

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mark Bedle called the Washington Township Parks & Recreation Parks (PRB) Meeting to order at 6:04 PM, at the Washington Township Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

The following PRB members were present: Tara Christman, Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne, and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisor Romnie Long was present at the meeting. Absent: Fangyuan Ge.

TAPING OF MEETING

It was noted that no one was taping the meeting. The PRB Secretary is keeping a handwritten record of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Tara Christman to approve the draft meeting minutes for the June 10, 2025, PRB meeting.

Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman & Mark Bedle
Abstentions – None

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fee-in-lieu of open space. A discussion took place regarding the historical use of fee-in-lieu of open space. Discussion also took place in regard to what procedures the township may have followed in managing fee-in-lieu dollars. Mark Bedle provide the PRB with the total dollar amount collected by the township for fee-in-lieu of open space as well as a brief summary the major park & recreation projects that were funded with the fee-in-lieu dollars. The Reserve at Barto fee-in lieu of open space was discussed.

EVENT STATUS

2025 Events

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- Farmers Market: Summer / Fall (Veggies) 2025 - It was discussed to potential cancel the August farmers market due to lack of vegetables.
- Fall Festival: October 11, 2025, 1PM to 8PM. Mark Bedle let the PRB members know that the fall festival vendors & activities were approved by the BOS during their June meeting. Discussions took place regarding the current vendors and activities to be held at the festival. Time was spent reviewing the locations for the activities at the park. It was agreed upon that at the next PRB meeting the members would walk the park grounds to confirm the appropriate locations for the various vendors and activities at the fall festival.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- Reserve at Barto – Discussed under new business.

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- 2025 Budget Status – Not Discussed
- Current Grant Status – Mark Bedle gave a brief overview of the current grant status and recently awarded grants.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – Mark Bedle stated that he is waiting on Berk PC to schedule the meeting with the stakeholders and would follow-up with Berks County on the status.
- BCP - Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – No action
- BCP - Kiosk at Barto Community Park – Mark Bedle indicated that the funds for this project were approved at the June BOS meeting.
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – Mark Bedle indicated that the BOS agreed to decrease the SOW for this project to bring the cost in line with the grant funds received.
- BCP – Park Equipment Purchase - Mark Bedle indicated that the BOS approved the purchase of this equipment at the June BOS meeting.
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – Currently permitting for the project.
- WTP - Wetlands Study – On Hold until fall 2025
- BCP & WTP - Field Rental Agreements – Mark Bedle stated all agreements have been signed.
- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No action

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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- Draft May 2025 Parks & Recreation Board Report – No comments

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Correction: Supervisor Romnie Long noted that the correct date for this meeting is August 7, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Dwayne Henne to adjourn the July 8, 2025, PRB meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary