

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

September 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 –

With the restoration of the Rotary Pavilions 7 and 8 complete. A rededication has been set for Tuesday, October 20th at 12 noon. At that time EMHR representatives along with members of the Sayre-Athens Rotary club, Parks and Recreation Board Members and Township Supervisors will celebrate with a picnic lunch provided by the Rotary. And new signage will be placed.

Parks and Recreation is working to complete the final closeout of the pavilion restoration paperwork and will be submitting it to EMHR shortly for review and reimbursement on our mini-grant used for this project.

With the help of Public Works Director Tony Lundy and his crew we were able to acquire enough road material to rework some of the worst roadways with the park. This was done in several areas that had washed out due to heavy rains and run off. It included some grading and smoothing out ruts and washouts. With the bulk of the work from Bobcat road up to the top of the park and several other areas within the park.

This was done as part of park maintenance and used our budget.

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.

The EMHR planned overnight at Round Top Park on September 19th and 20th went well with a 2 mile plus hike within the park and included a R/C airplane demonstration by the local club it also included a talk by Parks and Recreation Chairman Meade Murtland about the park system that included a discussion on how valuable both the park system is to our community and how important grants and outside funding is to the continued health of our park system. **Due to the forecast for rainy weather the group did not end up spending the night.**

New Business

We are working with the EMHR to develop a new hiking trails map for Round Top Park for 2027. And submitting this as a project for a grant from the hotel room tax program administered by the Bradford County Tourism Bureau.

We are looking for new grant opportunities to replace all of the old playground equipment up on top of Round Top Park.

Larry Green has been in touch with Barry and we are coordinating a time to work on the holiday star which needs some work before it goes up for the upcoming holiday season.

We will be setting the date for closing Round Top Park for the season. Which will take place prior to the beginning of deer season as usual.

Board member concerns and any additional

Executive Session –

6. Next meeting will be on October 26th at 7pm.

7. Adjourn