

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Gaskins, Alyssa Levan, Evan Dominick, Mike O'Reilly, Troy Bingaman and Joanne Herb.

CALL TO ORDER:

Evan Dominick called the meeting to Order at 7:00 PM with a Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Levan to approve the April 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up from Park Walkthrough – Mr. Gaskins reported; he visited parks and had photos but was unable to send them due to the amount he took. Some issues he noted were; fencing issues, the foul pole markers, as well as a few yard stakes that were pounded into the ground, which he felt could be a safety issue. He also pointed out there were a few pieces of playground equipment that were damaged, but were wrapped in caution tape.

Mr. Bingaman did note some of those pieces may have already been removed. Mr. Gaskins also mentioned there was a hole in the asphalt walking path by the playground, however it was covered with a cone. Mr. Bingaman reported to the Board the recent transition of Jake Myers, who oversaw the cleaning and taking care of the parks has now moved to the Road Department. Jerry Dilks, who was at the Wastewater Plant, now took Jake Myers' position and is doing a good job. Mrs. Levan noted the park could use some mulch to freshen it up a bit. Mr. O'Reilly noted he only noticed some minor fencing issues which could be outside of our parameter, but nothing major at Hill Rd.

Summer Tennis Program - Mr. Bingaman reported he is working with Larry Zerbe, who will be running the tennis program. The program has been advertised, however, to date; they have received no inquiries about it. Mrs. Levan asked if it was only advertised through the newsletter. Mr. Bingaman stated it was supposed to be distributed through the schools and was sent to the tennis coach and the Athletic Department; adding they were going to send to all schools. Mrs. Levan commented; that will only work if parents opted for extra emails, as that's how it works for soccer and basketball. Mrs. Levan also suggested printing some flyers out and passing them out to churches and day cares. She will give Mr. Bingaman the contact information for Lisa Kieke, who is the Community Relationship Specialist for the school.

Tennis Court Light Timers and Path Lighting - Mr. Bingaman stated; we officially now have **dial timers at the tennis courts**. The timers can be turned on for one hour and will automatically shut off. We additionally have added lights along the path, so when the lights turn off you can see to walk the path. This project is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Playground Equipment to Replace Broken Pieces – Mr. Bingaman showed the Board pictures of the new equipment for ACP playground and where it will be placed. He explained we will be replacing the seesaw and the springer toys; a sea lion and dolphin, for the 2- to 5-year-old area. And for the 5- to 12-year-old area, there will be a swinging bridge/sway alley and a Spika to replace missing broken pieces. A Grand was submitted for replacement of the 5-12 year old lot.

Trash Receptacles – Mr. Bingaman provided a picture of the trash receptacles that will replace the ones of concern which have a lid now and won't get filled with water if it rains. Mr. Bingaman continued, we purchased five of these cans, which will be distributed throughout each park, noting; our plan is to continue to purchase several each year until they are all the same. We will also purchase matching blue ones to replace our recycling totes, which we hope to get through a Grant. Mr. O'Reilly noted, they are talking about centralizing the trash at Hill Rd because the old receptacles were not consistent where they were placed, commenting; they are going to move them all by the snack stand, which makes it easier for emptying.

Blazer Midget Football & DB Lacrosse Storage Garage (Butch Boyer)- Mr. Bingaman reported on a frustrating situation that recently happened, followed by a few frantic calls that were made to our office. He explained Troy Friend, the head of **Blazer Midget Football**, reached out to the lacrosse group and told them they needed to get their stuff out of the garage they currently share at Butch Boyer. Eileen Schmidt, the Athletic Director at the school, reached out to Mr. Bingaman, who was unsure how she was involved since it's not their property nor their decision. A volunteer from lacrosse then called our office asking what had happened and where they were supposed to store their things. Mr. Bingaman was unaware of all that had happened since Mr. Friend never contacted him directly. Mr. Bingaman stated; we aren't changing anything, even though lacrosse does not have a program right now, they both need to share the space. We are keeping things the way they are; it's not Blazer Midget football's garage. Mrs. Levan re-confirmed that Blazer Midget had just bought a new shed, to which Mr. Bingaman added; they did, as well as a golf cart. Mr. O'Reilly asked if there was any chance of the program coming back, noting he knew the system kind of stopped at the high school and was surprised since it's a growing sport. Mrs. Herb commented that they are trying to bring it back, however they've got little help and have even reached out to the Optimist Club to see if they're able to help with the program.

LICENSE COMMITTEE – None.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Bingaman reported the **Wedding Venue** that is proposed on Weavertown Road will make a \$2,400 contribution to the Recreation Fund.

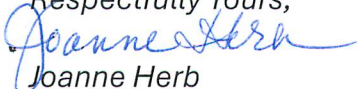
Mr. O'Reilly commented on the **dugouts at ACP, with regards to the Girl Scouts project**. They raised \$4,366.03 in one week, which is commendable. He reported that the biggest hurdle they're struggling with is the person that was going to be the main contractor/father tore his bicep and has a 6-month recovery. They are asking if anyone knows of any contractor that could support this project, or if anyone at the township would be able to help. He commented; the girls are very motivated and have a Home Depot Wish List, purchasing a lot of the materials, with Halters also donating a lot. Mr. Bingaman commented this might be something to address with Steve Loomis, to check if he knows of anyone that would be willing to help.

Mr. Bingaman addressed the Board, asking their thoughts on the **vending machine idea proposed by Aiden Curley**. Mr. Curley is proposing to install a vending machine which will provide drinks at the basketball courts, adding he frequently forgets to bring a water bottle, so he felt this would be a good addition to the park. He proposed he will maintain it, keep it stocked and offered to pay for the electricity. Mr. Bingaman mentioned to the Board to keep in mind; the township does not pay for the electric at the courts or at Butch Boyer, that is paid by the Middle School and has no idea how we would split that up. A discussion was held with regards to the current vandalism at the park, maintenance and re-stocking, as well as what happens if he attends school; who then takes care of it. Aidan Curley did not attend the meeting. We will see if he reaches out, since the last correspondence is from May 26, 2026. If he contacts us, we will reschedule him for the July meeting.

BOARD CONCERNS – Mrs. Levan reported she was at the tennis courts at ACP over the weekend and mentioned there were a lot of **leaves** all over the courts. Mr. Bingaman stated he will mention that to Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion by Mrs. Levan, seconded by Mr. Gaskins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Yours,



Joanne Herb

Recording Secretary

Amity Township

Approved 5-0
7/21/2026