

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

May 2026

ATPR – Meets the last Monday of each month before the Athen 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 B.

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 annual park walk through has been scheduled and postponed twice due to Wx.

The New Round Top Park combination lock entry system conversion continues.

Neither Parks and Recreation or the Supervisors have heard back from Eagle Water Kayak Rentals.

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

Adding a no dumping of waste or garbage clause to the ATPR rules and regulations. (will need to go in front of the solicitor)

Posting of signage referencing the ordinance against such practices and outlining that we will peruse, prosecute and fine those in violation. (will need to go in front of the solicitor)

Possibly the addition of more trash receptacles in addition to the 1 we now have there. (This has been put on hold for now).

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

The new mowing machine from J. D. Welliver in Bloomsburg, Pa. has been received and is in use with no issues.

Scout Gavin Ross the Eagle Project candidate, has decided to go another direction for his project, has decided to pursue a project at the Athens High School.

Our EMHR mini-grant application has been submitted and accepted by EMHR. We await notification on whether we will be receiving funding and for how much.

Much thanks goes to Parks and Recreation member Bill Steimel for putting together our application and submitting it.

Thanks goes out to the Athens Township Supervisors, The Valley RC Flying Club, The ATV Club, Sayre/Athens Rotary, Scouts USA (Boy Scouts) for their letters of support

Additional overflow parking has been established at Jim King Park to accommodate the Athens Little League practice time and the Tee Ball teams that may want to use the park for those activities. This overflow parking will help with the congestion along Glen Valley Road.

New Business –

Need to update the parks rules and regulations (last updated 4-12-2024) to include the following:

1. Animal drop offs are prohibited at any of the Athens Township Parks and Recreation properties. And will be referred to the Athens Township police for enforcement action and will be prosecuted.
2. The dumping of household and or commercial trash or waste strictly prohibited. Such dumping will be referred to the Athens Township Police Department for enforcement and will be prosecuted.
3. A litter ordinance to be added to the Parks and recreation rules and regulations.

These changes will be developed and sent on to the township solicitor for his input before they are included and sent on to the Supervisors.

Final approval by the Parks and Recreation Board for the Pavilion 7 and 8 renovations.

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

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

We have applied to the Bradford County Prison Board for inmates to work at our parks under the Community Workforce Inmate Program. These inmates will be under the supervision of Barry. They will paint, clear brush and other duties as assigned and agreed to by the prison board.

We are adding Meagan Carlings name as a back up to Janine Dawson for parks opening this season. Spencer will be attending police school this year and may not always be available. A 3rd and 4th possible backup [will be discussed at this meeting.

Board member concerns and any additional

Executive Session –

6. Next meeting will be on June 22nd Day

7. Adjourn