

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mark Bedle called the Washington Township Parks & Recreation Parks (PRB) Meeting to order at 7:04 PM, at the Washington Township Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

The following PRB members were present: Dwayne Henne, Dave Laxx, and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisor Romnie Long was present at the meeting. Absent Members: Tara Christman

Mark Bedle announced that Fangyuan Ge resigned from the PRB and that his resignation would be accepted at the next BOS meeting.

TAPING OF MEETING

It was noted that the PRB Secretary is keeping a handwritten record of the meeting. It was also noted that no one was taping the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion could not be made to approve the draft meeting minutes for the May 12, 2026, PRB meeting. A quorum was not present at the meeting to vote on the motion.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EVENT STATUS

- 2026 Event Planning & Schedule
 - Summer Fun Day / 250 Anniversary Celebration Event - Will occur on July 25th from 12PM to 4PM at the Barto Community Park. Mark Bedle stated that the BOS approved the budget for this event at their June

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2026 meeting. It was mentioned to ask Pat Ryer (dog treats) to attend the event (Mark will reach out).

- Fall Festival Event – Will occur on September 26th from 1PM to 6PM at the Barto Community Park. Mark Bedle stated that he will present a draft budget at the next PRB meeting.

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

None

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- Special Committee – Budgets – Mark Bedle presented budget summaries for all the current active grant projects.
- Current Grant Status – The current grant status spreadsheet was provided to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail - Tabled
- Edison Walk Trail Easement - Tabled
- BCP - Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – No Update
- BCP - Kiosk Replacement Project – Mark Bedle stated that the scout is still working on this project.
- BCP – Barto Trail Replacement – Mark Bedle stated that the PRCF awarded the township \$11,000, which was less than the \$17,526 requested. Mark Bedle made a motion to apply for the Yeck Family grant for \$10,000 to cover the funding shortfall and potential overages. Dave Laxx second the motion.
 - Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne & Mark Bedle
 - Nays - None
 - Abstentions – None
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – Mark Bedle discussed the correspondence with the Berks County Conservation District employee about necessary permits for this project. It was determined that no permits are needed to complete this project. Mark Bedle will discuss with Sue Brown the appropriate way to move forward with this project.
- BCP – Master Plan Project – Mark Bedle stated that the next study committee meeting will take place on June 16th.
- WTP – Playground Replacement Project – No Action
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – Mark Bedle stated that LTL is still obtaining the necessary PADOT permits to complete this project.

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- WTP - Wetlands Study – No Action
- WTP – Master Plan Project – Mark Bedle explained the DCED grant we received for this project and that the BOS approve the plan to move forward with this project in early 2027.
- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No Action

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft June 25, 2026, Parks & Recreation Board Report. Mark Bedle stated that the report will be revised with the additional grant recommendation and plan for the Meadowbrook Connector Trail project. A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Mark Bedle to approve the draft report with the noted revisions.
Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne & Mark Bedle
Nays - None
Abstentions – None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Barto Community Park Master Plan Study Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board of Supervisors workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Romnie Long stated that this meeting is cancelled.

The next Board of Supervisors regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Environmental Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Dave Laxx to adjourn the June 9, 2026, PRB meeting at 7:48 pm. All members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark D. Bedle".

Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary