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Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, and Carbon Counties
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Valley Engineer Newsletter

September 2025-October 2025

President's Message!

Jonathan Kiechel, P.E., President

Activities:

Holiday Dinner – December 11, 2025, Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar, Allentown, PA.

Mathcounts – February 28, 2026. Location, Lower Macungie Middle School.

Engineers Week Banquet – February 27, 2026, Iacocca Conference Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

As summer winds down and we head into a new PSPE season, a new school year, a new season (fall), and of course many other tours/events, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all of you. This time of year, is always one of renewal, a chance to reconnect with colleagues, launch fresh initiatives, and look ahead at what we can accomplish together.

Since our last meeting, Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting, May 2025, I would like to welcome our new Vice President, Shane Chalupa, P.E. (Shane) who has graciously accepted this role. Shane is the co-founder of Obnovit Helping Businesses and Humans Grow with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Expert Engineering Consulting. Shane brings valuable leadership and experience to our Chapter and we look forward to his contributions as we continue to grow and serve the engineering community.

I would like to also welcome a few additional members have recently joined our Chapter since our May 2025 meeting. Please help me welcome the following:

- Horst Lehmann
- Cody McCeuean, PLS, E.I.T., Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. (BIA)
- Mike Waldron, P.E, Acela Architects and Engineers.

Each of these members will be becoming an integral part of our Chapter in assisting in our growth and our mission towards promoting and



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defending the interest of Professional Engineers through licensure or those who are already licensed.

Our 2025–2026 year is already off to a strong start with the PSPE State Conference, held September 17 through 19 at the Renaissance Hotel in Allentown, and the Upper Macungie Township (UMT) Community Center Tour recently held on October 23, at 360 Grange Road, Allentown. These events have set a positive direction for the year ahead. In addition to these recent events, we are looking forward the following upcoming events:

- **Holiday Party** — Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar, 3833 Freemansburg Ave, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18020.
- **Engineers Week Banquet (45th)** — February 27, 2026, at Iacocca Conference Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- **MATHCOUNTS** — Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Lower Macungie Middle School. This cornerstone event promotes STEM education and inspires students to pursue engineering careers. We'll be seeking volunteers to help as graders, counters, and general day-of assistants.

I encourage all members and friends of the Chapter and non-members to get engaged with our activities. These events are excellent opportunities to network, share ideas and build relationships with fellow licensed professionals and those on the path to licensure.

A few reminders and updates:

- **Newsletters:** Will continue to be issued on a bi-monthly basis (September through May) at the end of October, December, February, and May. Please take time to read through each edition — they are full of valuable updates and insights.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Resumed September 8. Meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month from 6:00–7:00 PM in hybrid format to allow for broader participation.

- **Engineer of the Year & Young Engineer of the Year Nominations:** LVPSPE has the honor of nominating individuals for recognition by the Lehigh Valley Engineer Council at the February 2026 LVEC Banquet. The deadline this year is December 12, 2025. This is a meaningful way to celebrate the contributions of deserving colleagues. Nomination forms are available at <https://www.lvpspe.org/>.

Details pertaining to our meetings, activities, and bi-monthly newsletters can be found at <https://www.lvpspe.org/>.

Finally, I encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved with LVPSPE to reach out. We currently have an opening for our **Fundraising Chair** and are always looking for members who want to grow their involvement with the Chapter and the engineering community.

Thank you for your continued support and I and the Chapter look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

91st PSPE Annual Conference 2025

Jonathan Kiechel, P.E.

About half a dozen members including family of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (LVPSPE) attended this years PSPE Annual Conference at the Renaissance Hotel, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

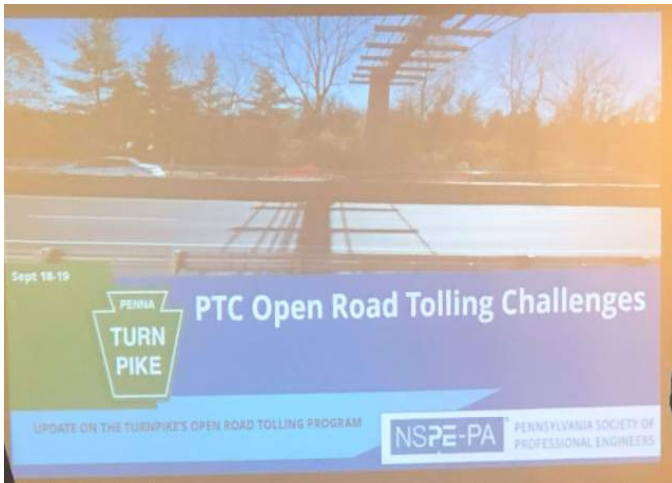
The PSPE Annual Conference brings together licensed engineers and industry professionals to network, exchange knowledge, and advance their careers. Attendees benefit from peer-reviewed technical sessions, opportunities to earn Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for license renewal, and discussions on current legal and ethical issues in the profession. The conference also features an awards luncheon and ample opportunities to connect with consultants, specialists, and peers. Participation is open not only to Professional Engineers but also to Engineering Interns (E.I.) pursuing Professional Engineering (P.E.) licensure status.

The conference was thoughtfully planned and organized by Wanner Associates. As a Chapter, we

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sincerely thank them for their hard work and dedication in helping make the event another great success.

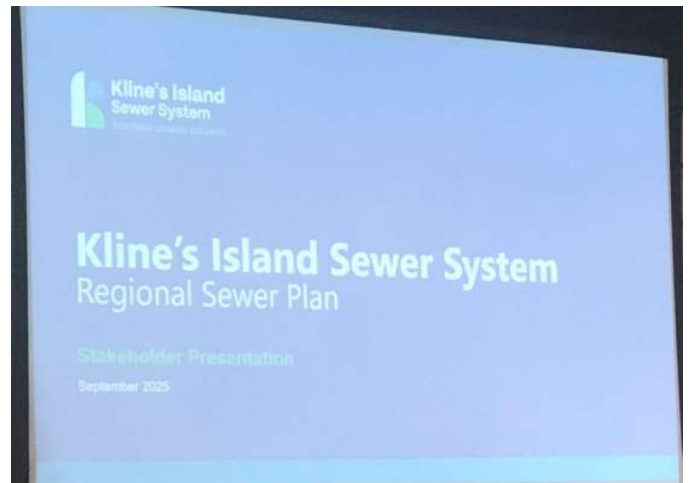
From technical sessions:



PTC Open Road Tolling Challenges Seminar Presented by Stephen Brousse, P.E.



Beaver Stadium Revitalization Project Presented by Dwayne rush, P.E.



Kline's Island Sewer System Regional Plan Presented by Liesel Gross.

To Networking:



Round Table Networking.



PSPE Annual Conference Dinner at the Dime Restaurant.

"Don't aim to be perfect. Aim to be better than yesterday." – Simone Biles

"A uniform beam walks into a bar. The barman asks, "What would you like, good sir?" The beam replies "Ummm... just give me a moment." ([200+ Engineer Jokes to Spark Your Creativity and Laugh Out Loud - Punsify](#))

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To Installation and Awards Banquet:



91st Annual Installation and Awards Banquet Luncheon.



PSPE 2025-2026 Executive Committee.

To close, please join our Chapter in welcoming Daniel Cook, P.E., the new State President of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (PSPE). Daniel has long been an active supporter of the engineering profession and brings strong leadership and vision to this role. As State President, he will continue to help guide PSPE in advancing the mission, supporting professional engineers across the Commonwealth, and inspiring the next generation of engineers. Our Chapter congratulates Daniel on this achievement and look forward to working together in the year ahead.

"Why don't civil engineers ever get lost? They always know their bearings. ([200+ Engineer Jokes to Spark Your Creativity and Laugh Out Loud - Punsify](#))

Upper Macungie Township Community Center, Allentown, PA

Jonathan Kiechel, P.E.



Rendering of UMT Community Center ([Upper Macungie Township Community Lifestyle Center | Upper Macungie, PA](#)).

On a recent chilly October 23, 2025, late afternoon, a little over half a dozen members and guests of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers (LVPSPE) toured the new Upper Macungie Township (UMT) Community Center (Still under construction) which is located in the heart of UMT expansive 165-acre Grange Park at 360 Grange Road, Allentown, Pennsylvania.



Entrance to UMT Community Center.

Our tour was led by Natalie Seifert, Project Engineer with Alvin H. Butz, Inc. We began inside the project trailer with a fly-through video of the future UMT Community Center, accompanied by architectural renderings that provided an impressive preview of the finished facility. Once complete, the center will open to the public as a

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Hub for recreation, wellness, community gatherings, and events serving residents of Upper Macungie Township and beyond.

The facility will total approximately 188,000 square feet and feature a massive 130,000-square-foot indoor turf field, the size of a regulation soccer fields. In addition to the turf field, the building will include multi-purpose courts, fitness and wellness areas, meeting rooms, a concession area, and numerous flexible-use spaces designed to support a wide range of programs and activities.



Area of proposed location of two of three basketball courts (west side of facility).



Lobby area of UMT Community Center.



Area of proposed location of one of three basketball courts (southeast corner of facility).



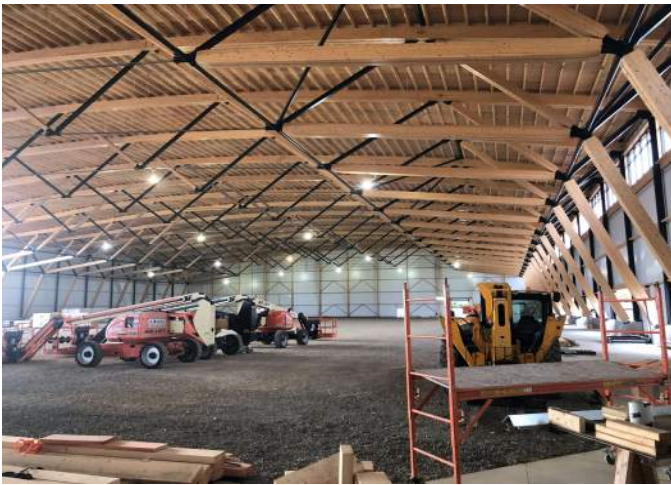
Proposed concession area.

This is not just any community facility, it is a remarkable feat of engineering. The structure features a heavy timber truss and steel system spanning approximately 281 feet, making it one of the longest timber clear-span structures in North America. Even more fascinating, the massive timber components were sourced and fabricated in Austria before being shipped to the United States for assembly.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is not path and leave a trail. " -Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday." – George Carlin

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Heavy timber steel truss system within the main portion of the facility (turf field area).



Heavy timber steel connection system.



Timber system at main entrance to UMT Community Center.

Construction of the Community Center is expected to be completed in late spring 2026, with an opening anticipated in summer 2026. This facility represents far more than a new building, it is a significant investment in the community, a testament to innovative engineering and design, and a space built to support inclusive programming throughout the Lehigh Valley. For the LVPSPE Chapter, it serves as a tangible reminder of how our profession shapes the communities in which we live and work.

For those who were unable to attend this tour, LVPSPE is planning a follow-up tour in spring 2026 when the facility is nearing completion. This second visit will offer an even greater appreciation of the engineering and construction progress from the construction phase through to the finished product.



Heavy timber steel connection system.



LVPSPE Members and Guest within the proposed turf field area of the Community Center

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

A great way to be involved in the LVPSPE Chapter is to contribute to the **LVPSPE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. Please Contact the Valley Engineer Editor to sponsor scholarships for the remainder of the calendar year.

If you would like to contribute any amount –please send your TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation to PA ENGINEERING FUND. Donations should be mailed to:

**PA Engineering Foundation LVPSPE
P.O. Box 195
Northampton, PA 18067**

Please note "LVPSPE Scholarship Fund" on the comment line.

Or, you may also contribute via the LVPSPE website <http://lvpspe.org/Donations/>.

Scholarship application is at <http://lvpspe.org/awards-scholarships>. Any questions regarding scholarships can be directed to

Jeff Kutz, E.I.T.
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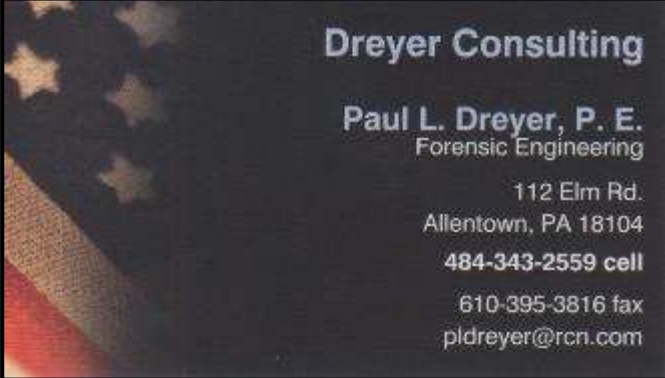
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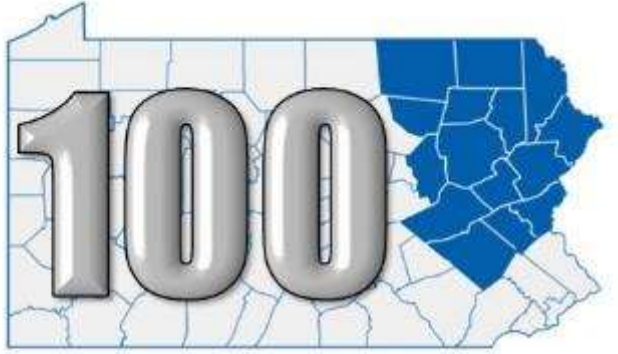
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VP Northeast

Alex Dezubay, PE
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Board of Direction Meetings

The monthly Board of Direction meetings are 6:00 PM on the second (2nd) Monday of each month. Open to all members.

2025 – 2026 Chapter Officers

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Agenda for the September 8, 2025, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm at ZAP Engineering & Construction or virtual via zoom

Attendees: Mike Basta, Alexa Lehman, Jeff Kutz, Cody Callahan, Ray Szczucki, Jonathan Kiechel, Angelika Forndran, Mary Rooney, Shane Chalupa, Robert Peruzzi, Cody McCuean, Kevin Frederick (LCCD)

Call to Order:

Welcome Officers and Others

- President – Jonathan Kiechel, P.E.
- Vice President – Shane Chalupa, P.E. – Vote passed for Shane to become Vice President as all were in favor.
- Treasurer – Ray Szczucki
- Secretary – Cody Callahan, P.E.
- Past President – Alexa Lehmann, E.I.T.
- Others
 - Horst Lehmann, P.E.
 - Cody McCuean, PLS, E.I.T.

Programs:

- LCCD – Nominating Organization for LCCD Board - Kevin Frederick, MBA/District Manager
 - Nominating organizations formally nominate individuals for positions on the LCCD Board of Directors.
 - Being a nominating organization does not require us to submit nominations. LCCD or interested individuals may approach us to request a nomination.
 - LCCD encourages nominating organizations to submit candidates who support their mission and vision.
 - LCCD reached out to LVPSPE to represent the engineering side of the community, as NPDES permits are primarily handled by engineering firms.
 - To become a nominating organization, we must submit paperwork to LCCD. Their board will vote on the application, and if approved, it will be reviewed by the state.
 - Organizations must have at least 30% of their members residing in Lehigh County, though there may be some flexibility with this requirement.
 - One Director position on the LCCD Board will be available in the upcoming term, with the possibility of additional openings in the near future.

- In addition to the NPDES permitting program, LCCD operates a mosquito and tick program, identifying breeding sites and trapping adult insects to test for various diseases.
 - LVPSPE becoming a nominating organization will not create a conflict of interest if a member works for a civil engineering firm that submits NPDES permits to LCCD.
 - Anyone interested is welcome to observe an LCCD board meeting, typically held on the second Thursday of each month (meetings are canceled if there are no action items).
 - LCCD encourages new board members to join one of their committees. Most committees meet four times per year.
- Activities – TBD
 - September – PSPE 2025 Conference Here in Allentown. **Registration closes this Wednesday 9/10/2025.**
 - October – UMT Recreation Center – Recently reached out to the Township Manager, Bob Ibach. When ready let him know. Would likely need to sign a waiver to conduct a tour of the on-going construction of the facility. Will try to schedule the tour for October 23, 2025.
 - November - ?
 - December – Holiday Dinner, Location, and Place TBD.
 - January 2026 - ?
 - February 2026 - Mathcounts. Engineer’s Week banquet on 2/7/2026.
 - March 2026 - ?
 - April 2026 - ?
 - May 2026 – Scholarship Awards Dinner Meeting. If desired, we can also schedule a tour. Discussed trying to coordinate a joint dinner with ASCE.
 - Shane will send out a survey of various events we could possibly attend. Based on the survey data, he’ll work on scheduling events for the months we don’t currently have activities scheduled.
 - Professional Development Hours:
 - Alexa is going to send out PDHs for events from last year.
 - Send ideas for presentations/events that could qualify as PDH’s to Jonathan.
 - Newsletter – Jonathan Kiechel, P.E.
 - Bi-monthly:
 - September-October
 - November-December
 - January-February
 - March-April
 - May
 - Content – Generally consists of president’s message and monthly tours.
 - If you have an article that you would like to include in the newsletter, please forward it to Jonathan so he can include it with future newsletters.

Mathcounts:

- Mathcounts coordination – Alexa, Shane, Cody, and Jon K. met with Kevin Campbell, P.E. on August 13, 2025, at Barry Isett’s Lehigh Valley Office to coordinate shift from Barry Isett-led to LV PSPE-led event.
- We are looking at narrowing down the locations and date.

- Preferred date is February 21st with February 22nd snow day, secondary date is February 28th with March 1st snow day. Alexa will let us know when the date is finalized.
 - February 28th would require approval from Mathcounts due to snow day being March 1st.
- Volunteer coordination – If you know of anyone who may be interested let me know so they be included in the email chain for future Mathcount events.
- Cody will review Tracy’s responsibilities and discuss with Shane/Jonathan how those responsibilities will be divided.
- The goal is to have at least 1 shadow at each major volunteer position. Cody will provide a list of the major volunteer positions at the next meeting.
- Jeff looked into having a local robotics club compete in a design challenge for the year to produce a trophy that can be 3D printed, and it could also act as a fundraiser for them.

Lehigh Valley EOY/YEOY & Scholarships

- **Fundraising – Frank Walsh, P.E., Cody Callahan, P.E. agreed to help out.**
 - 2025 received to date: Frank received one late contribution from TRC Worldwide in December for \$500.
 - Social Media – LinkedIn
- Scholarships – Deferred to January 2025
- Send any nominees for EOY/YEOY to Mary. Deadline for applications is December 12th, 2025.

Treasurer

- **Treasurer Report – Ray Szczucki, P.E.**
- **Balance as of August 31, 2025**
 - Checking: \$ 1,994.60
 - Savings: \$ 6,672.58

State Director

- State Director Report – Mike Basta, P.E. –
 - Dan Cook is moving to PSPE President and Al Dezubary will be the PSPE Finance Committee Chair.
 - Dave William, we need a PSPE Strategic work plan for 2025/2026.
 - PSPE and Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District are developing Symposium.
 - Jenn reached out to the PACD executive director to team up on future activities. Funding and fees have to be worked out.
 - NCEES GRANT - PSPE was approved to submit a formal application for Grant Funds with NCEES. The intent is to run the same FE Exam Reimbursement Program.
 - Legislative Update Statute - Statute of Repose PA has a Statue of Repose law that applies to Contractors and Engineer 12 years, which limits the liability in perpetuity. In the last month, a case arose that is in front the State Supreme court. The case is a 43 yea old design that is being filed against and are contending Statue of Response does not provide protection for Contractors or Designers. Specifically, thee Statue of Repose does not apply to projects with governmental entities. John Warner is follow the case.
 - Jen Summers opened a discussion by the Board Members in attendance on how PSPE can change its approach to engage potential members. In essence what do young engineers or future engineers want.

- Motion be accept both Wanner Contracts by Alex Dezubay and seconded by Len Bradley. Unanimously approved

Past President

- Past President Report – Alexa Rooney Lehmann, E.I.T.

Old Business/New Business

- Social media Jeff Kutz, E.I.T.
- Website
 - Jeff will send out contact information for Emily who agreed to help manage the LVPSPE website. You can send her any information that you would like to include on the website.
 - Our domain expires on 9/11/25. Go Daddy expires around this time as well. We need to look into renewing. Ray can coordinate with Emily to renew both the domain and GoDaddy.
- Board of Directors meetings for the 2025-2026 year:
 - September 2025 through May 2026.
 - Second Monday of each month, unless otherwise.
- New LVPSPE Banner –
 - Shane looked into 3 options for a new banner.
 - Frames with fabric, tubular frame with sleeve over top, retractable rollup. Retractable rollup is preferred for longevity.
 - We need to review the existing banner and decide what needs to be updated.
 - Jeff mentioned reviewing coming up with an image that will include the various engineering disciplines.
 - Angelika mentioned discussing with state members at the PSPE conference, what logo images should be included.

Adjournment on motion by Angelika, seconded by Alexa at 7:29.



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Minutes for October 13, 2025, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 pm at ZAP Engineering & Construction or virtual via zoom

Call to Order:

President Jonathan Kiechel called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

MOTION: To start the meeting.

Moved by: Mike Basta | Seconded by: Shane Chalupa | Vote: Passed unanimously

Attendance

Present:

- Jonathan Kiechel, President
Mike Basta, State Director
Shane Chalupa, Vice President
Cody Callahan, Secretary
Ray Szczuki, Treasurer
Jeff Kutz
Alexa Lehmann
Mary Rooney
Angelika Forndran
Frank Walsh
Robert Peruzzi

Guests:

- Michael Waldron, Acela Architects and Engineers (prospective member)

Note: Jeff Kutz and Ray Szczuki participated together from a conference room, logged in under Jeff Kutz's account.

Motions Summary:

1. Motion to Become LCCD Nominating Organization

- Moved by Mike Basta. Vote passed with one person not in favor.

Guest Introduction

President Kiechel welcomed Michael Waldron from Acela Architects and Engineers. Mike expressed interest in contributing to and becoming involved with the chapter. The board welcomed him to the meeting.

Welcome New PSPE President

President Kiechel welcomed Daniel Cook, P.E., (Not in attendance) as a Chapter as our New PSPE State President.

Reports:

Programs

Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) Nominating Organization Role

- The board continued discussion from the September 8th meeting regarding LVPSPE serving as a nominating organization for the LCCD board.
- Key points clarified: The role involves reviewing candidates submitted to LCCD, not actively recruiting board members. A percentage of organization members must reside in Lehigh County.
- LCCD seeks engineering representation as NPDES permits have become a significant part of their work, and previous nominating organizations were primarily agriculture focused.
- Discussion included potential benefits: community engagement, exposure to engineers not currently involved with LVPSPE, and supporting environmental work in the region.
- Concerns raised: Possible future requests for additional volunteer support beyond the stated review role.

MOTION: To act on becoming a nominating organization for the Lehigh County Conservation District board. Moved by Mike Basta. Vote passed *with one person not in favor*.

Activities Report:

Holiday Dinner Planning

- Shane Chalupa reported on planning for the annual holiday dinner.
- Target date: Thursday, December 11, 2025, to avoid conflicts with holiday scheduling.
- Preferred venue: Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar (Kingfish). Shane will coordinate with Alexa Lehmann Rooney or Jonathan Kiechel to obtain contact information.
- Alternative venues if Kingfish unavailable: Morgan's, Madeline Restaurant.
- Requirements: Central Lehigh Valley location, separate room, cash bar availability.
- Discussion of joint event with ASCE: Open to a joint event this year. Last year we decided to maintain a separate event due to cost concerns (ASCE venue exceeded \$75-100 per person).
- Jeff Kutz noted venues are booking quickly this year, with many facilities already at capacity for December.

Newsletter Editor Term Limits

- Jonathan Kiechel proposed establishing a two-year term limit for the newsletter editor position rather than having one individual serve indefinitely.
- Discussion: Suggestion to assign newsletter duties to the Vice President position automatically, making it a two-year commitment aligned with the VP term.
- **Board Agreement (Informal):** To implement newsletter editor role as VP responsibility starting the completion of a 2-year term from Jonathan.

Treasurer's Report – Ray Szczucki, P.E.:

Ray Szczucki provided the treasurer update:

- Balance as of September 30, 2025
 - Checking: \$ 1,104.27
 - Savings: \$ 7,7172.64

- PayPal is now linked to the website so that we can receive payments going forward for items like PDF certificates.

State Director Report – Mike Basta, P.E., N-NSPE:

Mike Basta presented highlights from the September 20th PSPE state board meeting:

- May 31 Board Meeting minutes approved on September 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- President Dave Williams provided update on NER operations.
- Nicole Wilison is the new Pennsylvania Representative to the NSPE House of Delegates.
- Joe Boward mentioned a few states (Nevada, Utah, Florida) who have bills within their legislature Intended to change licensure from a registration board to a safety board by bureaucrat appointees, not engineers.
- Dave McCullough is going to be the professional development representative to NSPE HOD.
- Dave Williams said that the Executive Committee is still considering the Strategic plan.
- Julie Mowatt Pennsylvania FE Exam Program tackles Licensed engineer shortage.
- Pa senate Bill 399 reduces the 12-year timeframe to 6 years and defines “Lawfully”.
- Responding Statue of Repose. PSPE supports the Sente Bill 399
- Warner contracts were renewed

Old Business:

- Jeff will resume social media posts
- Website
 - Jeff will send out contact information for Emily who agreed to help manage the LVPSPE website. You can send her any information that you would like to include on the website.
 - Our domain expires on 9/11/25. GoDaddy expires around this time as well. Emily is looking into renewing the domain and GoDaddy accounts
 - Consider adding meeting dates, agendas, and minutes online
- Board of Directors meetings for the 2025-2026 year:
 - September 2025 through May 2026.
 - Second Monday of each month, unless otherwise.
 - Next meeting Monday, November 10th

New Business:

Virtual Consultant's Network

- Robert Peruzzi announced formation of a virtual consultant's network through
- Current membership: 10-20 consultants and small business owners.
- First event scheduled: November 11th presentation by Bradford Tax Institute on tax deductions, combining business trips with vacation, and consulting best practices.
- Peruzzi requested permission to share the invitation with LVPSPE membership.
- Board approved sharing the invitation. Frank Walsh suggested Peruzzi could advertise in his scholarship fund ad space.
- Future vision: Potentially expand to NSPE consultant's network with local chapters and virtual meeting capability.

Math Counts Program:

Alexa Lehmann Rooney (Alexa) provided extensive Math Counts update:

Administrative Transition

- All access credentials transferred from Kevin Campbell to Alexa .
- Coordination underway with Tracy Torres (Tracy) regarding file folders and documentation.

Immediate Tasks

- Insurance forms and facility use agreements must be sent to participating schools.
- Tracy provided Google shared list with to-do items for the program.

Competition Schedule

- Date set for Saturday February 28th at Lower Macungie Middle School. Setup on Friday @ 4 PM. Setup usually takes 1-1.5 hours depending on number of volunteers. Snow Date set for Sunday March 1st.
- If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please have them email Alexa or Cody.

Volunteer Organization

- Cody Callahan working with Kevin Campbell, Chris Williams, and Tracy to develop volunteer position descriptions.
- List of major volunteer positions and descriptions to be presented at November meeting for board review and assignment.
- Goal: Existing volunteers continue in current roles for this year while LVPSPE or other organization members shadow positions for continuity.
- Consideration of assigning specific volunteer positions to board member roles.
- Alexa meeting with Society of Women Engineers (SWE) group to discuss volunteer support (they committed to helping last year).
- Mary Rooney will distribute volunteer needs to Lehigh Valley Engineering Council members once finalized.

Math Counts Awards

- Jeff Kutz coordinating with robotics team for award design challenge. Will present concept to board for approval before proceeding.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Mike Basta | **Seconded by:** Alexa Lehmann | **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Action Items and Responsibilities:

Immediate Actions

- Shane Chalupa: Contact Kingfish to secure December 10th or 11th for holiday dinner. Explore alternative venues if unavailable. Deadline: Within 2 weeks.
- Jonathan Kiechel or Alexa : Provide Shane with Kingfish contact information. Deadline: Within 1 week.
- Alexa /Cody Callahan: Send insurance forms and facility agreements to participating schools. Deadline: End of October.
- Alexa: Meet with SWE group to discuss volunteer support. Deadline: Within 2 weeks.

November Meeting Agenda Items

- Cody Callahan: Present complete list of Math Counts volunteer positions with descriptions for board review and assignment.
- Jeff Kutz: Provide update on robotics team award design challenge concept.
- Board: Finalize Math Counts volunteer position assignments and shadowing arrangements.