

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

October 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 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 restoration ceremony for pavilions 7 and 8 at Round Top Park was held on Tuesday, October 20th at 12 noon In attendance: EMHR Executive Director Cain Chamberlin, ATPR members Bill Steimel and Chairman Meade Murtland, along with parks maintenance man Barry B and members of the Sayre/Athens Rotary Club. After a lite lunch provided by the Rotary Club comments and a photo was taken for the newspaper the signage was pit up by Rotary President Jeff Paul.

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.

Scout Troop 4018 held an overnighter at Round Top Park pavilion 10 on October 3rd and 4th

CORREC TION: Round Top Park and Tozier's Landing Parks will close for the season on Monday, November 16th and NOT October 16th as previously reported.

This will be the first time that both Round Top Park and Tozier's Landing will be closed for the season.

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.

Larry Green and Barry have been working on the holiday star which needed some electrical and structural work. Larry reports that it is ready to go up just prior to Thanksgiving. The holiday star will remain up through the holiday’s.

New Business

After being postponed due to communication problems with vendors and those needing access to Round Top Park we will be launching our new combination lock access to RTP effective at the close of the current park season. Communication with vendors has been challenging and we are seeing that all parties needing access are notified of the change.

Much thanks needs to go out to Ken Chamberlin and the ATV club who have preformed a seasonal cleanup of the trail system.

We are working with the EMHR to develop a new hiking trails map for Round Top Park for 2027.

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

Also reaching out to the fish commission about the health of the fishing pond.

It has been recommended that we contact the Bradford County Commissioners about the stocking of the fishing pond as they stock Sun Fish Pond and might be able to help us.

Board member concerns and any additional

Executive Session –

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

7. Adjourn