



**LANSDALE PARKING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2026**

A meeting of the Lansdale Parking Authority was held at the Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale on the above date at 6:30pm.

Those Authority members present were:

Doninic Frascella
Todd Brown
Alex Sickler

Also present were:

John Ernst – Administrator
Mark Hosterman - Solicitor
Jason Van Dame – Public Works/Discover Lansdale
Lt Adrienne Gori – Police Department
Mike Yetter – EDC member

Motions:

Mr. Brown presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority nominate and approve the following slate of officers:

Chairman -Dan Dunigan
Vice-Chairman - John Chirico
Secretary - Todd Brown
Assistant Secretary - Dominic Frascella

Motion seconded by Mr. Frascella and approved 3:0.

Mr. Brown presented Motion B and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority reappoint Joseph Clement, Esq. of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP as solicitor for the Authority.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frascella and approved 3:0.

Mr. Brown presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority adopt attached Resolution 26-01 re: appointing Lansdale Parking Authority administrative support staff.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frascella and approved 3:0.

Mr. Brown presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority approve the meeting minutes from September 22, 2025.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frascella and approved 3:0.

Mr. Brown presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority authorize payment for the invoices on the attached spreadsheet.

Motion seconded by Mr. Frascella and approved 3:0.

Mr. Brown presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare and advertise a bid specifications for parking lot maintenance.

Mr. Sickler – In this we proposal its says that we will not reset the brick and use concrete instead and flipping the handicap parking at Pennbrook Station.

Mr. Van Dame – Correct. In the bid we will reset with concrete at the Vine Street lot.

Mr. Frascella – Can the sign at the Walnut Street lot be changed to say EV Charging and not parking.

Mr. Ernst – That is part of the ordinance and would have to be changed through the Electric Committee and then Council.

Mr. Frascella – Can the paint on the EV parking spots be painted again. They are getting worn out looking. Could we make the Walnut Street lot one way in and out in the proposal. It is difficult to have two cars going opposite directions and try and park. People also park along the building wall when they quickly run into a store right next the lot.

Mr. Ernst – That request will impact the cost of the proposal so I would propose you table the motion until we can get an updated quote.

Mr. Frascella – We had a brief discussion at the last meeting to do walk through of the lots but it got too cold and dark to early to do. Will we have enough time to get the bids out and the work done this summer. The ADA parking in some lots should be updated to include larger spaces for handicap van parking.

Motion seconded by Mr. Sickler.

Mr. Sickler made a motion to table Motion F in order to update the bid specifications for parking lot maintenance. **Mr. Frascella** seconded the motion and approved 3:0.

Mr. Sickler presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority authorize free parking in all parking lots after 12:00pm for Discover Lansdale's Restaurant week from February 23 through March 1, 2026.

Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and approved 3:0.

Public Comments:

Mike Yetter – He is here as a representative of the Economic Development Committee. The committee feels that the 2026 goals for the EDC can align with the Parking Authority goals.

Brian Derbyshire – He is the owner of the Reporter building and his parking lot has 40 spaces that

could be available to the public in the evenings and weekends through Park Mobile. He would like to partner with the Parking Authority. He would need help with enforcement.

Mr. Frascella – Does the borough code allow for private lots to be used for public parking.

Mr. Van Dame – Yes it does.

Mr. Frascella – Is there a concern with minimum parking requirements?

Mr. Van Dame – Parking is required use for businesses, but this would only be public parking for nights and weekends.

Mr. Brown – Is there permit parking there no for certain times and then after say like 5:00pm Park Mobile would start for public parking.

Mr. Frascella – He loves that idea but was sure of there was legislation to prevent that.

Mr. Ernst – We would like to have conversations with Univest Insurance on this same idea too.

Mr. Hosterman – With a proper agreement something like this can be accommodated with a parking easement or lease.

Mr. Frascella – We could come up with a greater agreement that would include all lots.

Mr. Hosterman – Make sure that you have whatever you do checked out by the engineer.

Mr. Yetter – Is there resources for Park Mobile to do this partnership with private lots?

Mr. Ernst – We should come up with a list of potential lots to think about approaching owners to do a private/public partnership.

Ongoing

1. SEPTA parking garage agreement – Mr. Hosterman
 - SEPTA agree with the changing of the prior agreement related to residents and businesses' usage of the parking garage. Mr. Clement is ironing out the new agreement with them.
2. Park Mobile – Lt. Gori
 - Mr. Frascella – can we get a report on the usage of Park Mobile?
Mr. Sickler – Have their been complaints for tickets issued for those who did not use the Park Mobile app?
Lt. Gori – She can get a report, and they have not heard any complaints about only using Park Mobile app.
Mr. Frascella – He is concerned about the QR code that is on the signs posted on the kiosk about Park Mobile app. Scammers will put their own QR code ovetop of the real one and people scan the QR and end up paying the scammer and can take their personal data too. Also, the app still charges a 50 cent fee even outside if the time that people have to pay for parking. Can we get that corrected?
Mr. Ernst – We should be able to ask Park Mobile to customize their message on the app so that doesn't happen.
Lt. Gori – She can find out if that can be done.
Mr. Frascella – people can purchase multiple hours after the initial 2 hours allowed. Is this something that should continue?
Mr. Ernst – We can look into that as well to keep parking in certain lots to 2 hours only.

New Business

1. Mr. Schwartz – Discover Lansdale is requesting free parking from February 23 through March 1 for Restaurant week in the parking lots.
2. Freight House update – Mr. Henning reported that Phase 1 is complete with some minor fixes that need to be done. They are preparing to rent out the space for limited use at this time. They are in the process of getting their certificate of completion for this phase. They are also working on scheduling a ribbon cutting ceremony when the weather gets better.
Mr. Schwartz – The Emerald Apartments and the Stanbridge Apartments offered to assist with

a garden area between the building and the trail. We would offer a naming right for the welcome center at the Freight House. The Emerald would pay for it and as he understands the maintenance as well for the opening area for their name to be there for \$100,000. This will help us continue our work. We would need a nod of approval for draw out the plans to get this moving along.

Mr. Van Dame – When they talked about that area they were talking about a meadow area to walk through but not hang out. That would reduce maintenance for the parking authority.

Mr. Schwartz – They have always been interested in outdoor space.

Mr. Ernst – Any contingency on Discover Lansdale getting the remainder of the money after the work is done?

Mr. Schwartz – That is basically what is expected. We figure there would be about \$90,000 left to put toward phase 3 or even a match for future grants.

Mr. Ernst – We should talk to the Perkiomen Watershed, they do a lot of this kind of stuff for free.

Mr. Sickler – He would like to see native plants, but anything is better than dead grass.

3. Feedback on parking kiosks – Mr Sickler spoke to some business owners who say their customers don't want another app on their phone for parking and would risk getting a ticket. He is concerned about loss revenue without kiosk parking. He would like to see in the trial period how much revenue was lost.

Mr. Ernst – There was a period of time before where we didn't even have enforcement to determine who was paying or not.

4. Meeting schedule – He feels that we should meet more often, like monthly. He would like to see the meetings changed to monthly.

Mr. Ernst – We would need to entertain that when all members are available to make that decision.

Mr. Yetter – Maybe we could get a quarterly report for revenue of parking lots.

Mr. Sickler – There hasn't been a financial report since May of last year.

Mr. Ernst – We are evaluating the financials and waiting for grant reimbursement from the Freight House project.

Meeting adjourned – 7:34pm

Todd Brown, Secretary