

Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes – March 19th, 2026

Chairperson Richard Bashore called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building. The following members were present: Keith Stamm, Michael Kocher, William Aukamp, and Janice Varone. Sarah Herchelroth joined the meeting virtually at 7:21 p.m. Also present, Judy Houck, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Samantha Binkley, Administrative Assistant.

Re-Organization- Ms. Houck was able to find the ordinance from 1974 which stated that two members of the Township of Spring Parks and Recreation Board must be appointed by Wilson School District. Further investigation into potentially outdated ordinances must be made before re-writing future policy.

Motion made by Mr. Kocher, seconded by Mr. Stamm, to nominate Mr. Bashore as Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.

Motion made by Mr. Aukamp, seconded by Ms. Varone, to nominate Mr. Stamm as Parks and Recreation Board Vice-Chairperson. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.

Motion made by Mr. Stamm, seconded by Mr. Aukamp, to nominate Mr. Kocher as Parks and Recreation Board Secretary/Treasurer. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.

Amendments to the February 19th, 2026 Agenda- None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Stamm, seconded by Mr. Aukamp to approve the minutes of the February 19th, 2026 meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.

Courtesy of the Floor- None.

General Report

The turf fertilization contract has been awarded by the Board of Supervisors to Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care and Landscape, Inc. The Board of Supervisors also approved the purchase of the large area mower.

Old Business

Kline's Creek Park-Master Site Plan Update- The Kline's Creek Park Master Site Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 9th, 2026.

Summer Playground Program- A Summer Playground Supervisor has been hired for the upcoming season. The Department is actively seeking Playground Leader applicants.

Special Events Updates- . The 37th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 1st, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at Shiloh Hills Park. Spring Township Night at the Reading Phillies will be held April 11th, 2026 at 5:15 p.m., tickets for which are now available.

Park Facility Updates- Reservations for pavilion rentals have been open and the season will open on April 1st, 2026.

Old Business (Continued)

Park Facility Updates (Continued)-

The Board of Supervisors has decided not to move forward with repairs for the Werner Farmhouse. Ms. Houck is gathering quotes for the cost of demolition.

West Wyomissing Park-Phases I and II- The consultants recommended updating the seating option underneath the shade-sail from singular benches to game tables. The ad for the construction bid for West Wyomissing Park will be placed on PennBid and in The Reading Eagle on March 20th, 2026. Bids will be due back mid-April, with the contracts ideally being awarded by early May 2026 for Phase I.

Ms. Houck is continuing the grant application process for Phase II.

General Comments- None.

New Business

No additional new business.

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Announcements

List of Upcoming Programs and Events- Is attached. Much continued excitement and interest are being shown for our upcoming America 250 programs. The first draft of the Summer 2026 brochure is underway and set to be delivered to Township residents by mid-April, which will advertise the ongoing America 250 programming as well as upcoming events and programs.

Next Meeting- The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment- *Motion made by Mr. Kocher, seconded by Mr. Stamm to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0.*

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha Binkley
Administrative Assistant