

AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Gaskins, Alyssa Levan, Scott Campbell, Scott Weller, Evan Dominick and Mike O'Reilly. Also present was Troy Bingaman and Joanne Herb.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Weller called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm with a Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Gaskins, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS:

Rob VanDagna, DBAA Representative, apologized for not attending last month's meeting; he had a game he needed to attend and couldn't attend both.

Mr. VanDagna spoke on the "changing of the guard" with regards to DBAA, noting Steve Sieller, who was the President of DBAA, stepped down and Brian Dierolf took his place.

During this transition, Troy Friend, who oversees Blazer Midget Football, took it upon himself to **fix the fencing at Hill Road Park**. Mr. VanDagna continued, there was an apparent PA OneCall made, which caught the Township's attention, as well as miscommunication over permitting and previous conversations; however, he believes that's all been resolved. Mr. VanDagna noted, I believe the precedence was set from the prior year when we replaced fencing in center field in the upper part and didn't need a permit, questioning; why would we need one for this because there is no digging.

Mr. Bingaman stated; the message you need to take back is; any type of project or work you intend to do on Township property absolutely needs to be brought before this Board, and there should be one single point of contact. Mr. VanDagna stated he spoke with Mr. Dierolf to straighten things out and confirm; Mr. VanDagna is the only liaison for DBAA and the Township, adding; if anyone else contacts someone noting they are from DBAA, please bring it to my attention, along with Mr. Dierolf. Mr. Weller stated; I believe it's clear now that any requests or concerns from DBAA; the first stop is here, and we will handle it from there.

Mr. VanDagna commented; it's my understanding the work has been approved for the **softball field dugouts**, which I believe we are purchasing some of the materials for. From the sounds of it, the project is ready to move forward on both sides; DBAA and the Township.

Mr. VanDagna questioned if there was still an issue with the **trash at Hill Rd.** Mr. Bingaman noted; not recently, I was corrected; it was at the end of the season. Mr. VanDagna noted he has done his best to convey this and brought it up at every Board meeting, with hopes they continue to do so.

Mr. VanDagna also forwarded a request from DBAA for the Township to **add more gravel to the pathways at Hill Road**, noting over time and due to weather, it tends to wash away. The area is specifically behind center field; you have the dugout then the shed, behind there is all washed out. They're asking for that to be replaced, then another layer put down on the pathways to even it out. Mr. Weller commented, normally we put screenings there, which washes away quickly. Perhaps we can compact it more, so it doesn't wash away so quickly. Mr. VanDagna commented, if there are extra screenings, they are asking to dump it in front of the shed behind right center, by the batting cage, adding, not sure if it's sinking or just not level there. If you can do that, just put the screenings there and we will take care of them. Mr. VanDagna noted, if Kevin needs me to walk out there with him, just have him get ahold of me. Mr. Weller asked if there was a time frame in mind for the gravel. Mr. VanDagna stated, ideally if we could do this before fall ball season, that would be great.

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Receptacles – Mr. Weller asked how many we are replacing, noting; I know five were bought and where they are at. Mr. Bingaman explained that one was placed at Hill Road by the concession stand with a recycling cart next to it. Mr. Weller noted he saw one at small Lake, but hasn't gotten a chance to look for more. Mr. Bingaman mentioned, at the last meeting we talked about centralizing the trash receptacles. Mr. O'Reilly commented; that would keep the receptacles closer to the snack stand, which makes it easier to discard the waste. Mr. Bingaman asked if that is a request from the organization; that we remove the other trash cans, because they are still scattered. Mr. Weller stated; my recommendation is for DBAA to place the receptacles wherever they want, and the rest should be placed behind the snack bar, so they can be picked up. Mr. Bingaman reiterated; please put the trash into the dumpster and not let it blow all over the ground. Mr. VanDagna commented; the dumpster has a lock with a code on it and maybe the code isn't being shared with all of the coaches, or the dumpster is full and needs to be emptied. Mr. Weller noted; if it is full, it should be communicated back to Joanne so she can get it emptied.

ACP Softball Dugout Update – Mr. Bingaman reported that it sounds like we are ready to dig the holes for the footers by the end of July. The first weekend in August the Girl Scouts will start their project. Mr. O'Reilly noted; meeting with Steve Loomis and the Board of Supervisors, there are a lot of exciting emails going around with the support of the Township, the girls are very excited about this project.

Tennis Court Project Update – Mr. Bingaman reported that the paving was done on the first two courts, so we no longer have an ice-skating rink. Thursday they will flood the courts to ensure we don't have ponding issues. Painting for all courts is scheduled for August 10th. He noted that we do have one light that is already out, which has been conveyed to Keystone. We are still having an issue with light trespass to Country Lane; which is from the basketball courts. Mr. Bingaman was given pictures by a resident, showing how the light was affecting their living conditions, which he shared with the Board. When they come to replace this light, they've been asked to adjust those lights down towards the courts instead of towards the resident's home. Mr. Bingaman hopes redirecting the lights will correct this situation. Mr. Bingaman continued; what's confusing is the resident tells me that when the lights are on, they walk over and there is no one there. He noted that we have buttons that turn the lights on for 45 minutes, which maybe needs to be adjusted. Donny Fister went there one night and witnessed young men playing basketball, with no one on the tennis courts, so he cut the lights at the panel. The young men re-pushed the button for the lights, but then also pushed the button at the tennis courts. It's conceivable that if this happens, they could be on all night since they stay on for 45 minutes. Mr. Weller commented, we should adjust that time, since the park closes at dusk. Mr. Bingaman stated, it closes at 10 pm where lights are provided. The lights cannot be activated after 10 pm. Mr. Weller asked; if you push the button at 9:59, do they still stay on for 45 minutes. Mr. Bingaman stated he didn't know but will ask. Mr. Weller suggested possibly amending the 10 pm closing time.

ACP Playground Update – Mr. Bingaman reported, all of the equipment has been ordered for the 2-5 age group, as well as the individual pieces we talked about at the last meeting. Estimated delivery is September 15, 2026. At that time, we will schedule the installation of everything at one mobilization, instead of paying for mobilization twice.

Mr. Bingaman also mentioned the proposed **Tennis Program** will not occur this year. Only one phone call was received, which obviously isn't enough and they already use Hill Crest, so they weren't overly concerned. Mr. Bingaman noted, we will try again next year and a bit earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Drive Bathroom Doors and Facilities- Mr. Bingaman reported we have had several incidents where the Police had to be called because folks are getting locked in the bathrooms. The last incident, the fire department had to cut the door. We will have to replace the doors and locks. In addition to that, the automated flushers aren't working and we are not able to get parts for them, so they will also need to be replaced. Mr. Bingaman noted; we are going to start upgrading all of these bathrooms.

Mr. Weller asked if we had any vandalism down there. Mr. Bingaman commented; we had a small fire in the bathroom as they tried to light a pile of paper towels on fire. They were caught; our cameras work! Mr. Weller also asked about the latest vandalism at ACP and if has been resolved. Mr. Bingaman noted, we submitted the damages to the courts for restitution, but don't know if the hearings have been held yet. Mr. Bingaman added; we are still receiving monies from the previous incident where the roll-up doors were damaged.

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

LICENSE COMMITTEE – None

BOARD CONCERNS – None

ADJOURNMENT - A motion by Mr. Dominick, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Yours,

*Joanne Herb
Recording Secretary
Amity Township*