

Park Committee Minutes May 11th 2026

The Penn Township Park Committee met at 6:00 pm on May 11th 2026 at the Harcrest Park

In Attendance: Melissa Heady, Theodosia Regal, Scott Gumto, Janet Sperling, William Geible, Morgan Rau, Doug Roth and Supervisor Matt Salina.

Approve Minutes from August 21st 2025. Motion Scott, 2nd Melissa, Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Doug reports on the tree planting that took place last fall. All trees are leafing out but needed to be staked up due to the wind.

Theodosia reports on the pollinator garden. Due to an injury, she has been set back a bit but is planning on doing some planting soon. The park members encouraged her to let them know when and will help if able.

Doug reports that a bench was sold to Sarah (Hartzell) Giamarcarrow. The pad has been poured, and the bench is ready to be set.

New Business:

Penn Township was successful in obtaining the County Park Grant of \$10,000 with a 25% match. The grant was written for the disc golf course baskets and kiosk. Doug will order the baskets on Wednesday after approval for the Supervisors' meeting.

The disc course project will be moving along after the baskets arrive in approximately two weeks.

The Committee recognizes and thanks Morgan Rau for the nice work on the Face Book page.

The Shade Shelter at the ellipse is finally complete. The Park Committee thanks Brandon and Brian Rau for excavating the holes for the posts and trees. Dylan Roth and his crew for the erection of the shelter and concrete work by Doug and Mitchell Sober. A memorial plaque will be set at the shelter in memory of Donald Callen. Don was a Penn Township Supervisor and the Founder of "Penn's Men."

HRG will be applying for the GTRP Grant on behalf of the Township. The grant is for \$250,000.00 with a 15% match.

Doug reports the pedestrian bridge project is on hold due to the CDBG money has not come in from the Federal Govt for 2026. The money usually arrives in early spring.

Community Day is Saturday September 12th from 12pm – 4pm. Anyone that would like to help should contact Nicole at the Township Office.

Other Business:

It was mentioned by several members that there are sometimes a lot of vehicles at the Park during the nighttime hours. Questions were asked if the Police regularly patrol the area. A suggestion to have park hours posted (dawn to dusk) would help.

The horseshoe pits are not being used and are near the new driveway. There is concrete cornhole sets that may be a good replacement. Scott shows pictures of them, and all agree to look into it further.

Before adjournment the Park committee members and Matt walk around the ellipse to the shade shelter. Some measuring is done for possible bench and picnic table location.

Adjournment: 6:37 pm

Next meeting TBA