

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 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, Susan Hu, and Mark Bedle. Board of Supervisor Romnie Long was present at the meeting. Absent Members: Tara Christman

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.

A motion was made by Dave Laxx and seconded by Mark Bedle to approve the draft meeting minutes for the June 9, 2026, PRB meeting, with the noted revisions.

Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne & Mark Bedle

Nays - None

Abstentions – Susan Hu

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Bingo – Discussion took place regarding having a bingo event. It was discussed to try and make it a family event. The agreed date to recommend to the BOS was October 15th, from 1pm to 3pm. Mark Bedle will put the

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event on the BOS agenda for July's meeting. Discussions took place regarding prizes and activities, including State Theater tickets, Longacre and Walmart gift cards. It was agreed to offer coffee, soda and chips for free at the event. Cost for cards should be \$.25. Mark Bedle stated that he will look into costs to conduct the event and bring that information to the next meeting. Also discussed was a possible painting gift cards and yoga events for seniors and getting the event information in the newsletter. Concerns were raised about yoga certification and township liability (release form).

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 gave a brief overview of the vendors and schedule for the event.
 - Fall Festival Event – Will occur on September 26th from 1PM to 6PM at the Barto Community Park. It was noted that Upper Perks may be a good place to get music for our events. Mark Bedle presented a draft budget for the event. The draft budget presented was \$4,789. A motion was made by Dwayne Henne and second by Dave Laxx to recommend a \$5,000 for the 2026 Fall Festival budget to the BOS (additional money to cover any overages).
 - Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne, Susan Hu & Mark Bedle
 - Nays - None
 - Abstentions – None

SUBDIVISION AND OPEN SPACE REVIEW

A brief discussion took place regarding recreational facilities at the 1606 Main Street development. Romnie Long stated that the developer at the last planning commission meeting might not be able to install the sidewalk in front of the 1600 Main Street resident. Mark Bedle mentioned that maybe getting a walking trail through the farm field behind 1600 Main Street, from the development to S. 9th Street, which would give residents access to Bally's sidewalks. Mark Bedle stated that this will be discussed at the next planning commission's meeting.

RECREATION FUND & GRANTS

- Special Committee – Budgets – Mark Bedle presented a detailed summary of the current parks & recreation projects and associated grants and budgets.
- Current Grant Status – The current grant status spreadsheet was provided to the PRB members.

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- Draft 2027 Recreation Budget – Mark Bedle presented and gave a brief overview of the draft 2027 PRB budget. Mark Bedle asked the other members of the PRB to take some time and review the draft budget and come prepared to the August PRB meeting to discuss potential projects for 2027. Mark Bedle discussed possible recommending the installation of bird houses in the parks and a program the game commission has to install chimney swift / purple martin houses for free in the township.

OLD BUSINESS

- Most of the below project were discussed in detail, earlier in the meeting to update new PRB member Susan Hu.
- Colebrookdale Rail-to-Trail – Discussed previously.
 - 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 BOS approved the plan to apply for the Yeck Family Foundation grant to cover the project costs.
 - BCP – Meadowbrook Connector Trail Project – Mark Bedle stated that this project will be completed in the fall 2026.
 - BCP – Master Plan Project – Mark Bedle stated that the next study committee / public meeting will take place on August 18th.
 - 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.
 - WTP - Wetlands Study – No Action
 - WTP – Master Plan Project – No Action
 - Current Social Pages' Status and Advertisements – No Action

BOS REPORTS & RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Draft July 23, 2026, Parks & Recreation Board Report. Mark Bedle stated that the report will be revised with the recommendation to conduct a bingo event in October 2026. A motion was made by Susan Hu and seconded by Dave Laxx to approve the draft report with the noted revisions.
 - Ayes – Dave Laxx, Dwayne Henne, Susan Hu & Mark Bedle
 - Nays - None
 - Abstentions – None

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COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Barto Community Park Master Plan Study Committee & Public Participation meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board of Supervisors workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board of Supervisors regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Environmental Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next PRB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark Bedle and seconded by Dwayne Henne to adjourn the July 14, 2026, PRB meeting at 8:15 pm. All members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark D. Bedle
PRB Secretary