

Washington Township

Northampton County - Recreation Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2026

Call to Order: Steve Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees: Melanie Gold, Nelson Hill, Justin Huratiak (BOS liaison), Terry Paicer, Steve Sanders,
Lisa Shetler (Township liaison), Trever Weidman

Not in attendance: Tyler MacDonald, Al Miller, Gwen Miller

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

Approval of Minutes: Trever Weidman made a motion, seconded by Nelson Hill, to approve the minutes from the April 28 meeting. Motion carried. (No official approval of May 28 minutes, as no meeting was held.)

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Nelson Hill made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to recommend to the board of supervisors to close the MPC account and roll the funds into the money market account. Motion passed.

Nelson Hill made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to approve the Treasurer's report (as of June 19, 2026).

As of May 31, bank reconciliation:

Checking: \$2,072.85

Money Market: \$35,930.97

MPC: \$70,871.50

As of June 19, bank register:

Checking: \$1,941.19

Money Market: \$34,355.97

MPC: \$73,781.50

Public Comment: None

Communications: The township received a donation from Blue Triton/Deer Park Natural Spring Water. A thank-you letter was sent to William Beuhler, Natural Resources Manager.

A Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant meeting was held at Rep. Ann Flood's office on June 4. Lisa Shetler and Sharon Cifuentes were in attendance.

Board of Supervisors' Report: Recreation fees were received for 433 Jacktown Rd., 61 Labar Rd., 800 Lower South Main St., 136 Hester Rd., and 195 Flicksville Rd.

Committee Reports:

- Pavilion rentals: May (4), June (7), July (3)

Field rentals: Through June: Slater Baseball and Slate Belt Youth Soccer Association. August through October: Slate Belt Youth Soccer Association and Faith Christian School.

Old Business:

- Little Free Library: Installed.
- Dog Park: The grant was closed. The agility course items need to be assembled, then permanently placed in both sides of the dog park. Inquiries will be made re: Craig's or the Road Dept.'s availability to install. We'll plan to eventually plant more trees around the dog park, but in the meantime, there have been no requests to provide shelters.
- Speed humps/speed limit signs: Installed.
- Park Maintenance: Trever Weidman made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to approve Steve's maintenance schedule. This involves seeding, fertilizing, and other aspects of field care.
- Healing the Planet grant: We did not apply for this grant this year.
- Joshua Campbell communication: Closed item; nothing transpired.

New Business:

- Community Day 2026: Saturday, September 12. We'll do a grand unveiling of the Little Free Library. More details to come.
- Meeting Procedures: Starting with this meeting, committee members will RSVP by email when they receive the agenda.
 - If a meeting needs to be canceled, it will be decided by 1 pm the day before the meeting and will be communicated by group text.
 - If we're unable to gain access to the building, we'll attempt to call Lisa, then attempt to meet at the pavilion if weather permits.
 - If none of the officers are present for a meeting, either a volunteer can run it and take minutes, or the meeting can be canceled.
- Tree ID tags/signage: Terry Paicer will look into the possibility of providing signage to identify the tree species in the park. This will be an added benefit to the public. (Terry will also look into signage for keeping dogs off certain parts of the park.)
- New Park Improvements/DCED grant: The committee discussed the possibility of expanding the pickleball courts, with Zoning approval. We'd like to create two new courts, along with lighting between the courts and parking lot, and picnic tables. We'll create a plan, request estimates from Tyler MacDonald, then aim to apply for a DCED grant, which opens in July 2026.

Adjournment: Melanie Gold made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Gold