

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

2025

State of Parks & Recreation



2025 Parks & Recreation Board

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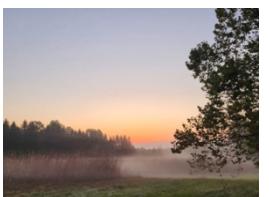
Joan London, Township Solicitor
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Our Mission

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 2025, our park system will benefit immensely. These funds will allow for much-needed program upgrades, facility enhancements, and infrastructure projects to be completed.

2025 Highlights

- Submitted multiple grant applications to support 5 Park & Recreation projects, including equipment replacement at Barto Community Park, a park and township surveillance system, restoration of the war memorial, resurfacing of the Meadowbrook connector trail and resurfacing of the Barto Trail at the Barto Community Park.
- Grant Funding: Parks & Recreation submitted grant applications totaling \$253,233 and secured grants totaling \$180,907. Total recreation grant funding received 2023 – 2025 was \$256,907.
- Prepared Request for Bid documents for the Barto Community Park Master Plan and selected a consultant for project. Commenced work on the Barto Community Park Master Plan.
- Continued working on accomplishing the recommendations and goals contained within the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Plan.
- Conducted 5 community events, including an Easter Egg Hunt, two Craft Fairs, a Farmers Market and Fall Festival.
- Worked with the Township Manager to prepare our biannual Township Newsletter and produced both 2025 summer and winter Newsletters.
- Continued to revise the Washington Township Parks and Recreation website, including the addition of general information, and photographs.
- Continue to Coordinate and oversee the wetlands study at the Washington Township Park by Kutztown University students and faculty.
- Began work on possible development of a rail-to-trail along the former path of the Colebrookdale Railroad.
- Provided recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding multiple residential developments in the township.
- Supported the Board of Supervisors in renewing a field rental agreement with a sport club that uses our parks.
- Several improvements were made at the parks this year. Some new trash cans, bleachers and dog waster stations have been installed at the Barto Community Park. Revised Park Rules & Regulations signs have been installed at the parks.
- 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.

Moving Forward

2025 was a great year for Parks & Recreation in Washington Township. The Parks & Recreation Board spent the majority of their time continuing to build the foundation for a better park system in the future and holding events in our parks. The Parks & Recreation Board, along with the Board of Supervisors and Township Staff, are excited to see what is in store for 2026. Looking forward, in 2026 we envision more events for our residents, finalizing master plans for the Barto Community and Washington Township Parks, and putting the shovel in the ground on the Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project.