

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

July 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 –

Restoration of Pavilions 7 and 8 on Round Top is nearly completed.

Once completed we will schedule a walk around and a photo op with Endless Mountain Heritage Region Executive Director Cain Chamberlin and the Sayre/Athens Rotary Club.

Working on the wording for two new park ordinances.

One prohibiting the dumping of residential waste and or garbage in the parks or in the receptacles.

The other prohibiting the dropping of animals either domestic or wild within the parks

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.

The Radio work by contractors at the tower site is finished. And as promised they left the access road to the site better than it was when they arrived.

Spectrum cable has also been laying some new fiber optic cable which is in and they have reseeded where they had been working.

Have heard nothing from county corrections on getting a few inmates on a work release program to work with Barry.

New Business

Discussions needs to continue on what can be done with roads within Round Top Park. The last several severe storms have accelerated the deterioration of the road particularly from Bobcat Road up to the top of the park.

Planning continues for the EMHR overnigher at Round Top Park on September 19th and 20th which will include a hike in the park.

EMHR is a self insured entity of the State of Pennsylvania and part of the Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail System.

A trail and park walk through with EMHR rep Rachel Flad needs to be re- scheduled due to excessive heat.

Need to investigate a report that the composting toilet facilities at Jim King Park may not be working correctly. I reported to Barry and have not heard back.

We need to set up a time to refurbish the holiday star for Round Top. It needs some electrical attention. I have spoke to Larry Green who originally built it and asked him for his help and he would like to help.

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

Board member concerns and any additional

Executive Session –

6. Next meeting will be on August 24th at 7pm.

7. Adjourn