Thursday, September 17, 2026
7:00 PM
Williamsport, PA

Council President Eric Beiter brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, September 17, , 2026 at 7:00 PM.at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 W. Third St, Williamsport, PA. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Council members present:
Eric Beiter, Council President
Vincent Pulizzi, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Jonah Milliken, Councilman,
Adam Yoder, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
David Dussinger

Absent
Dr. Adam Yoder

Also, Present:
Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
Valerie Fessler
Tracey Harer,, Fire Chief,
Justin Ottaviano,, Police Chief, absent
Solicitor Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Jamie Livermore
Scott Livermore, S&P
Kris Black
Adam Welt3rroth, Treasurer absent
Bill Scott, City Engineer
Members of the public

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes of 09/03/26 approved upon a motion **by Mr. Milliken and second** from **Mr. Pulizzi. All were in favor with a vote of 5 to 0 Dr. Adam Yoder was absent. Ms. Miele was absent.**

An Ordinance Transfer Ordinance #9 (final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second.
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Milliken.
Ms. Livermore had nothing more to add and there were no questions.
The ordinance was passed with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder and Ms. Miele were absent.

An Ordinance Amending Article 197, Veterans Memorial Park - Establish Member Qualifications, & Provide Standards & Procedures for Removal (final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Milliken.
Ms. Livermore had nothing more to add and there were no questions.
The ordinance was passed with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder and Ms. Miele were absent.

An Ordinance Transfer Ordinance #4 (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Milliken.
Ms. Livermore had nothing more to add and there were no questions.
The ordinance was passed with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder and Ms. Miele were absent.

Resolution # 10120
Resolution Municipal Minimum Obligation for the Year 2027

The City Clerk read the resolution
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Mackey mode the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.
Ms. Livermore explained the MMO was up a little, but this is a standard resolution that is done every year.
There were no questions.
The resolution was passed with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder and Ms. Miele were absent.

Resolution # 10121
Resolution Awarding Construction Services for the 2026 Streets Line Painting Project

The City Clerk read the resolution..
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Dussinger.
Mr. Scott stated this is a contract for line painting throughout the City. He stated he had a list of the streets if they were needed.

Mr. Beiter asked if he knew when the “mess” would be cleaned up around Maynard St.
Mr. Scott stated it was the Water Authority and he\d check with them.
Mr. Beiter asked if any more questions.
The resolution was passed with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder and Ms. Miele were absent.

Resolution # 10122
Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between WBP & Center for Community Resources for Co-Responder
The City Clerk read the resolution..
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and a second
Mr. Milliken made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.
Mr. LeVan stated that we do this every year and it is just a renewal.
Ms. Miele asked why is this changing…Mr. Levan answered it is not, but the big change is that our co-responder is leaving and we have to get a replacement.
The resolution was passed with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder was absent.

Accept for filing
Committee of the Whole 5/26/26 & 6/9/26
Mr. Beiter asked for a motion and second.
Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.
The minutes were accepted for filing with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.
Mr. Milliken voted yes, Mr. MacKey voted yes, Mr. Dussinger voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes. Dr. Yoder was absent.

Announcements
The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday**, October 8, 2026 at 7:00** PM, **Trade & Transit II 144 West Third St, 3rd floor,** Williamsport, PA.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, Sept. 22	11:30 AM	Redevelopment Authority
Monday, October 5	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
Tuesday, October 6	1:00 PM	Committee of the Whole
Thursday, October 8	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Comments:
a. Members of the Public

Mr. Nick Brandon Park is approximately 43 acres and serve citywide recreation functions and its deed for you of the public forever. So is it classified as a neighborhood park? Or like an actual city park? Does the city's definition of golf include disk golf? If it does, does that need to be amended before the course could be approved. I think looking back to the 2000s 26 years ago they might have put that in place for people chipping real ball golf, yeah, I could see why they would want that but disk golf isn't really that. A few other things questions why that came up and Brandon Park while there are questions to Williamsport where people can take a bus too.

I asked getting approval if we had baskets we could play a few hours a day and pull them out to get the idea of the use. And if there are issues they claim they could be. And regarding noise they didn't want additional foot traffic in the park but I feel like it's a 43-acre park and we walk the park a while back there was literally nobody in there. Nobody was sitting on benches. It's not used.

And I've been evaluating this park for two years. Besides some of the events and things that happen it just feels like it's under utilized for what it is.

So when I asked at the end about approval, if we get a vote, the first word came out of the member's mouth was you don't deserve and stopped. What does that mean? We don't deserve a vote on this? How do we go about this?

I'm asking you guys what can we do to at least get something temporary set up? And maybe it's one or two days a few days a week for a few hours just to try this out.

It doesn't have to be permanent. It could just be something temporary that could be go on until we come up with a true resolution. Um, that's really all I got for you guys. Quite Frankly, I was with a little upset with the way one of the commission members were acting calling us "you people" and other park users "we people" we are all one. We are the people. We shouldn't be trying to divide acting like disk golfers are outsiders and not part of the community is not something that I felt was very professional or appropriate.

So I addressed a lot of the concerns during that call or during that meeting regarding littering, noise, safety, liability.

All that can be mitigated through a proper design. I think it's just just don't want it. I'm hoping that we can get a vote. And have maybe even a public vote if we need to.

To get this thing moving forward, at least something temporary. What can we do to do that?

Mr. Beiter: Thank you very much, Nick, I wanted to give you enough time to go through because obviously you took time to meet with a bran on the park commission, which we appreciate. And I would like to time to talk with them to find out what their objections were. Now that I have your side of the story I would like to get theirs. And see if there's a common ground we can be agreed upon.

What I can say I know I know about the Brandon Park commission and it's a difficult commission not that the people are difficult but it's a commission that's difficult to make changes to the park because of the deed that the family left for it. It will require some research and some work on our part. But we appreciate keeping us up-to-date on the meeting that you had.

Nick, Yeah, I reviewed some of the deed it was basic in my view, it was public views use forever. And this wasn't a part about Ordinance or fees and they warned us we would get charged a fine with hitting a tree with a Frisbee. And I see kids pulling bark off trees, come on, you are serious about that? But any way.

>> While you are up there, we walked the course. And I'm sure you remember what I said to you about the 5

minutes into the tour that you were giving me was I moved back here in 2005. And since that date, this was the most time I spent in that side of the park in the last 20 years. And you were right, there was nobody else there.

And thank you again for your continued pursuit of this. To one of your questions, I'm almost positive that article is implying real golf and not disk golf. So you are probably okay there. I don't know for sure.

Is there like a temporary -- like a volleyball net. I can buy a volley net at Walmart and put it up and take it down and leave.

Do those exist? What is stopping you from putting occupy your disk golf and playing and taking it down and leaving? I don't think you need the Brandon Park's commission approval for that. Because I can go into that park and just do about anything, really.

It sounded like I did.

Well, I would tend to disagree with that.

If it has the word golf in it, we can't do it.

Mr. Mackey I can throw a baseball and football and play La Crosse. Really there's nothing -- and I never read the deed or this the articles and stuff. But like it's a park. (Laughter).

I would say, look, if I were you I would buy myself a temporary set and put them up and play and leave. I don't know.

Nobody is going to send the police for that. I can't imagine. >> Just take out what you bring in.

That's the proposal right now.

I tried contacting a member of the Brandon Park commission about this on two different occasions and I got no response. I'm on your side. I think it's a good idea. It's what the park is for. Let get people over there enjoying the park.

Mr. Beiter : Any other comments from members of the public this evening in name and address for the record, please?

>> Michael, 44 Smith court circle, Lyndon. I was in the meeting too and I was watching one of the commission members the whole entire time from the second he stood up to talk about his project, she was shaking her head no. Just without hesitation, no. Disgusted look on her face. No matter what he said, his plan is bullet proof. It's perfect. I play disk golf a ton. I went from 300 pounds to 150. It saved my life. And it's -- I think the most fun sport in the world. If you guys just go out watching a disk fully hitting every single tree around, it's funny. You are going to laugh at your friends. You are going to get angry.

But it's one of the most simple, easy going sports I have ever seen. So I hope you guys can get started.

Mr. Beiter Wonderful. Thank you very much for bringing that to our attention as well. Other comments from members of the public this evening? Are there any comments from members of council? Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey, : Sorry, I hate to do this to you. And I know Councilman Yoder brought this up a month ago but what is going on Third Street between Rose and Menard? It's like a war zone. Is that the plan for the entire winter? I know you don't have anything to do with this? Do we have communication? Is it the water authority doing that work?

Mr. Livermore, Yeah, Bill is in meeting with them once or twice a week communicating through and trying to keep it as safe as possible. And I haven't spoken with the water authority yet but I -- it can't stay like that all winter. It's got to be -- it's not overlaid the ditch they are doing right now has to be filled in with black top before the plants go down. And once the salt -- once we salt the road the salt will get down there and destroy it. It's not good.

I'm 99% sure that's their plan. But they are not finished yet. With the trenches or whatever they are trying to fix right now.

I understand it's a mess. And we've been on them about it. I'm getting emails and messages of I pop my tire, who is paying for it? That's all being shifted their way.

It's -- we had to shift the 9/11 ride due to the condition of that road.

It is rough. And I know they are a new contractor. And low bid. And they stated to under the circumstances they are try trying to work with them the best they can. I get it.

But it's we are aware of it. And we are trying to stay on as much as possible.

Mr. Beiter Before you go is that also true on the contractor on Blooming grove road?

That's them

Mr. Beiter: Same contractor?

Mr. Livermore don't know if it's the same contractor but it's a water authority project.

Mr. Beiter : Any other questions from members of council? You can sit and we'll call you back up.

Mr. Livermore I was going to wait for him to sit down and ask. (Laughter).

Mr. Beiter : All right, comments from members of the administration this evening? Any comments from the news media? Seeing and hearing none. Item 13, motion for adjournment.

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b. Council Comments
c. Administration
d. News Media

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. **Milliken and a seconded by Mr. Mackey..** Meeting adjourned **7:27 PM** with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk