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## BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda January 28, 2026 5:30 p.m.

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Minutes**

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held January 28, 2026 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Mike Bateman	Member
	Dana S. Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
Not Present:	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Gary Weaver	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

The Work Session commenced at 5:30 p.m.

**Park and Recreation, Trails, Multimodal Grant**

Mrs. Cozza explained there is a resolution on the Board of Supervisors regular business meeting this evening requesting a grant from PennDOT to put a trail around the new roundabout to be installed at Route 202 and 263 in 2027-2028. She said the township has applied for this grant since 2021, and is reapplying due to the roundabout installation getting closer as the trail won't be built until the roundabout is in place. Mr. Gray described the trail as connecting Holicong Park up to the Route 413 and 202 intersection, then down to join the path running along Route 413 to Buckingham Elementary School, and along Route 263 back to the roundabout. He said it also included the modification of three traffic lights for pedestrian crossings, handicapped ramps, storm drainage and minor right-of-way taking/purchasing, noting that much of the right-of-way has already been acquired as part of previously approved land development projects. Mr. Gray said the trail will be a combination of a bituminous path and concrete sidewalk.

Mr. Bateman asked if the new trail would assist students who park at Holicong Park in crossing Route 263/202. Mr. Gray said this trail doesn't go that far, is specifically designed for traffic improvements to Buckingham Village, and was prepared after the Central Bucks School District abandoned the idea of allowing students to park at Holicong Park and walk to the schools.

Ms. Cindy Stadelmaier, Stockton Road, asked how long the trail is, and Mr. Gray replied it is close to a mile. Ms. Stephanie Weisser, Amberton Way, asked if the trail is on both sides of the roads, and Mr. Gray replied no, just on the northern side as the township already has the right-of-way on many of the properties, and with housing obstructions on Church Street and the preserved Taylor Farm on Route 263, there cannot be trails in those locations.

Mrs. Cozza said there are also smaller trails that were discussed during budget meetings, such as one that the Doylestown Bike and Hike people requested along Route 413 to Carversville Road, which PennDOT did make wider during the repaving process. Ms. Louise Silberg, Cloverly Drive, said that she had received very positive feedback from the Bike and Hike club regarding the widening.

Mrs. Cozza said another trail requested by the Bike and Hike club was on Burnt House Hill Road to connect Fell and Hansell Roads. Mr. Gray said the design for that was determined by the request for 10-12 foot wide paths, versus 6-8 feet wide. He said the wider paths would require more right-of-way and drainage upgrades, which would make it more expensive than some of the longer trails.

Mr. Bateman asked how the township can get Mrs. Silberg help/additional members on the Park and Recreation Commission, and Mrs. Cozza said to advertise and get it up and running. Mrs. Lisa Braud said she had asked to be appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission previously and is still interested. Mr. Bateman offered to be the township supervisor liaison to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Silberg said it would be helpful if the township recommended projects to the Park and Recreation Commission, and Mrs. Cozza suggested a survey of our residents may be a good starting place. Mrs. Cozza said that the Park and Recreation Commission had been active in planning the township parks, and then died out through a lack of projects. She said that residents continue to want additional trails, which tend to cost a million dollars a mile. Mr. Gray explained the township looks at where trails will make the most sense and tries to connect them or have the developer of adjoining properties do it.

*Mrs. Rash commented that future work sessions would begin at 5:00 p.m. as this one starting at 5:30 p.m. does not have enough time.*

### **Dalton Glen – On-Street Truck Parking**

Several residents of Dalton Glen were present requesting an update about the large truck cabs that have been parking on the street in their development. Mrs. Rash said that on January 13<sup>th</sup> a Buckingham Township police officer had spoken to a resident who said he was the owner of the cab and said it was a new truck and he would be moving it the next day. Mrs. Rash asked if there had been any more trucks parked there since January 13<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Spadafora, Covington Lane, said not that they had seen, but the neighborhood wanted assurance that the trucks would not be parked there again.

Mr. Smith explained the zoning ordinance prohibits driveway/on property parking of commercial vehicles in specific circumstances, but the street is regulated by the PA vehicle code and preempts/restricts what the township can do. He said the township would need an engineering study to confirm that the parking of tractor trailers/cabs poses a safety risk in order to justify adopting an ordinance. Mr. Will Gruhler, Covington Lane,

said other townships have regulations such as weight limits on specific streets and overnight parking. He said the residents of Dalton Glen have a very specific request of no overnight parking of vehicles/trucks weighing 10,000 lbs. or more. Mrs. Rash said she would prefer not to adopt an ordinance just for Dalton Glen, and Mr. Smith confirmed that each location under consideration would require an independent engineering study in order to be enforceable.

Mr. Michael Aversa, Harrington Court, said the township sent residents of their neighborhood letters stating that they must remove branches that were creating a traffic hazard as defined by the PA Vehicle Code, and said that he thought the trucks parking on the road were much more of a safety hazard. Mr. Smith agreed that removal of branches obstructing vision is a requirement in the vehicle code, but trucks are handled differently. Mr. Aversa asked how long an engineering study would take, and Mr. Gray said depending on the extent of the study, obstructions to be noted, perhaps a month or two.

Mr. Spadafora asked what the next step is, and what they should do besides call the police. Mrs. Rash said if the truck(s) return he should call the police immediately so they can check it out. Mr. Forest said if the truck(s) return then the township should move forward with an engineering study. Mr. Smith said it would be helpful to have pictures of the parked truck(s) showing they are obstructing lines of sight or inhibiting emergency vehicle access for the engineering study.

*6:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.*

*8:10 p.m. The Work Session continued.*

### **Potential Improvements to the Traffic Light at Route 202/313**

Mr. Gray explained that the traffic light at Route 202 and 313 is maintained under a joint agreement between Doylestown Township and Buckingham Township and the Townships share all expenses. He said that Doylestown Township had received a complaint about having to wait too long to make the left turn from southbound Route 202 onto eastbound Route 313 and requested a left turn signal. Mr. Gray said this could have been included in Doylestown Township's Green Light Go Application years ago, but PennDOT wouldn't permit it due to a lack of volume at that time. Mr. Gray said that Doylestown Township is now suggesting a traffic count costing \$1,000, which would be split 50/50 with Buckingham Township. Mr. Forest said he agreed to Buckingham Township participating in the traffic count.

### **USDA Wildlife Services Proposal**

Mr. Forest said that since meeting with the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) representatives a few meetings ago, he had heard from several farmers who hunt their own properties and were not in favor of the USDA deer management program. Mrs. Rash said she had brought it to the boards' previous work session due to complaints from farmers suffering financially due to severe crop damage caused by deer. The board agreed to research the matter further and to discuss it with more township farmers.

**IBX Outdoor Gym**

Mrs. Cozza said the township had received a proposal to install an IBX Outdoor Gym fitness course at one of the township parks. Mr. Forest said he liked the idea. Mrs. Cozza said the township staff and Park and Recreation Commission could pursue it further.

*8:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.*

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of February, 2026.**

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

Mike Bateman

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*