

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

2024

State of Parks & Recreation



2024 Recreation Advisory Committee

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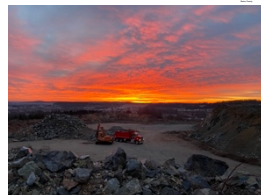
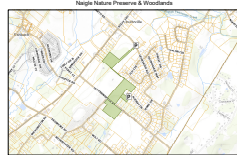
Joan London, Township Solicitor
John Weber, Township Engineer
Tricia McCloskey, PARRC Regional Planner



Our Mission

We focus on preserving our natural resources and providing parks, trails, and recreation activities for residents to enjoy the outdoors, connect with others, make memories, and improve health. We...

- ▲ Renew, invest and provide stewardship of our parks.
- ▲ Ensure recreation for all.
- ▲ Promote Health and Wellness.
- ▲ Build community relationships
- ▲ Stay aware of ways to make our parks better.
- ▲ Enhance visitor experiences through well-maintained park facilities.



What We Do

The Washington Township Parks & Recreation provide benefits to community public health and economic development by managing approximately 100 acres of public access to our parks, nature preserve and open spaces. As a recipient of funds from the multiple foundations and state agencies in 2024, our park system will benefit immensely. These funds will allow for much-needed program upgrades, facility enhancements, and infrastructure projects to be completed.

2024 Highlights

- ▶ Submitted multiple grant applications to support 5 Park & Recreation projects, including Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement, Barto Community Park Master Plan, Washington Township Playground Replacement, Township-wide Radio System Upgrades and Township-wide Security Upgrades.
- ▶ Grant Funding: Parks & Recreation submitted grant applications totaling \$552,760 and secured grants totaling \$56,050. Total recreation grants received 2023 – 2024 \$86,050.
- ▶ Finalized the Washington Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Plan.
- ▶ Began working on accomplishing the recommendations and goals contained within the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Plan.
- ▶ Conducted 4 community events, including two Farmers Markets, Craft Fair and a Community Bonfire.
- ▶ Worked with the Township Manager to revise our biannual Township Newsletter and produced both a 2024 summer and winter Newsletters.
- ▶ Designed and received approval of a Parks & Recreation logo.
- ▶ Revised the Washington Township Parks and Recreation website, including the addition of general information, photographs and park maps.
- ▶ Coordinated and oversaw the start of a wetlands study at the Washington Township Park by Kutztown University students and faculty.
- ▶ Supported the Board of Supervisors in enacting a revised Parks & Recreation Regulations ordinance.
- ▶ Supported the Board of Supervisors in enacting a Parks & Recreation Board ordinance.
- ▶ Supported the Board of Supervisors in revising field rental agreements with 3 sport clubs that utilize our parks.
- ▶ Several improvements were made at the parks this year. Water well testing allowed for water to be available to residents at the Barto Community Park. Lighting upgrades were also completed at the Barto Community Park.
- ▶ Coordinated and assisted the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy with Spring Cleanup at 3 locations within the Township, including the West Branch Perkiomen Creek, Barto Community Park and Washington Township Park.
- ▶ Participated in the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee.
- ▶ Supported the Board of Supervisors in consolidating and renaming our two parks and nature preserve.

Moving Forward

2024 was a great year for Parks & Recreation in Washington Township. The Recreation Advisory Committee spent the majority of their time building the foundation for a better park system in the future. The Recreation Advisory Committee, along with the Board of Supervisor and Township Staff, are excited to see what is in store for 2025. Looking forward, in 2025 we envision more events for our residents, developing master plans for the Barto Community and Washington Township Parks, and moving forward with the Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project and Township-wide Radio Upgrades.