

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mark Bedle called the Washington Township Parks & Recreation Parks (PRB) Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, at the Washington Township Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

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

TAPING OF MEETING

The PRB Secretary is keeping a handwritten record of the meeting. Resident Bill Piersol, 481 Weinsteiger Road, Bechtelsville, PA, 19505 was also noted as recording the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Mark Bedle to approve the draft meeting minutes for the July 8, 2025, PRB meeting.

Ayes – Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman & Mark Bedle
Abstentions – Fangyuan Ge

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

Park Rules & Regulation Signs – It was pointed out that the parks are open from dawn to dusk (not dusk to dawn). Signs will be revised prior to presenting to the BOS for approval.

EVENT STATUS

2025 Events

- Farmers Market: Summer / Fall (Veggies) 2025 - It was discussed whether or not to hold the September farmers market due to lack of

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vegetables. It was agreed to make the discussion closer to the event date. Mark Bedle to send flyer to Lisa to make copies for Dwayne.

- Fall Festival: October 11, 2025, 1PM to 8PM. Mark Bedle let the PRB members know that the fall festival vendors & activities costs were approved by the BOS during their July meeting. Discussions took place regarding the current vendors and activities to be held at the festival. Time was also spent walking the park to review the locations for the activities at the park.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- 1606 Main Street – Brief discussion on last PC meeting and our recommendations for open space and rec facilities. Noted that the basin maybe reconfigured to remove it from open space.
- Reserve at Barto – It was agreed upon that the 55K should considered fee-in-lieu of open space. A recommendation was made by Tara Christman to update the SALDO ordinance to bring the fee-in-lieu requirements in compliance with the PA MPC. Mark Bedle stated that he will prepare a draft recommendation letter for the BOS.

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. It was agreed upon by all members that the PRB should recommend to the BOS to pursue an LSA-statewide grant to replace the Barto Trail. Mark Bedle stated that he will discuss that with the BOS at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – No action
- BCP - Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – No action
- BCP - Kiosk at Barto Community Park – No action
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – Mark Bedle will get in touch with HOAs to give update on trail project.
- BCP – Park Equipment Purchase - No action
- BCP – Park Master Plan – Mark Bedle will ask the BOS to provide feedback on the review process for the bids.
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – No action
- WTP - Wetlands Study – Will notify the BOS at next meeting.
- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No action

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BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Mark Bedle to adjourn the August 12, 2025, PRB meeting at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary