

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mark Bedle called the Washington Township Parks & Recreation Parks (PRB) Meeting to order at 7:05 PM, at the Washington Township Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

The following PRB members were present: Tara Christman, Dwayne Henne, Fangyuan Ge and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisors Romnie Long & Matt McCluskey were present at the meeting. Absent Members: Dave Laxx

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

A brief discussion took place regarding the festival scheduled to occur on the Rose property adjacent to the Naigle Nature Preserve. Concerns were raised regarding noise, permits, porta potties, nature of activities and closeness to residents. Mark Bedle stated that a representative from the event did come to the township and requested the forms needed for permit(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tara Christman and seconded by Dwyane Henne to approve the draft meeting minutes for the March 10, 2026, PRB meeting.

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

Nays - None

Abstentions – None

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

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- Pickup America – Tara Christman will discuss with EAC. Brief discussion occurred about road to choose, with consensus that Route 100 is too busy / dangerous.
- BCP Vandalism – Photographs were presented of damage that has occurred in BCP.
- Draft Security Camera Policy – Tara Christman presented comments and suggested revisions to the policy. Tara Christman will forward those comments and suggested revision to Joan London.

EVENT STATUS

- 2026 Event Planning & Schedule
 - Summer Fun Day / 250 Anniversary Celebration Event will occur on July 25th from 12PM to 4PM. Mark Bedle presented a draft budget for the event in the amount of \$2,018. It was mentioned to add face painting as an activity at the event. Tara Christman offered to do the face painting (with daughter). A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Mark Bedle to request approval from the BOS for the \$2,018 event budget.

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

- Fall Festival - Tara Christman mentioned that we should look at the sport schedules to see when they are active/playing. Two dates were discussed - September 26, 2026, and October 10, 2026.

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

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- Data Cetner Ordinance – Draft may be adopted at the May 28, 2026, BOS meeting.
- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – No Action
- Edison Walk Trail Easement – No Action
- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Tara Christman spoke about Nature Lands and maybe getting assistance with revising our ordinance.
- BCP – Barto Reserve/Aqua PA Trail Easement – No Action
- BCP – Kiosk Replacement Project – No Action
- BCP – Barto Trail Replacement – No Action
- BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – Tara Christman stated that she saw plans that indicated wetlands are in the area of this trail. Mark Bedle stated that he would request the BOS perform a wetlands study, before completing this project.
- BCP – Master Plan Project – Mark Bedle stated that the second Study Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2026, at 7:00pm.
- WTP – Playground Replacement Project – No Action
- WTP - Niantic Road Pedestrian Improvement Project – No Action
- WTP - Wetlands Study – No Action
- WTP – Master Plan Project – Mark Bedle stated that the Berks DCED raised concerns about this project being completed and that the township submitted a request to extend the project to June 2027. Mark Bedle stated that the township should move forward with a PRCF small community grant to complete funding for this project (estimated amount of \$9,000, with the remainder of the funds coming from the township +-\$2,000). A motion was made by Tara Christman and seconded by Mark Bedle to make that recommendation to the BOS.

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

- Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No Action

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft May 28, 2026, Parks & Recreation Board Report. Mark Bedle stated that the report will be updated with the grant information. No further comments on the draft report were made.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Barto Community Park Master Plan Study Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that this date was wrong, and the correct date is June 16, 2026.

The next Board of Supervisors regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 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.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Environmental Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and seconded by Tara Christman to adjourn the May 12, 2026, PRB meeting at 7:55 pm. All members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary