HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on April 6, 2026 at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Ed Hoover, Ted Diehl, John Cover, Bedrudin Becirovic, Jenny Hart, Jamie Kensinger

Agenda Public Comment: Harold Bender stated that he wanted to speak about something from June or July. Ted stated that the public comment was only for agenda items.

Old Business: John made a motion to accept the Board of Supervisors minutes from March 2, 2026. Ted seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ted stated that the Public Gathering Permits were being looked into and when doing research, the public gathering permits were created in response to a past tragedy. The ordinance was found from 1979. John stated that the ordinance that was adopted, the applications apply to gatherings of 750 or more people. At the current moment, the township currently requires permits for gatherings starting at 50 or more people. John made a motion to require an application for public gatherings for events starting with 750 people for $100. Kim Spencer asked clarifying questions and Susan Hoover asked how they came to 750. Ed explained that it was in the original ordinance. Crissy Diehl asked what the administration fee covers. Ed said the time on the administrative end, if it needs to be investigated at all, and Jenny mentioned that it also helps cover the software expenses. Kim asked if people were paying for the 50+. Ed explained that not everyone would file a permit application. Ted explained that the 750 was more reasonable.

The question arose that if public gatherings were needed for park rentals. It was explained that they were not needed unless it was a special event, like a Fun Run. Jay Shuman asked Jamie if the public gathering applications were on the website. Jamie confirmed that they are and stated that if the new one was approved, it would replace the old one on the website. Jay explained that it might be difficult for people to find it. Jamie explained how to get to it and said she could put it in the "Attention" section on the front page until people become familiar with it. Ed stated that Kim Spencer was recording the meeting, as well. Ted seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed handed the meeting to John to talk about the equipment needed. John said that the articulating mower would be purchased through Sourcewell at $79,326.00. Ted asked what it would cost without going through Sourcewell. John said it would be around $90,695. John made a motion to purchase the L65 Bobcat. He stated that it was in the budget and said that it would clean gutters, include a mower for brush cutting, and it would have a broom attachment, allowing the reuse of cinders.

Kim asked if Sourcewell was used for financing. John explained that Sourcewell is like COSTARS; it is a cooperative purchasing program that allows a township to obtain competitive pricing without going out to bid. He explained how it saves more than COSTARS. John said that Jamie signed the township up for Sourcewell. Ed said that Sourcewell is Nationwide. Jamie explained that COSTARS is Pennsylvania specific. John said that the Bobcat would use any skid loader equipment. John said it had dual hydraulics. Ed seconded the motion. Randy asked if it would be able to reach the large dump truck to load it. John said that it would reach over 12ft. Ted abstained. Motion passed.

John stated that the boomer tractor would be $40,898.64 and said it was budgeted for. John said that the Mahindra tractor is half dangerous. John made a motion to purchase the boomer tractor. Bob Kramer asked if the tractor would be cheaper if they would get a package deal and get a Bobcat tractor. John stated that he did make that attempt, but it was more. Ed seconded the motion. Ted abstained. Motion passed to buy the boomer tractor for $40,898.64.

John said that the mower with the brush swing would attach to the L65. He said it would help with cutting brush along the road. John stated that the mower is on sale for $12,995.76, down from around $18,000. John made a motion to buy the mower for $12,995.76 + shipping & handling. Ed seconded. Ted abstained. Motion carried

John said that the broom would be $5,969.20. He said a broom for the walking path is something they were also looking into. He said that it would be $8,000.00. John made a motion to purchase the two brooms. Ted asked for clarification on how many brooms. John stated two – one for the boomer and one for the L65. Ted asked for clarification on pricing. Kim asked about the brooms and stated that it would be around $14,000. Bob asked about the cinders along the road and what would happen with the broom after the cinders are picked up. John said that they would use the broom throughout the year and the employees at the park would utilize a broom there, instead of sharing.

Ted asked if the brooms would have water misting for the dust. Ed said they do not. Ed explained in more depth about what they would be utilizing the brooms for and said they would be frequently used. Nikki said that $140,000 would be spent on the equipment and asked for clarification if all the park workers would be needed and asked if training would be done on the equipment. John explained that Eric and Greg, at the park, have been working hard and pressure washing everything. He explained that mowing will take a lot of time this summer and said they are busy.

Nikki asked if the workers would be needed for all 12 months. John said if there is no work, then the park workers go home. John said that Jason at Bobcat would come out and train those that will be using it. John said that Jamie created a tracking sheet for training. Bob asked about the Mahindra tractor. John said that it is not in good shape. Nikki asked what would happen to it. John said it would be used at the park. Bob said that the township should get rid of it. Ted voiced his concerns about safety with the Mahindra. Marilyn asked what warranties would be purchased. John said they would get the best ones they can. Abner asked if the park workers did a lot of the park playground maintenance on the off season. John confirmed. Nikki encouraged the board to look at spending and what the taxpayers may want based on the area. Ed said that the Treasurers report would be transparent and ease everyone's concerns.

John made a motion to purchase the two brooms. Ed seconded. Ted abstained. Motion carried.

John said they were looking at safety cages that would fit on the forklifts. He said that they have no way to put signs on pavilions or Hometown Hero Banners other than to rent equipment. John said that they checked with the insurance company and as long as they have the three-point harnesses and the safety cage, they would be set. Ed said that the cage would be good for trimming trees. John said that Jamie researched the safety cages and that the ActiveTrail cage was currently on sale for $809.99 down from $899.99. John stated that renting lifts can cost anywhere from $100-$350. John said that going out twice will pay for the cage. John made a motion to purchase the safety cage. Ted seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed said that the East Creek Road bid bridge bid was looked into by the engineer and it met all the qualifications, so that motion from the past meeting does stand. Kim asked when that would be taking place. Ed said very soon.

Reports:

Treasurer Report: Jenny stated that the revenue for March 1, 2026 – April 1, 2026 was $55,919.01. The total expenses were $112,073.42. The total revenue was -$56,154.41. She stated that the unpaid bill detail and expenses summary were available with the agenda. Nikki Urban asked if there could be a breakdown in park workers/officer workers for payroll. John made a motion to approve the revenue & expenditures and pay the bills. Ted seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Kelley asked why there were multiple bills for Penelec. Jenny explained that the township has multiple properties and each gets a different bill. Jenny stated that the park is actually split between Adams Electric and Penelec.

Jenny stated that she needed to move $160,000 from the savings to the general account to pay for the equipment. John made a motion to move the money. Ed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning/Permits Officer Report: Jamie stated that there were six Land Use/Zoning Permits since April 6, 2026.

Fire Company Report: Randy Pryor stated that the fire company had an account balance of $17,384.86. Income was $29,287.04. Expenses were $33,468.19, leaving an ending balance of $13,203.71. Randy stated that there were 26 calls for the month. He said that the reporting is not up to standard, preventing a total breakdown of the calls. The fire company received the new 3000-gallon tanker, and it is being outfitted and will be in service shortly. The original tanker was sold to Smithfield Township in Huntingdon County. The ordered engine will be around November/December 2027. Randy announced that there will be a chicken barbeque on May 2 from 11-1pm with presale tickets costing $16. On May 7 there will be a drawing for a quarter of beef that was donated by Justin Forrester. He said that the Annual Drawing will be on May 23.

Bob Kramer asked how the radios are working. Randy explained the change in systems but said that the alerting comes in text and print and the system is better. The radios have a lot of options for signal, which is needed for the area. Kim Spencer asked the pricing for the new equipment. Randy said that the new tanker was around $480,000 and the engine was around 1.1 million. Kim also asked if the Hoagie sales happened at the new firehouse. Randy said that things will be transitioning. Ed asked if the tires were purchased. Jenny said that the bill did come to the Township. Ed asked the pump capacity of the tanker. Randy answered 1000 gallons per minute. Ted asked how big the tank was. Randy said 3000 gallons.

Landfill Report: Jason Bazemore said that the landfill had around 1,600 to 1,700 tons a day and expects it to go up with the summer. Jason stated that Bulky Waste Day would be Saturday, April 11 and asked if the township would be bringing the trucks. It was confirmed that they would be. Jason stated that he would have cleanup crews collecting trash along the truck route on April 11, as well. Truck traffic, new cells, and new technology at the landfill was spoken about.

Park & Recreation Report: Susan Hoover stated that the park walk would be taking place soon and that Lucas Stahlman would be working on the Gaga Ball addition for his Eagle Scout badge. Susan explained Gaga Ball for those that did not know.

New Business:

Ed stated that park items that the board was interested in purchasing were the following – musical equipment, bleachers, and benches. Different options were presented. Jay Shuman mentioned that musical equipment may have a lot of upkeep. Bob stated that there would be less man-hours in upkeep of aluminum benches. Todd Beam asked if bleachers were necessary. The board explained that they would be moved depending on sport seasons, especially with different teams using the park for practices. Nikki thanked the board for the new playground equipment.

Ted made a motion to purchase the three-piece musical playground equipment for $3,835.00. John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Ted made a motion to purchase the bleachers for the park for $9,474.28 + $1,135 shipping. John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Ted made a motion to purchase two aluminum benches without backing for $385.00 each. John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The question was asked if the benches would be anchored down. Ed confirmed that they would be.

Ted stated that he met with Lucas and his parents about the Gaga Ball addition. Lucas recommended a 24ft Gaga Pit, as that is standard. He also recommended pressure treated wood. Ted clarified that the township would purchase the materials and the scouts would be building it. The Park & Recreation Board was going to determine some spaces that might be best suited for the addition.

Public Comment:

Harold stated that last June or July Tyler Gamble was not fulltime, and Dave Elliott resigned, leaving John in a tough spot. Harold stated that although he did say that the park would decline, it was not due to John, but rather a lack of employees. Harold stated that he applauds the crew and supervisors on their work at the park.

Jeff Yentzer asked if the supervisors could mark the trail by the motocross. John said that they were considering other options like chaining it off. Jeff said he has been placing cones at the trail to deter people from driving on it.

Bob encouraged the board to consider if the seal coat on the splash pad could be a slipping hazard. John said that they would be adding no-slip additive.

Bob stated that vehicles were looking for the motocross but would often go up his lane. Ted encouraged a GPS unit be placed at the motocross. Jeff said he would look into it. Bob asked if the township or fire company could do anything to have Google fix the location. Jamie explained that she had reached out to Google for an issue with due to complaints about the turnpike entrance being wrong and was told that they could not assist. Randy said that he would have the fire company look into it. Randy was also looking into the GPS system the fire company uses to see if the locations were coming up wrong for them.

Harold stated that he saw a car almost go into a culvert. John said that the culvert markers were going to be ordered and put in on township roads.

Kim Spencer asked what the process was to get a road name changed, as she was asked about getting Shady changed to Brady. Ed explained that it is more of a county item, but that she could get the residents on the road to all agree in writing and see if the county will approve it.

Todd asked who to call about human waste being placed on fields and raised concern about the potential well and water pollution. The board encouraged him to speak to DEP. Nikki stated that they were going to contact Barb Gleim and that she has been open to concerns about similar items. Marilyn Zinn encouraged Todd to complain. It was noted that a Barb Gleim meeting was coming up on July 15th at 5:30pm. Nikki offered to chair getting Barb Gleim to come to the township. Brenda Kelley encouraged people to call DEP, because they came out the next day when she called them. Harold stated that a restaurant in Newville had to close due to contamination in the well.

Kim Spencer asked if there was an update on the Funk property.

Ed stated that there was an executive session between John, Ed, and Bedrudin for items that pertained to them prior to the meeting.

Ed read off the upcoming meetings and events:

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Parks & Rec. Board Meeting – April 8 @ 7:00pm**
- **Planning Commission Meeting – April 16th (Pending)**
- **BOS Meeting – May 4 @ 7:00pm**
- **BOS Workshop – Every Monday 7:00am**
- **Bulky Waste Disposal Day – April 11 @ 7-11:30am**
- **Fun Run – May 31 @ 4-6:00pm**

Ed stated that workshops every Monday at 7am to discuss items pertaining to the week and upcoming items, but no decisions will be made at those sessions. He clarified that they are advertised and open to the public.

Jay stated that the boat launch was brought up at workshop. Ed explained that Ed Franco approached them about a boat launch. Todd stated that the water is contaminated.
Abner thanked the board for the transparency of the funds.

Crissy Diehl asked for clarification on the executive session that took place and asked if it would have taken all three supervisors. Ed stated that it did not.

Ted made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
John seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm
Minutes compiled by Jamie Kensinger

Amendment

Chair Signature____________________________________

Vice Chair Signature________________________________

Roadmaster Signature_______________________________