

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

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 Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

The following PRB members were present: Tara Christman, Dwayne Henne, Dave Laxx, Fangyuan Ge and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisor Romnie Long was present at the meeting. Three residents were present at the meeting. Absent Members: None

TAPING OF MEETING

It was noted that the PRB Secretary is keeping a handwritten record of the meeting. Tara Christman, 2216 Old Route 100, Barto, PA 19504, was also noted taping the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Dwyane Henne to approve the draft meeting minutes for the January 13, 2025, PRB meeting.

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

Nays - None

Abstentions – None

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EVENT STATUS

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- 2026 Event Planning & Schedule – The Easter egg hunt and doggie egg hunt were discussed and will occur on March 28, 2026, between 11am and 12pm. Mark Bedle presented a budget of \$250 for the event and all members were in agreement. Mark Bedle will present the budget to the BOS at their next meeting and request approval.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

- Reserve at Barto Plan Review – Discussions took place on where the proposed trail would be located on the property. Tara Christman offered to look further into a possible deed restriction / conservation easement.

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- Special Committee – Budgets – Tara Christman is currently working on pulling together budget summaries and encounter difficulty in uploading files to the OneDrive for all members to review. Mark Bedle stated that he will look into the OneDrive and correct any problems.
- Current Grant Status – The current grant status spreadsheet was provided to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – No Action
- Edison Walk Trail Easement – No Action
- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Mark Bedle stated that the PC took an initial review of the PRB recommendation letter and requested that a copy of the ordinance with tracked changes be prepared to facilitate their review. Mark Bedle stated that he is in the process of preparing the revised ordinance for review by the PRB, prior to resubmittal to the PC. Tara Christman discussed possibly bringing in a third party to assist with revisions to the SALDO ordinance.
- BCP – Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – This development was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- BCP - Padre Pio Trail Easement – Mark Bedle stated that Padre Pio denied the Township a trail easement. Concerns raised by Padre Pio consisted of trash, vandalism, cost to maintain and interference with future land development plans.
- BCP – Kiosk Replacement Project – Mark Bedle stated that the materials have been purchase and are awaiting delivery to the scout.
- BCP – Barto Trail Replacement – Mark Bedle stated that the DCED notified the Township that \$16,701 would not be covered under the LSA grant (if awarded). Mark Bedle suggested that the Township apply for a PRCF grant

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to cover the shortfall. All members were in agreement to make a recommendation to the BOS to apply for a PRCF grant in the amount of \$16,701.

- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – No Action
- BCP – Master Plan Project – The dates for the kick-off meeting for this project were discussed. All members agreed that either the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Tuesday of the month would work and based on feedback from the consultant and the other study committee members, the first meeting would take place in April 2026.
- WTP – Playground Replacement Project – Mark Bedle stated that in order to apply for the DCNR C2P2 grant, the township would need to have a sketch plan for the playground. Mark Bedle presented a proposal from CVE to complete the sketch plan. Tara Christman raised concerns with not having PRB and public input on what equipment would be included in the sketch plan. Mark Bedle stated that the sketch plan is not a firm commitment on exactly what equipment will be installed in the playground. After discussion, it was agreed upon that Mark Bedle would request a proposal from CVE to prepare multiple sketch plans to present to the PRB at a later date.
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project - Mark Bedle gave a brief updated on the project to the PRB members.
- WTP - Wetlands Study – No Action
- WTP – Master Plan Project – No Action
- Current Social Pages’ Status and Advertisements – No Action

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft February 26, 2026, Parks & Recreation Board Report. All members agreed to submit the report as drafted.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 (this date was corrected during the meeting), at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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The next Environmental Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tara Christman and seconded by Fangyuan Ge to adjourn the February 10, 2026, PRB meeting at 8:27 pm. All members were in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary