

Washington Township

Northampton County — Recreation Committee

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MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2025

Call to Order: Steve Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendees: Melanie Gold, Nelson Hill, Justin Huratiak, Al Miller, Gwen Miller, Terry Paicer, Steve Sanders, Lisa Shetler, Trever Weidman

Members Excused: Tyler MacDonald

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

Approval of the Minutes from July 22, 2025: Trever made a motion, seconded by Terry, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report dated June 2025: Al made a motion, seconded by Terry, to approve the report. Motion carried. Lisa confirmed that the \$169.12 credit to the bank account was for a pavilion rental and interest. The debit of \$29,264.39 was for dog park expenses.

Checking \$ 2,301.89

Money Market Account \$ 29,742.22

MPC \$ 28,165.22

Public Comment: N/A

Communications: Primo Brands sent a letter confirming their donation of \$15,000 and requesting to know how their money is being spent. Lisa will draft a letter to be circulated to the committee officers.

Board of Supervisors Report: The BOS is about to negotiate the contract with the Road dept. Justin requested the committee draft a schedule of tasks (fertilizing, etc.) so that all responsibilities are clearly communicated for the negotiations.

Committee Reports:

Pavilion Rentals: 3 in Sept.

Field Rentals: Slate Belt Youth and Faith Christian School (both from August through October)

Old Business:

Community Day, Sept. 20

- Two benches have been purchased by Smith Wilbert/Bangor Concrete Products and will arrive and be placed in the dog park area—where they can be mowed around and serviced properly—in time for

Community Day. Steve confirmed that the cost for the benches is \$575 plus \$100 delivery for each. We may want to order more benches as part of our 15% grant match. (We have roughly \$7,000 to spend.)

- We still need to purchase the "turf" requested for underneath the dog park gates.
- Other possibilities for meeting grant requirements: dog agility package, landscaping/trees, sculpture that was included in the budget. Lisa will discuss options with Nathan Summey, PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development, our grantor.
- Final report is due in 2027, but the sooner we make the purchases and close out the grant, the sooner we can apply for another grant.

Healing the Planet Grant

- We did not receive one of the Healing the Planet grants sponsored by Giant markets. They received 77 applications but did not divulge how many they chose to fund. Melanie provided a copy of the letter for Township records.

Rec Committee Debit Card

- Request to the BOS was denied, because anyone using the debit card would have to be authorized as a check signer. We'll continue to go through the township office for any purchases.

Rec Field Maintenance

- Steve reported that Frank Communale will be checking the structure(s) (and tractor) within the Rec fields and will help determine what can be salvaged and what needs to be cleaned out.
- Steve suggested researching grant options for tree removal. We still have some dying and dead ash trees on the property.

Little Free Library

- Tabled till spring so that a location and other details can be finalized.

New Business:

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

- We received a letter from Christian Martinez of the LVPC asking for information about the "conceptual trail connection" as part of their trail inventory. This refers to the committee's previous interest in purchasing land along the railroad bed (Ackermanville Road) for use as a walking trail. That purchase didn't happen, so there is no trail. Lisa will communicate with Mr. Martinez.

Adjournment: Melanie made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Gold

Melanie Gold, Recording Secretary