

ADAMS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Parks and Recreation Board was held on August 5th, 2025, at the Adams Township Municipal Building located at 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA, 16046.

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. The following members of the Parks and Recreation Board were present: Shelly Savoroski was remote via phone, Christine Sperdute, Marylin Watson and Heidi Brandon. Also present was the Parks & Recreation Director Brian Perry. Township Manager Mike Tylka and Supervisor Dave Goodworth were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The committee approved the minutes of the June meeting, with a motion from Marylin and Christine.

Public Comments: Katy Riddle 670 Valencia Road Mars Pa 16046 was present for public comment. She was mostly just curious about what the Parks Board was going to be discussing at the meeting. She also expressed interest in providing yoga/ chair yoga to residents in the park. Brian noted that he would speak with her after the meeting to go into detail on how to provide programming in the park.

UPDATES: Brian informed the board that the paving/ concrete project was finishing up at the building, most of the work will be completed by the end of the month. He also informed the group on the HVAC project at the building. The contractor is working on the heating element now, then the AC in the fall. Brian also updated the board on the sign projects. The Hutchmen Road sign has been replaced, the EMC sign is in production, and the grant signage is in production as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Brian updated the group on programming in the park. The Mars Basketball open gym sessions at the park were popular throughout the summer. The pickleball program has not received the required number of participants to run. There is a girl's flag football program that is taking registration now and will start at the end of August. Brian updated that pavilion rentals are still popular through the end of the summer, with most weekends still full. Brian updated the board that the splash pad will be running at normal hours through the end of the month and will wrap up on Labor day. Last update Brian made was for the recap of the Christmas in July Event. Brian labelled the event as a success, and that the intent is to grow it into a larger event in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian reported that he will send out volunteer needs and other ways of assistance for the car cruise on 9/13. This year the beneficiary is a 1st grader at Mars who is battling a brain tumor. Brian announced that the Township will be partnering with the Aliver Foundation on 8/16 to dedicate the public AED that was donated to the park. Brian asked the group if there was any interest from board members in helping host a schoolhouse tour in September. Brian will send information to the board after the meeting. Last piece of new business was to talk about possible ideas for the 2026 summer special event. Heidi identified that we make the event community themed. She also mentioned that food vendors at other special events are asked to provide a percentage of their revenue to the host. Brian said he would look into options on how they could make that type of agreement work.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. with a motion from Heid seconded by Christine . The next meeting will be on June 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Brian Perry