

Conklin Pool → Melrose Pool Replacement

Timeline created using publicly available Board of Commissioners records. An additional right to know request was submitted on 7/17/26 remains unanswered.

Jan 2025 – June 2026 Board record

Conklin appears operational

Board minutes show pool concessions, openings, QR entry, and Conklin-only lap swim. No Board-level replacement discussion is shown in the reviewed records.

Development discussed separately

Board minutes discuss Melrose as redevelopment: land development, traffic, environmental issues, sewer, tax revenue, and deeded amenity parcel. The amenity is not identified as Conklin replacement in Board minutes.

Jul. 15, 2026

Board agenda action

Board agenda lists the Ground Lease with Melrose Pool, LLC as a one-line approval item. Provided packet does not show lease exhibits or Conklin impact explanation.

Core point: In the reviewed Board record, Conklin is an active pool and Melrose is a development project. The explicit replacement message appears in an outside-board press release, while the Ground Lease appears later as a Board agenda item.

● Conklin operations

● Transparency concern

● Melrose development

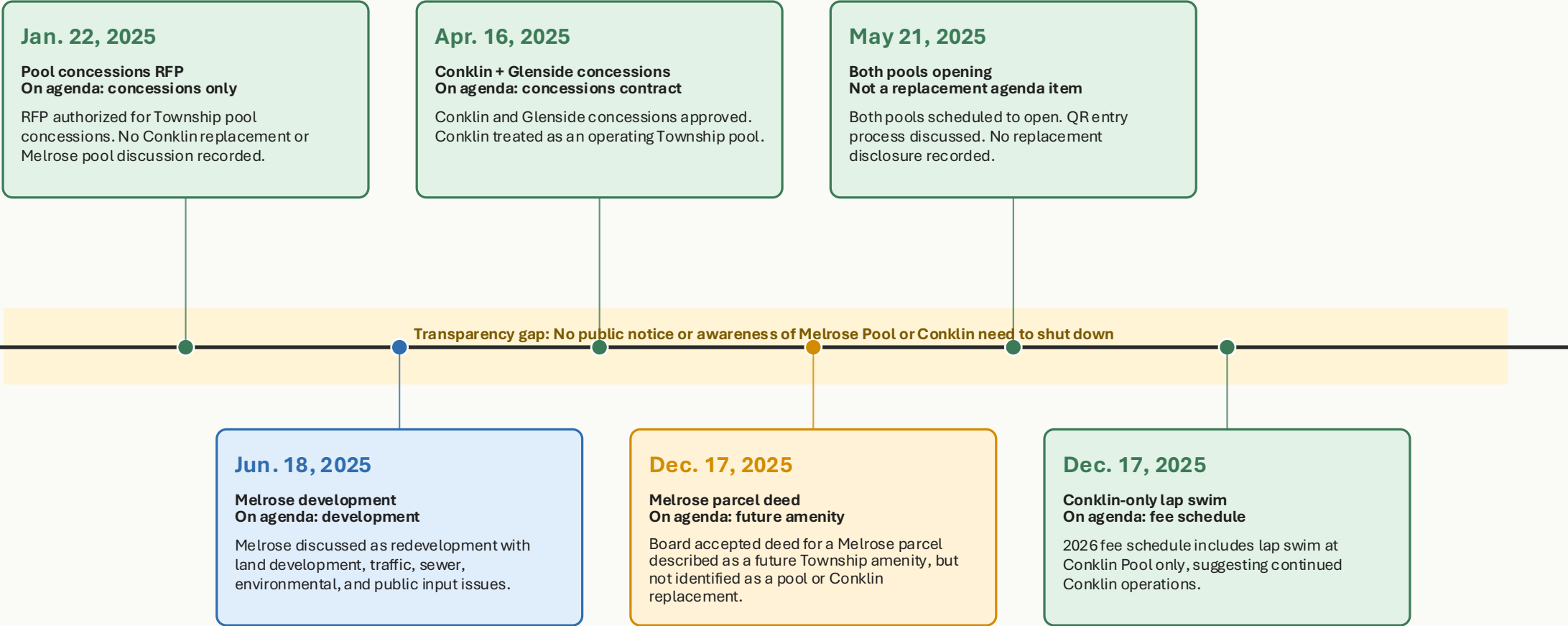
● Press release

● Ambiguous amenity

● Board vote item

Board of Commissioners Timeline: 2025 Public Record

Shows routine Conklin operations and separate Melrose development discussion; no Board-level replacement deal identified



We ask-- When and where were the lease terms, replacement decision, costs, pool size/capacity, and Conklin transition plan publicly discussed by the Board?

- Conklin operations

● Melrose development

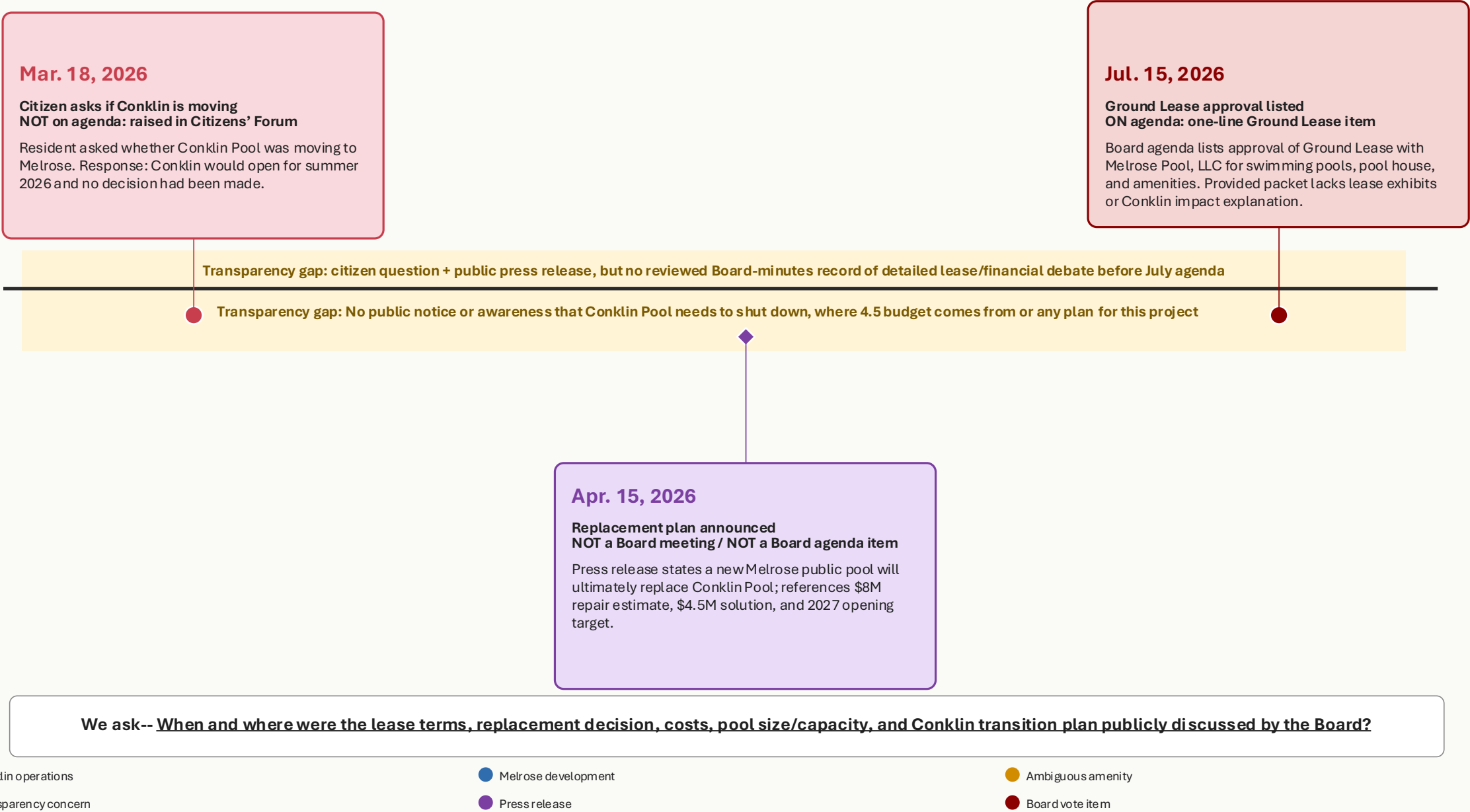
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● Board vote item
- Transparency concern

● Press release

Board of Commissioners Timeline: 2026 Disclosure Path

Shows citizen question, outside-board press release, and later one-line Ground Lease agenda item



What questions remain unanswered?

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- ? When did the Board first decide that Conklin Pool would be replaced?
- ? Where was that decision publicly **discussed** before the Ground Lease vote?
- ? When did Commissioners become aware of the replacement plan?
- ? **What alternatives were considered?**
- ? What data was used to consider alternate proposals?
- ? Were the lease terms publicly reviewed before approval?
- ? **What are the financial obligations and risks to Township taxpayers?**
- ? How does the proposed Melrose pool compare to Conklin in:
 - Pool size
 - Green space; *Conklin is on 6.8 acres, the leased land is on 2.5 acres
 - Capacity
 - Programming
 - Accessibility
 - Parking
- ? What is the timeline for:
 - Construction
 - Conklin closure
 - Transition of operations
 - Conklin land use decision
- ? What public engagement occurred before execution of the lease?
- ? Has the Board committed to no private development on the Conklin 6.8 acres pool site?

How residents can get involved now since Commissioners unanimously approved this deal on July 15th?

Request public records and supporting documents.

Contact your Commissioner and request clarification regarding:

- Lease terms
- Legality of Ground Lease contract without competitive public bidding
- Financial impacts and plan to pay for the project
- Environmental concerns pertaining to the Melrose Country Club site
- Pool capacity and size comparisons
- How membership will work: will residents of the new development have access to the pool? Can the smaller facility accommodate current township residents in addition to development/HOA residents?
- Decision-making timeline
- Public transparency and notification process

Attend Board of Commissioners meetings.

- Keep calling and remain diligent in your attention to this matter.

Contact Your Commissioner

Use your ward or neighborhood to find the right commissioner to call or email.

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