informed as this work moves forward.

Buildings and Property

Building Access Improvements
The Township continues working to complete the building access-control project contracted through Whitetail, along with the evaluation of repositioning certain interior doors to better suit current building operations and tenant needs.

Second-Floor Leasing
The Township continues to seek a tenant for the second-floor space previously occupied by the Pennsylvania State Police. Administration will continue to pursue interested parties and work to return this space to productive use.

Sewer System

Sewer Camera and Mapping Project
Building on the long-term sewer planning discussed in prior reports, Administration is securing quotes from COSTARS-rated vendors for a sewer camera inspection and mapping project. Initial estimates exceed $500,000, so additional long-term planning will be needed to determine how the Township can fund and phase this work.

Finance, Grants, and Compliance

Long-Term Grant Planning
Administration met with representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to discuss long-term grant planning initiatives. The Township will again be looking at the Green Light-Go program, along with other grant opportunities, to support the Township wherever possible.

Local Share Account Grant: Public Works Truck
The Township is preparing a Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide grant application to purchase a 6500-size multi-purpose truck for Public Works. The truck would be used for plowing, towing equipment such as the leaf vacuum, carrying tools, and sewer work, and it could be driven by staff without a commercial driver's license.

This matters because the Township's only full-size dump truck requires a Class A CDL. A resolution supporting the application, Resolution 2026-33, is on this evening's agenda.

Community Announcements

Trick-or-Treat
Trick-or-treat took place without incident and appeared to be extremely successful. Administration thanks the entire community for its support and for helping make the evening safe and enjoyable for children and families.

Lawrence Park Fire Department Leadership
The Township recognizes the retirement of Joe Crotty, Chief of the Lawrence Park Fire Department. We thank Chief Crotty for his years of outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to the community, and we wish him well in his retirement. We also congratulate newly elected Chief Allen Lombardozzi and look forward to continuing the Township's strong partnership with the Fire Department under his leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Cadden
Township Manager

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Board of Commissioners 11/9/2026

Lawrence Park Township

Commissioners:

Oct 2026 Zoning Report:

Permit #	Cost	Fee
7033 John Cooper 866 Rumsey Wood Fence	$3,000	$100
7034 Kayleigh Hays 167 LaSalle 6x30 Front Deck	$20,797	$100
7035 Vicky Zurn 1041 Rankine Temp HDCP Ramps	$1,156.7	$100
Closeout Totals	$24,953.75	$300

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Clorley

Zoning Administrator

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS: Charles Lewis, President (Administration/ Police/Fire); Thomas Buchleitner, Vice President (Sewers)Administration/ Police/Fire); Dale Williams (Sanitation/Streets); Doug Keffer (Parks/Recreation); Joe Golden (Buildings)

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS: Spencer Cadden, Township Manager, Charles Clorley, Zoning/Code Officer; Becky Byers, Tax Collector, Kayla Chadsey, Treasurer

OCTOBER 2026
TREASURERS REPORT

		BALANCE SEPTEMBER	DEPST/CRDT	INTEREST	CHKS / DBTS	BALANCE OCTOBER
CAPITAL RESERVE	0788	159,687.18		6.51	(16,647.33)	$143,046.36
GENERAL FUND	0687	834,652.69	77,050.83		(286,413.40)	$625,290.12
GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	0737	$1,178,775.97		850.36		$1,179,626.33
HIGHWAY AID	4021	$3,737.24		12.60		$3,749.84
IROQUOIS FUND ESCROW	0695	$915.97		0.01		$915.98
MUNICIPAL PENSION	0711	$68,474.02		2.91		$68,476.93
POLICE PENSION	0703	$92,567.10		3.51	(13,198.30)	$79,372.31
SEWER SWEEP FUND	5105	$566,767.00				$566,767.00
SEWER CONSTRUCION	6221	$13,014.09				$13,014.09
SEWER FUND	0745	$530,941.59	$13,304.30	372.24	(33,094.31)	$511,523.82
SINKING FUND	0752	$1,351.24		0.01		$1,351.25
SPECIAL SEWER FUND	0760	$6,677.55		0.28		$6,677.83
SPECIAL SEWER SAVINGS	4038	$1,674,072.14		$5,643.93		$1,679,716.07
		$5,131,633.78	$90,355.13	6,892.36	(349,353.34)	$4,879,527.93

Douglas Keefer
Commissioner of Public Safety

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Chief of Police

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November 6, 2026

Board of Commissioners,

During the month of October, the Lawrence Park Police Department responded to 863 calls for service throughout the community. Officers continued to provide patrol coverage, respond to citizen complaints, and address public safety concerns while maintaining a strong commitment to serving residents and visitors.

The Department is also in the process of completing its annual firearms qualifications and training, ensuring that all officers remain proficient and prepared to carry out their duties safely and effectively. Ongoing training remains a critical component of maintaining professional standards and officer readiness.

In addition to our law enforcement responsibilities, the Lawrence Park Police Department is proud to be working alongside the Wesleyville Police Department and the Northeast Police Department in support of a charitable cause. Officers from all three departments are participating in "No Shave November," with each participating officer donating $100. All proceeds from this effort will benefit the Erie Shriners Hospital for Children, helping support the important services they provide to children and families in our region.

We appreciate the continued support of the Board of Commissioners and remain committed to providing professional and responsive police services to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Morell

Chief of Police