AMITY TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

ATTENDANCE:
Scott Weller, Evan Dominick, Mike O'Reilly, Alyssa Levan, Peter Gaskins and Scott Campbell. Also in attendance were Troy Bingaman, Kevin Keifrider, Rob VanDagna/DBYS 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 Mrs. Levan, seconded by Mr. Dominick to approve the July 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

A motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Gaskins to approve the August 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

VISITORS:
Rob VanDagna, representing DBYS, revisited installing stone at ***Hill Road,*** primarily around the walking paths to the fields and pavilion area, and the dugouts behind home plate and cage. Mr. Keifrider stated it's better to do that in the spring, so it doesn't wash out. Mr. Weller stated, typically they put screenings there, attributing it to being a reason they wash out. He suggested trying modified stone. Mr. VanDagna also reported the lady's toilet at Hill Road appears to be leaking and in need of repair.
Mr. VanDagna mentioned the contractor that is supposed to be doing weed control at ***Lake Drive*** is not spraying the fence line and DBYS desires to have the infield sprayed. Mr. Bingaman stated the DBYS Agreement states the maintenance of the infields is on DBYS, however if they'd like to spray, as long as they're licensed; it's at DBYS's cost. Mr. VanDagna stated he will get 2 quotes; one for just the fence line and one combining the infields and fence line; showing the cost of just the fence line for the Township to possibly split the cost. Mr. VanDagna also mentioned, with regard to the ***agreement with DBYS***; Mr. Dierolf requested the name be changed from ***DBAA to DBYS***, explaining; we are merging with Blazer Youth Sports; therefore, it's got to be a whole new entity and banking as well.
Mr. VanDagna noted, with the conversion, we have acquired Texas Field, which is a 12U field.
Mr. VanDagna referenced ***Hill Road*** and the ***extra parcel of grass*** which used to be cut by the previous contractor. He noted that the new agreement states DBYS is responsible for maintaining it, however there is confusion as to where the perimeter stops. The Field Hockey organization will be maintaining the part they use, but this parcel is still not being mowed on a regular basis.
Mr. Weller commented, for as long as he can remember, that part was always maintained by whomever had the Township mowing contract. Mr. Keifrider stated this could be added.
Mr. VanDagna commented on the ***$3,000 annual allotment***, asking if that can be revisited; Mr. Bingaman stated it can. Mr. Bingaman referenced the ***DBAA Agreement*** stating the only changes we sent to DBYS were trash and recycling, which need to be deposited into the appropriate dumpsters in all parks.

Mr. Bingaman also mentioned the ***lights at Hill Rd*** should only be used for authorized group events at Hill Rd. Mr. VanDagna commented there is a lot more traffic due to having the concession stand, regarding trash at Hill Road. Mr. Weller stated, it's a matter of when the cans are full, they're put into the dumpster, which has been centrally placed for convenience. There was a discussion on the amount and placement of cans at Hill Road. Mr. O'Reilly commented on the top field from a visibility standpoint, bags are hung from the cage at the dugouts for trash, because the can is out by the outfield. Mr. Keifrider mentioned we can put another can behind the dugouts if that helps, adding; same amount of trash, just more containers to empty.

OLD BUSINESS

ACP Softball Dugout Update – Mr. Bingaman commented; we are still waiting on the stone to be spread and the dugouts being painted. Mr. O'Reilly stated, painting is still the plan. Mr. Keifrider mentioned the stone will be spread by the end of the week. Mr. O'Reilly announced the Girl Scouts made both the Mercury and Reading Eagle, which he felt was great for them.

Tennis Court Project Update – Mr. Bingaman reported, the project is complete with one exception. The paperwork was submitted to USTA for the smaller Grant, and we were asked where the 60-foot blended lines were; (also known as 10U). Eileen Schmidt, Director of Athletics at the Middle School, told Keystone not to paint those; stating the simpler the better. Mr. Bingaman stated Keystone will need to come back to paint the 60-foot blended lines, adding; it was part of the original bid package.

ACP 2-5 Playground Install – Mr. Keifrider noted they've hit rock, but the big unit has already been put together and there are three or four standalone units replaced as well. This will be open by end of day tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunting Restrictions – Monocacy Hill – Mr. Bingaman reported Pam Kisch drafted the Resolution for the Board to consider at the Board Meeting tomorrow night. Monocacy Hill will be closed for hiking between the dates of November 28th and December 12th; except for Sundays. In addition to that, we had a gentleman approach the Board, who is not a resident but has hunted the hill for years, asking if we would allow them to hunt if they would volunteer time working on the hill. The Board directed our Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Ordinance to consider this request. The draft indicates; a person who is not a township resident may hunt on Monocacy Hill with a valid, current non-resident hunting permit conditioned upon completion of "blank" hours of volunteer work within the Monocacy Hill Recreation Area for a year. Mr. Weller commented he doesn't feel people hunt this area like they used to and does not have a problem with their request. Mr. Weller questioned the hours they are considering for a volunteer to work. After a short discussion, eight hours were agreed upon.

DBAA License Agreement Amendments – This was covered under the Visitors section.

Parking Passes – ACP DBASD Coaches – Mr. Bingaman reported we have had some issues with one of the Middle School soccer coaches driving into the park and parking on the wet grass. Ms. Schmidt indicated he had to transport the water jug; however, he did not use the available macadamed parking spot. Mr. Bingaman noted we as staff have no idea when the Middle School teams are using the park and they haven't been given any direction as to the rules and regulations we would like followed. Mr. Bingaman and Mr. Weller discussed this and felt a message should be sent to all teams, organizations, coaches and Ms. Schmidt as to what our expectations are; with Ms. Schmidt being the person of contact. Mr. Weller added, if any team coach needs to drive equipment, water jugs or anything else through the park; this should be filtered through Eileen, who would then request a ***Parking Pass*** through Joanne Herb, at the Township.
Mr. Weller also suggested rules/regulations should be listed on the Parking Pass, and the pass must be displayed in the vehicle. Mr. Weller suggested having something made to hang from a mirror so it's visible. Mr. Keifrider also noted there is no signage at the park either, which should state no unauthorized vehicles or that a Parking Pass is needed. There was a discussion regarding drafting a new Parking Pass.
Mr. Weller revisited the ***inclement weather policy*** from last month, asking if DBYS has one. Mr. VanDagna stated; the decision is up to the umpire for games; and coaches for practices. Mr. VanDagna explained, when there is a lightning strike you wait 30 minutes and if there is another one, the clock resets itself, but there is no formal policy. Mr. Weller asked Mr. Keifrider who determines to close the fields if they aren't playable due to inclement weather. Mr. Keifrider will inquire who will make the call regarding fields closing and let everyone know.

PLANNING COMMISSION
There was none.

LICENSE COMMITTEE
There was none.

BOARD CONCERNS – With the Park and Rec Meeting falling on the night of the Halloween Parade, the Board chose to cancel the October 20th Meeting. The next meeting will be November 17th at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business for the Board, a motion by Mr. Dominick, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Yours,
Joanne Herb
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Recording Secretary
Amity Township

Approved - Motion carried 4-0