

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 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 Romnie Long was present at the meeting. Absent: Dave Laxx

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 Tara Christman and seconded by Dwayne Henne to approve the draft meeting minutes for the August 12, 2025, PRB meeting.

Ayes – Fangyuan Ge, Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman & Mark Bedle
Abstentions – None

Based on members in attendance, a quorum was not present to approve the September 9, 2025, PRB Draft Meeting Minutes.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

While not on the agenda, it was agreed upon to ask the Board of Supervisors to move the 2026 PRB's meeting time to 7:00 pm.

EVENT STATUS

2025 Events

- Fall Festival: A brief discussion took place regarding potential changes to future fall festivals. Tara Christman mentioned that the band is not

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necessary and smaller pumpkins could be used for the kid crafts. Tara Christman also suggested not having the corn hole tournament.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- None

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- 2025 Budget Status – Not discussed.
- 2026 Draft Budget Status – It was discussed removing the grant funds from the 2026 draft budget. Mark Bedle stated that he would discuss this with the township treasurer and report back.
- Current Grant Status – The current grant status was provided to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – Mark Bedle provided a brief overview of a regional trails meeting conducted on October 6, 2025, by the Berks County Planning Commission.
- BCP - Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – It was agreed by the members to table till November's meeting.
- BCP - Kiosk at Barto Community Park – No action
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – No action
- BCP – Park Equipment Purchase - Mark Bedle stated that the equipment was purchased and installed in the park.
- BCP – Park Master Plan – Discussion took place regarding multiple proposals. Mark Bedle gave a brief overview of all four bids received. Tara Christman raised concerns about not having enough information to make a BOS recommendation. Dwayne Henne made a motion to recommend CVE to the BOS. A second was not recorded and the motion died. It was agreed upon that Mark Bedle would contact YSM and request a cost to do both master plans. It was also agreed upon that Mark Bedle revise the PRB monthly report to include a request to revise the draft budget to remove the line item associated with the tree removals at the Naigle Nature Preserve and increase the master plans' budget by \$22,000.
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – No action
- WTP - Wetlands Study – Mark Bedle indicated that the student were working on the study and that he meet with them on October 8, 2025.
- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No action

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BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft October 2025 Parks & Recreation Board Report – Mark Bedle will revise per comments above and resend to the member. Tara Christman will present the report to the BOS at their next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm. and the next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dwyane Henne and seconded by Mark Bedle to adjourn the October 14, 2025, PRB meeting at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary