Barrett Township Supervisors

Minutes of Workshop Meeting on August 19, 2026 – 6:30 P.M

A Workshop meeting of the Barrett Township Supervisors was held on Wednesday August 15, 2026, at the Administrative Offices at 1200 Route 390 in Cresco, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Grant Hilfiger.

Present**:** Grant Hilfiger, Patti O'Keefe, Darryl Speicher, Bill Pipolo, Sean Anlauf, Janine Sopko, Morgan Seese and the public.

Grant Hilfiger began the meeting, reminding those in attendance that this is a workshop with no votes or formal actions to be taken. Discussions were for informational purposes only.

Mark Evans from Derck & Edson spoke about the proposed ideas for the external areas of the BARC property. He showed a video on the different aspects of the grounds, including a splash pad, pavilion, sports fields, basketball court, pickleball court, Amphitheater, etc.

Mark spoke about the pros and cons of the property and the benefits it would bring to the township business as well as the residents.

Michael Allegretti also spoke about the benefits and Bedco.

Several residents asked questions and voiced their concerns about their thoughts of the ideas proposed for BARC.

Krista Paolucci raised concerns about restroom facilities and paving the walking trails and bike paths to make them more family friendly. She also spoke about grant money being available to help with the costs and about the new hospital in Bartonsville and how beautiful the new hospital is and how nice it would be to have that here in Barrett.

Gary Pope expressed concerns about the proposed plans, emphasizing the distinction between elected leaders and servants and questioning the need for basketball courts.

Mark Fisher spoke about commercial businesses that are available for rent in town instead of building another commercial building, he also spoke about High Acres Park and how it used to offer those things and they are now gone. He also spoke about roads and that there are a lot that need to be fixed in the township.

Peter Pipolo replied to the residents and explained that the goal is to try to bring more residents to the area, and more population will bring more money to the township.

Michael Allegretti spoke about taxes and how without new resident's taxes are going to go up.

Mary Greenan spoke about the potential commercial building in the front of BARC, that the available rooms in BARC should be filled before anyone worries about another commercial building on the BARC property. She also spoke about lights at night and the light pollution effecting the surrounding neighborhood, the electric bill and what the hours will be of the lights at night.

Carol Hardy spoke about the population going down due to the Highway, and she said there are more Airbnb so there is no housing for people to be full-time residents. She also commented on the fact that there are no Police, Emt & School in Barrett. She voiced her opinion on the youth sports not using the parks.

Darryl Speicher and Grant Hilfiger spoke about youth sports in Barrett Township and how we need to get that back into the township.

Residents spoke about not having a doctor in the area. Gary pope said that there was no support for the EMT when they were here.

Karl Weiler spoke about Lehigh Valley Pocono coming in and are in talks to have them back in Barrett within the next 2 years.

Grant said he and William have also been in talks with Lehigh Valley Pocono, and they are very excited to be here.

Logan Evans spoke about the Pocono EMS, and that the Barrett EMS had no local support and ran out of money. He spoke about ambulance response times.

Krista Paolucci spoke about an event she would like to host at BARC. She said she was looking to hold a fundraiser for hometown heroes. The money would go towards a new van for Hive to Harvest. She asked if the 5 supervisors would be willing to donate their time for the day of the event. She also asked if the township supervisors would be willing to have Louis work their event. Grant said they would not be paying anyone to work the event, but if Louis wanted to donate his time that would be up to him. Krista spoke about possibly working with the Rotary. She said she was thinking about November 1st from 11:00am – 4:00pm.
Christine Esposito asked on Zoom if Krista was going to pay for the space rental since the other non-profit groups have had to pay for the space rental in the past. Krista replied by saying that is the one thing she would like to see donated.

Due to how late the meeting was Grant advised everyone to look at the Events that was attached to the agenda they received instead of him reading them all off.

Grant asked if there were any more comments on the agenda.

Grant ended the meeting at 8:22pm