

Washington Township

Northampton County - Recreation Committee

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MEETING MINUTES July 22, 2025

Call to Order: Steve Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. In the absence of Melanie Gold, Secretary, notes were taken and minutes will be prepared by Lisa Shetler, Office Liaison.

Attendees: Steve Sanders, Terry Paicer, Tyler MacDonald, Gwen Miller
BOS Liaison: Justin Huratiak, **Office Liaison:** Lisa Shetler
Members Absent: Nelson Hill, Al Miller, Melanie Gold, Trever Weidman
Audience Member: Tammy Slayton (Disc Golf)

Approval of Agenda: Tyler made a motion, seconded by Terry, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2025. Gwen made a motion, seconded by Tyler, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Tammy Slayton presented an updated map and quote for disc golf expansion. See attached quote of \$4150, with map.

Communications: Terry presented a list of trees to be purchased with Giant Grant that Melanie has submitted. Total cost \$2050, Glenmar Nursery. Melanie was absent, so the details of the grant were not presented. Lisa will confirm the grant award date, thinking it is Dec 31st. (Tree list attached to minutes)

Board of Supervisors Report: None.

Committee Reports:

- Pavilion Rentals (July -5; August – 1)
- Field Rentals (Steve Sanders) Soccer: Slate Belt Youth Aug-Oct; Faith Christian Aug-Oct

Old Business

- Little Free Library (Gwen Miller). Discussion was held about ordering versus building library box. It was the consensus of the group to order but will be tabled until late Fall as it would be more prudent to erect the structure in the Spring (closing for winter months Jan-Mar).
- Bulletin Board. Repair of the present bulletin board structure was discussed. Terry noted it would be prudent to repair this structure and see if perhaps the Little Library could be added to it. Al, Terry, and Steve will investigate repairs needed in September or October but noted it would be nice to have completed before Community Day in September.

- Dog Park Amenities (Lisa Shetler). Brief update on dog park finances/grant process was made. Lisa is hoping to have all invoicing done in the next few months, waiting on bench and waste disposal purchases. Bench purchase was discussed. Steve has a vendor in mind for purchasing benches. After discussion on materials and prices, and delivery costs, **a motion was made by Gwen, seconded by Terry, to purchase two composite benches at \$575 each, with \$100 delivery fee per bench, from Smith/Wilbert. Motion carried.**

New Business

- “Replenish the Well” (Tyler MacDonald). Tyler presented his 12-step fundraising campaign. All agreed these have merit and are very doable. In fact, two of his ideas will be incorporated into the Community Day on September 20th. He will present a more detailed spreadsheet in the future and subcommittees can be formed to address items. The Committee thanked Tyler for his hard work and dedication to our cause.
- Grant Application (Melanie Gold)- Discussed in Communications.
- Washington Township Community Day (Lisa Shetler). It was decided to hold a Community Day on September 20th to showcase the new Dog Park, create community awareness of our Police force, and allow our enterprising residents an opportunity to share their goods and services. A subcommittee will be formed to plan the event.
- Rec Fee. Justin discussed increasing the recreation fee from \$1500 to \$3000, with the entire fee being payable at the time of subdivision. It was noted that some subdivided lots have yet to be developed, and the Township is only collecting half the fee, having to wait until development to collect the entire fee. **Terry made the motion, seconded by Steve, to present this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for amendment of the present ordinance and input from our solicitor, to raise the rec fee to \$3000. Motion carried.**
- Steve did a walk about the recreational complex grounds and noted several areas of neglect: specifically, the ga-ga pit, slide area, fences, and ball fields with weeds, and some disrepair of the fences. He noted a general decline to how the complex had been maintained in the past but did note the park has doubled in size and realizes the road crew is only three men. **A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Terry, to bring this to the attention of the Board of Supervisors and the Road Crew. Motion carried.**

Adjournment: Tyler made a motion, seconded by Gwen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Shetler
Office Liaison