

# Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County Meeting Minutes

**July 30, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was held at the Lawrence County Government Center, located at 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026.

## **Attendance:**

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| <b>Redevelopment Authority:</b> | Dennis Alduk, Chairman<br>Frank Telesz, Vice-Chairman<br>Jim Gagliano, Secretary                                                                                       |
| <b>Staff:</b>                   | Amy McKinney, Executive Director<br>Rebecca Shaffer, Deputy Director of Community Development<br>Mary Glass, Office Manager/CDBG Administrator<br>Ryan Long, Solicitor |
| <b>Public:</b>                  | Tyrone Rice, Flywheel Sports Based Youth Development                                                                                                                   |

## **Call to Order**

The July 30, 2026, meeting of the Redevelopment Authority of Lawrence County was called to order at 12:02 PM by Dennis Alduk.

## **Public Comments**

### **Ty Rice – Flywheel Sports Based Youth Development**

Mr. Rice explained to the board that their sports program centers on the children's social, emotional and academic learning as well as character building. He stated that in March of 2025 they were inducted into the National Junior Tennis and Learning Foundation. This is a United States Tennis Association foundation. There are only 250 of these gold standard organizations in the United States and Flywheel's program was asked to be a part of it. Because of this, they were given initial funding in the first year to get their project off the ground. As long as they stay in compliance, the funding will increase each year as they move along. His presentation included maps and 3-D renderings showing the concept for the 26 lots they are applying for ownership of. It will be a 12-year-old and under campus. All courts, fields and structures are scaled down for 12-year-olds and under and 8-year-olds and under. There will be tennis courts, archery, and a multi-purpose turf area for soccer, football and baseball, a BMX skate park, batting cages and an indoor facility to handle the inclement weather conditions in our area. There is a large ravine running along the perimeter of some of the requested lots, so they have worked safety measures, including fencing, into their plan. Trees will need to be removed but they will try to keep as many mature trees as possible to enhance the natural beauty of the park. He stated that they received \$200,000 in grant funding which they have been using on the lots previously purchased through the Vacant Lot Purchase program. Installing lighting on the Denver Street tennis courts and maintenance of the lots has already started to bring community back to the west side of Gaston Park, which has suffered from deferred maintenance for many years. In order to get funding to start taking care of the park, it had to be on the national registry, so they went through a three-week fast process of getting the park on the National Register of Historic Places. During this process they discovered that there is cobblestone running through the entire park. Also, there are 3000 feet of stone-lined aqueducts which, were installed in 1931-1932 by 170 Italian immigrants from Mahoningtown. Mr. Rice stated that they have been getting great information and guidance from Senator Michelle Brooks' office on obtaining the funds.

## **Regular Agenda**

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Jim Gagliano moved, seconded by Frank Telesz, to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2026, meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.

- b. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** – Balance of RALC accounts as of 06/30/2026 was \$874,988.78. Staff submitted a review of available funds and funding sources.
- c. **New Business** – None
- d. **Old Business** –
  - 1. **Countywide Blight Removal Program Update -**
    - Demolition updates
      - Ryan Long sent a letter to our Round 1-2025 contractor to find out the status of the properties and to see when they would be completed. At this time, we have not heard back. Mr. Long will reach out again to see if we can reach a resolution.
  - 2. **RACP Update –**
    - We are making some progress with the Whittaker property. The Department of the Treasury has assigned us a consultant to get the process started and we are working closely on this project with Forward Lawrence.

### **Action Agenda**

- a. Approval of Bills – Checks were presented for payment and signature. Frank Telesz moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Payment of Bills.  
Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-15 approving the transfer of one (1) side lot from Tax Claim (repository) to RALC. RALC simultaneously transfers side lots to applicants:
  - Lissa L. HopsonMotion carried 3-0
- c. Jim Gagliano moved; Frank Telesz seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-16 approving the transfer of twenty-six (26) exempt lots from RALC to applicant:
  - Flywheel Sports Based Youth DevelopmentMotion carried 3-0
- d. Frank Telesz moved; Jim Gagliano seconded the approval of Resolution R-2026-17 approving a six-month extension request from DON Enterprises Inc. for their portion of the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Blight Removal program 2024 PHARE funds.  
Motion carried 3-0

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 12:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Lawrence County Government Center.