

Athens Township Parks and Recreation

April 2026

ATPR- Meets the last Monday of each month **before the Athens Township Supervisors meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.**

The meeting is held at the Athens Township Building at 45 Herrick Avenue in Athens Township.

This commission is currently made up of Meade T. Murtland (Chairman) and Chris Watson, George Crowell, William Steimel

Parks System Maintenance Supervisor- Barry Brosnan

Daily Parks gate attendants – Janine Dawson (Primary)

-Spencer Underdown (backup)

For Pavilion rentals and information call the Township offices at: 570-888-2325

1. Call to order
2. Voice of the Citizens –
3. Community Service Projects –
4. Financial and Bills for the month – (Available on request)
5. Old Business –

The New Round Top Park combination lock entry system is proceeding. All authorized vendors and those needing access are being sent a letter and once those are returned we will be sending out the combination code for the lock system which will be in effect beginning May1st if all goes well.

After the presentation by Eagle Water Kayak rental at last month's Supervisors meeting. Waiting to hear from the Solicitor if all requested items have been submitted and if so can Eagle Water Kayak Rental proceed.

We have a new plan for hopefully dealing with the garbage and dumping of household waste and junk at our parks. With respect to Tozer's Landing this will include:

Adding a no dumping of waste or garbage clause to the ATPR rules and regulations.

Posting of signage referencing the ordinance against such practices and outlining that we will peruse, prosecute and fine those in violation.

The addition of 2 additional trash receptacles in addition to the 1 we now have there.

Exploring adding a small dumpster from NTSWD on a seasonal basis.

The Feral cat issue continues at Tozer's Landing. Barry has removed the make shift feral cat housing along with the paper plates, food bowls and other assorted things that have been collecting at Tozer's Landing during the winter months.

As a reminder we had agreed that during the winter and extreme cold weather we would leave them in place BUT that in the Spring it would be cleared out.

At my direction Barry has done this. Expecting some blow back on this from the "Cat People" BUT it needs to be done. We are persuing a legal avenue to take care of this but have not heard from either the Supervisors or the Solicitor yet.

It's been in the paper if you haven't already seen it.

New mowing machine was approved and arrangement for its delivery is being made now. The successful bid was from J. D. Welliver in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Been in touch with Gavin Ross on his Eagle Project with a suggestion that he consider a guide rail project on Round Top to replace the ones made out of telephone poles which have been there for over 40 years.

We now have 3 estimates for the pavilion 7 and 8 re-roof project. We will review them at tonight's meeting.

Following that we will submit to the Supervisors with our recommendation.

Bill S. and I have visited EMHR offices and are working on a mini-grant application for this project. The mini-grant would be \$20,000 of which we would be required to provide \$10,000 in the form of cash or in-kind work.

New Business—

Exploring grants to fund further improvements at both Tozer's Landing and Round Top Park.

Responding to a request from a Supervisor for expenditures by the parks for the last 3 years. This was passed on to Mason for him to report to the Supervisor on.

Building a list of potential community and Scout projects for the upcoming year.

6. Calendar of important dates –

Tentative start date for Barry will be on April 1st weather, park inspection dependent.

Round Top Park will open for the season on Mother's Day weekend Friday, May 8th.

Janine Dawson will begin her duties as RTP gate opener and closer on this date. Her immediate back up will be Spencer Underdown.

Executive Session (If needed)

7. **Next meeting will be on May 18th (this is one week earlier because of the Memorial Day Holiday).**

8. **Adjourn**