

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

August 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 complete and signage has been ordered.

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.

Still working on getting the two new park rules prohibiting the dumping of residential or commercial refuse/garbage and prohibiting the “drop off’s” or abandoning of domestic animals at any of our parks.

Never heard a thing from county corrections on getting a few inmates on a work release program to work with Barry. Assumption is that this is not going to happen at this point.

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.

A source for road millings has been identified at a reasonable cost. Both Round Top Park and Tozier's Landing are township road roads and not the responsibility of parks and recreation. But given the deteriorating condition of the roads within the parks and that we do have some money available in our budget.

I would propose we authorize what we can to purchase these millings and get these two park roadways into some type of acceptable condition.

Planning continues for the EMHR overnighiter at Round Top Park on September 19th and 20th which will include a hike in the park. The walk through on the trails with Rachel F. from EMHR is re-scheduled for Thursday, 8/27 at 8:30am

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

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 September 28th at 7pm.

7. Adjourn