

Committee Minutes

Community Development

*April 13, 2026, Northumberland Borough Office
6:30 pm*

Attendance

Council Members and Staff:

Travis Stevens – Chair, Denise Guilbault, Chuck Stroup, Christopher Brady, Lindsey Reed, Chief Kriner

Visitors:

John Vovakes, Welker Family

Call to Order

Councilman Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

New Business/Request for Council Action

Farmer's Market Update –

Lindsey Reed informed the committee that the Farmer's Market will take place this summer (beginning in June) and will be held at the 2nd Street Community Center and playground area.

The market will be held once per month to start (chance for more dates) and run through October.

All Inclusive Playground –

John Vovakes from the PA Disabilities Council spoke about the chance to bring an all-inclusive playground to the old Splashland swimming pool site.

The playground would accommodate children and adults with disabilities. There are some playgrounds like this across the state, but this could put Northumberland on the map as a destination for families looking for this type of playground.

The playground could serve as the center piece of a larger community project to include tennis courts, pickleball, basketball, amphitheater, walking trail, and more.

John would be willing to give full presentation or set up a meeting with his team who has experience in all aspects of playground planning and building.

Cost would depend upon how big we wanted to make the playground and how much money we could fundraise. Possible support could come from community members, educational institutions, county, state, and federal lawmakers.

Council will receive more information via email.

Eagle Scout Dog Park Project –

Atticus Welker addressed the committee and spoke about his desire to clean up the dog park as part of his Eagle Scout project. Atticus will make upgrades to the bridge, install an automated closing gate, and pressure wash areas that need to be cleaned.

Atticus requested that the Borough provide a water source while he is pressure washing which the committee said they would do. Atticus said he planned to have the project completed in 3-4 days and would only need the park closed during the time he was working in it.

Council Action –

Security Cameras will be installed at King St. Park using community development funds. Cameras will serve as security and liability for the Borough.

Invoice attached

Other Business

Travis Fisher would like to hold an outdoor concert at Pineknott Park Baseball Field with proceeds benefiting Shikellamy Little League. It was suggested he fill out an application and have it submitted for Public Safety review by next Tuesday.

Little League Memorial Day Parade needs to submit their application and have it reviewed by Public Safety by next Tuesday. It was suggested they coordinate with the Borough for Memorial Day Parade time and route.

Daniel Barnhart Sr. reached out about the possibility of creating a memorial fund for his son, Danny Barnhart Jr., with proceeds benefitting the Norry Point and providing better access for fishing, especially those who are handicapped. Conversation will be discussed again in May.

It was announced that Penn Dot will be using the space near the sewer plant during renovations, so the paddleboat hull that was originally going to be stored there will now be stored on the grassy area across from the Sewer Plant on the Pineknott Park side of the street.

Lindsey Reed discussed the upgrade of the billboard entering Northumberland on Water St. She has a company who can insert business plaques that the Borough can charge monthly as revenue. Chief Kriner and Jeremy Deitrick will get measurements on the billboard and report back to Lindsey.

Chief Kriner is continuing to work on a grant for streetlights and sidewalk upgrades for the downtown.

Public Comments (general)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Submitted by Travis Stevens, Chair