

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 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 (via zoom), Dave Laxx and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisors Romnie Long, Thomas Powanda and David Moyer were present at the meeting. One resident was present at the meeting. Absent: Fangyuan Ge

TAPING OF MEETING

It was noted that Tara Christman (2216 Old Route 100, Barto, PA 19504) 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 Dave Laxx to approve the draft meeting minutes for the September 9, 2025, PRB meeting.

Ayes – Dave Laxx, Tara Christman & Mark Bedle

Nays - None

Abstentions – Dwayne Henne

A motion was made by Mark Bedle and seconded by Tara Christman to approve the draft meeting minutes for the October 14, 2025, PRB meeting.

Ayes – Dwayne Henne, Tara Christman & Mark Bedle

Nays - None

Abstentions – Dave Laxx

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Spring 2026 Grant Projects – Mark Bedle stated that he would like everyone to think about potential grant project for the 2026 Spring

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Grants and plan to discuss these projects at the December 2025 PRB meeting.

- Grant & Project Document Access – Tara Christman stated that all members of the board should have access to documents associated with the board. Mark Bedle stated that he will provide a link to all PRB members for access to a Parks & Recreation OneDrive.
- Review Parks & Recreation Board Ordinance – Tara Christman stated that she feels a conflict of interest exists with Mark Bedle being paid to represent the township on the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee and also serving as a voting member on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mark Bedle stated that he will discuss this issue with Susan Brown and the Township solicitor to get feedback on the potential conflict of interest.

EVENT STATUS

- 2026 Event Planning & Schedule – Mark Bedle stated that he would like everyone to think about potential 2026 events and plan to discuss these events at the December 2025 PRB meeting.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- 1606 Main Street Recreation Revised Plan Review – Mark Bedle stated that developer has presented to the Planning Commission (PC) a revised recreation plan including a dog park, small walking trail, a gazebo, and sidewalk to connect the development to the Bally Borough. The developer also presented to the PC a cost comparison between the planned facilities and the required facilities. Mr. Bedle also stated that the Township engineer is going to pull together a cost estimate for comparison. It was decided to table further discussion on the development until the PRB could review the engineer's estimate.

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- 2025 Budget Status – Not discussed.
- 2026 Draft Budget Status – It was previously discussed removing the grant dollars from the recreation budget. Mark Bedle stated that he discussed this with the Township treasurer and our accounting firm noted that either way is acceptable.
- Current Grant Status – The current grant status was provided to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

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- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – Tara Christman mentioned that Berks Nature is holding a regional trail meeting on 11/25/25.
- Edison Walk Trail Easement - Tabled
- Padre Pio Trail Easement – Mark Bedle stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Padre Pio on November 12, 2025, at 12:30PM to discuss the idea of a trail easement on their property and their initial concerns was vandalism and trash. Discussion took place regarding ways to combat vandalism and trash, including surveillance camera, lighting and multiple trash receptacles.
- SALDO Revisions - Tabled
- BCP – Barto Trail Replacement - Tabled
- BCP - Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement - Tabled
- BCP - Kiosk Replacement Project – Will occur in 2026
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project- Will occur in 2026
- BCP – Master Plan Project – Discussion took place regarding the funding for this project. Tara Christman raised concerns regarding use of matching funds from multiple grants. It was explained to the board that using one grant to satisfy matching fund requirements of another grant is appropriate and typical. Mark Bedle stated that all bidders would more that capable to complete the project and with Chester Valley Engineer (CVE) having the lowest bid, it would afford us an opportunity to increase their scope of work to develop a better master plan for the park. Mark Bedle made a motion to recommend CVE to the Board of Supervisors to complete BCP master plan project. Dave Laxx seconded the motion. Ayes: Mark Bedle, Dave Laxx and Dwayne Henne. Nays: Tara Christman. Mark Bedle also stated that he would reach out to CVE to discuss a revised scope of work and would present that revised proposal to the PRB at December's meeting.
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project - Tabled
- WTP - Wetlands Study - Tabled
- WTP – Master Plan Project - Tabled
- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements - Tabled

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft 2026 Parks & Recreation Annual Report – Mark Bedle stated that he would like to receive feedback from the board members by Friday November 14, 2025, in order to get the report included in our winter newsletter.
- Draft November 20, 2025, Parks & Recreation Board Report – No comments

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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, December 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Dwayne Henne to adjourn the November 11, 2025, PRB meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary