

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, by Club President Lion Patti Clark at Buhrig's Gathering Place with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Karen Graewe
Song: Lion Ted Cramer
Prayer: Lion Mike Fenicle
Lions Toast: Lion Candy Brockmole
Lucky Lion: Lion Steve Harriman
Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Sue Miller

Attendance
Guests: 0
Members: 59
Percentage: 59%
(Active Membership)

Welcome: Club President Lion Patti Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor John Anthony:

Mayor John Anthony presented the new **Mechanicsburg Connect** mobile app, which will serve as a central hub for information about events and activities in Mechanicsburg. Each organization, including the Mechanicsburg Lions Club, will have its own space to share events, while all community events will also appear on a shared calendar. The goal of the app is to improve communication and strengthen connections among local organizations. The app will officially launch during Community Days on August 1, 2026. Mayor Anthony distributed a flyer containing a QR code and encouraged members to download the app.

Communications:

Lion Vicki Alfieri shared Thank You Notes from: Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance, New Hope Ministries, Susquehanna Service Dogs, Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels and Vision Resources.

Approval of Minutes:

Membership accepted the minutes for the June 2, and June 23, 2026 meetings as posted by Lion Ted Cramer. ***Motion Lion Bob Hilinski - Seconded Lion Mike Clark - Passed***

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Membership accepted the June 2026 Treasurer's report as posted by Lion Bob Dippel. ***Motion Lion Ted Cramer - Seconded Lion Jeff Woodward - Passed***

2026-27 Goals and Objectives:

Club President Lion Patti Clark reviewed her goals for the 2026–2027 Lions year, which include:

- Continuing to follow the club's Strategic Plan.
- Helping members get to know one another better through initiatives such as highlighting a different Lion each month in the newsletter, hosting a club picnic, and incorporating Tail Twister activities into the meetings.
- Increasing the club's visibility in the community by marching in events such as the Halloween Parade and expanding the food drive into a community-wide event.
- Implementing the club's Scholarship Program and developing fundraisers to support it, including ideas such as a Chicken BBQ, Trivia Night, and Bingo.
- Striving to conclude club meetings by 8:00 p.m.

2026 – 27 Tail Twister:

Tail Twister Lion Ellen Mank introduced a new activity for the 2026–27 Lions year involving Happy Dollars and Sad Dollars. Happy Dollars provide members with an opportunity to contribute one dollar to share good news or recognize something positive. Sad Dollars will be tied to a specific item identified on the meeting agenda in advance. Members who do not comply with the identified request may be asked to contribute a Sad Dollar. Tail Twister Lion Ellen Mank also introduced a monthly birthday recognition program. Members celebrating birthdays during the month will be recognized and receive a small candy treat.

Old Business:

- **We Serve Golf Tournament Review:**

Lion Wayne DeFonzo presented a recap of the 6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament, held on July 10, 2026. The tournament welcomed 112 golfers and 87 sponsors and generated 375 service hours from 36 Lions. The event realized a record-breaking profit of \$14,102, exceeding last year's total by \$3,279. Lion Wayne expressed his appreciation to the tournament committee and everyone who volunteered or contributed to the success of the event. The 7th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 9, 2027.

The club thanked Lion Wayne for his dedication and leadership in organizing this outstanding fundraising event.

- **Website Update**

Lion Mike Clark provided an update on the club website. The public-facing portion of the website will be reviewed at the August meeting, with plans to launch it at the club's first meeting in September. The members-only section, which will include additional features and capabilities, is still under development and will be released at a later date.

- **York Fair Volunteers:**

Additional volunteers are needed to work at the York Fair, particularly during the weekend of July 31. Members who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Lion Steve Harriman and/or Lion Karen McKendry for more information.

- **Fall Picnic – September 13, 2026**

Lion Ellen Mank announced that the Club's Fall Picnic will be held on September 13, 2026. Sign-up sheets will be available for both attendance and food contributions. Members who have portable grills and are willing to make them available for the picnic are asked to sign up as well.

- **National Night Out**

Lion Tawnya Kling announced that National Night Out will be held on August 4, 2026. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will participate at two locations: Soldiers and Sailors Park and Stoney Ridge Park. Members interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Lion Tawnya.

New Business:

- **Membership Card Distribution & Business Cards:**

Lion Ted Cramer announced that membership cards were available for pick-up at the sign up table.

- **Committee Chairs for 2026-27 Lions Year:**

Membership accepted the Committee Chairs for the 2026-27 Lions Year as distributed. ***Motion Lion Kirk Freed – Seconded Lion Bob Dippel - Passed***

- **Scholarship Fund for Mechanicsburg and Cumberland Valley High School Seniors:**

President Lion Patti Clark announced plans to establish a scholarship fund for graduating seniors at Mechanicsburg High School and Cumberland Valley High School. She asked for volunteers to serve on a committee that will develop the scholarship criteria and application process. If interested, please contact President Lion Patti.

8th Annual Lion Ray Rosnick Lion of the Year Award 2025-26:

Lions Mike and Linda Fenicle were named the Lions of the Year for 2025-26 in recognition of their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg and the community. Lion Mike has been a Lion for 18 years and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Throughout his years of service, Lion Mike has held numerous leadership roles, including Club President, Zone Chair, Club Director, Assistant Chaplain, and Chaplain. He was sponsored by Lion Lana McCaulley's late husband, Lion Tim McCaulley, who served the club in many capacities for many years.

Lion Linda has been a Lion for 13 years and has provided exceptional leadership as Club President, Vice President, and Club Director. She was sponsored by Past District Governor Lion Fred Lamason. Together, Lions Mike and Linda have made a significant impact on the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg. They were instrumental in organizing the club's first-ever National Night Out event in downtown Mechanicsburg, helping introduce the Lions' mission and service to the community in a meaningful way. They also proudly represented the club at the first-ever Non-Profit Day, strengthening the club's visibility and community engagement.

Behind the scenes, Lions Mike and Linda have dedicated countless hours to sorting, counting, and delivering thousands of donated eyeglasses, contact lenses, and hearing aids for recycling—an important service project that positively impacts lives around the world.

The club extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Lions Mike and Linda Fenicle for their dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the ideals of Lionism. Their service truly reflects the meaning of “**We Serve.**”

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee** – No Update
 - **Marketing & Public Relations** – No Update
 - **Chamber of Commerce Liaison** – No Update
 - **Vision Screening:** Five additional Lions have received their required clearances. Lion Jim Miller will be conducting training for these new members. The club will also be conducting Vision Screenings at both National Night Out events.
 - **Eyeglass Recycling & Hearing:**
Lion Linda Fenicle reported that not including tonight's donations, we have 2,592 pairs of glasses, 90 contacts and 12 hearing aids.
 - **Public Service**
Lion Dennis McKendry, filling in for Lion Karen McKendry, announced that Pink Hands of Hope is seeking volunteers to help with weeding. We are also in need of orange safety cones to place around the work area while volunteers are working. Anyone interested in volunteering or who can provide orange safety cones is asked to contact Lion Karen.
 - **Sunshine Committee**
Lion Helen Caravello introduced herself as the Lion who will be coordinating the sending of get well, sympathy, and other caring cards to club members. Members are encouraged to contact Lion Helen if they are aware of anyone who would appreciate receiving a card.
 - **Membership Committee**
Lion Ted Cramer distributed the remaining 100% Attendance Pins to Lions who were unable to attend the June 23 meeting when the awards were originally presented. He also presented Lion Barbara Bradshaw with a Certificate of Appreciation from District Governor Doug Nace in recognition of sponsoring two new Lions during the 2025–2026 Lions year.
- On behalf of the club membership, Lion Ted presented Lion Coco Houghtaling with a Presidential Appreciation Plaque in recognition of her outstanding service and leadership as the club's 2025–2026 President. Lion Coco, who has been a member since June 2022, was recognized for her dedication and commitment to serving both the club and the community since joining the Lions. The membership expressed its sincere appreciation for her exceptional leadership during the past year.
- **Other Information**
Lion Bob Dippel announced that the Pennsylvania Lottery is seeking volunteers to serve as drawing witnesses. Pennsylvania residents age 55 and older are eligible to participate as witnesses for two consecutive evenings at the WITF studios in Harrisburg. The process takes approximately two hours each night. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania Lottery for additional information.

Club President Lion Patti Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm

Minutes taken by Lion Vicki Alfieri