

Washington Township

Northampton County - Recreation Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2026

Call to Order: Steve Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Not in attendance: Nelson Hill, Tyler MacDonald

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

Approval of Minutes: Al Miller made a motion, seconded by Trever Weidman, to approve the minutes from the July 28 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: After some discussion about diesel expenses, Trever Weidman made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

As of July 31, bank reconciliation:

Checking: \$2,248.08

Money Market: \$34,973.35

MPC: \$77,728.13

As of August 24, bank register:

Checking: \$1,887.99

Money Market: \$34,973.35

MPC: \$77,728.13

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

Board of Supervisors' Report: None

Committee Reports:

- Pavilion rentals: August (4), September (3)
Field rentals: September and October: Slate Belt Youth Soccer Association (2 fields), Faith Christian School (2 fields).

Old Business:

- Dog Park: The committee expressed gratitude for Kyle Hester and Ryan Hester of the Washington Township Road Crew, some of our committee members, and a few of Tyler McDonald's work crew who assembled and installed the agility equipment. The equipment was cemented in and is now fully in use. The maintenance team has been notified of a hole underneath one of the benches and will be filled.
- Tree tags: Approximately 50 species of tree have been identified within the park, but the question of practicality (of IDing trees with professional botanical signage) was raised. The topic was

tabled.

New Business:

- Basketball court fence: A guesstimate of \$32,000 was put forward. (No insurance costs were estimated.) It was suggested that the IT team solicit public comment on the usefulness of a fence.
- Park maintenance: There is some concern about the ball fields being mowed while the pavilions are being rented and also the grass being too high for weekend soccer games. With knowledge of the unusually wet and hot conditions this summer, the committee gently suggested the maintenance crew mow on Thursdays (during the day if feasible) to a height of about 3 inches and to try to work around the schedule of pavilion rentals.
- Rec Committee budget: (1) The presented draft of the budget appeared to be quite accurate. With the knowledge that the MPC account will be closed, the committee suggested consulting with Fidelity Bank about possibly dropping the minimum balance on the checking account and also getting interest rates for money market accounts and CDs. (2) Lisa suggested breaking out the utility expenses into electric, sewer, and gas to more accurately track how much is spent on each utility.

Adjournment: Trevor Weidman made a motion, seconded by Terry Paicer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Gold