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Subj: Parks & Recreation Monthly Activity Report for June 2026

FACILITIES

The Laurel Park bathrooms are open during operational hours and automatically lock each evening at 9:30 p.m. The bathrooms at Pat Livezey Park are opened by staff for events, rentals, and soccer practices / games. Mowing at all park locations is in progress for the season by our new contractor, Effluent Retrieval, who were awarded the 3-year bid for 2026-28.

The multi-purpose athletic fields at Laurel Park and Canal Park were treated with grub control materials per the 2026 maintenance contract. Both Spring applications of fertilizer and weed control have been applied – next application in the fall.

All Park building locks are being re-keyed as part of the annual security assessment and new keys will be issued as appropriate. Additionally, a master key system is now in place for Township staff. The buildings at Laurel Park are now the only ones that remain to be re-keyed.

FACILITY RENTALS:

Six (6) facility use rentals this month – Laurel (1), Pat Livezey pavilion (5), and Canal Park (1).

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. DCNR has repaired the pump at Center Bridge and water is now being directed back into the Canal.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Planning is in progress for replanting the hillside in 2027.

PAT LIVEZEY PARK:

Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection. Repairs were made by the Township electrician to the electric panel box in the pavilion and has installed a GFCI outlet that replaced the standard outlet next to that panel. All of the outside photo-cell activated security lights at the pavilion and at the garage/storage building have been inspected and repaired, including the installation of new LED bulbs.

Preparations are in progress for native plantings at the hillside along the lower athletic field next to the parking lot. Solebury Township has been successful with both the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve plant grant program (awarded 55 native plants) and the Bucks Beautiful beautification grant (awarded \$1,917). Both grant awards will be used for the native replanting of the hillside at Lower Pat Livezey Park!

Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection. Clean out begins before summer camp!

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

The septic system, tanks, and biometric unit at the snack stand building were inspected. The pre-treatment tank was nearly full and required pumping, which was completed by River Valley Septic System. During the process it was discovered that the second tank in the system, the aerobic treatment tank, was failing due to a hole in the wall. This is not an emergency and the system will continue to function, however, that tank will eventually have to be replaced. Estimated cost \$9,500-\$18,500.

Plumbing repairs were made in the utility room at the snack stand building including the installation of a new water filtering system and a light.

The installation of the scoreboard for the minor league field was finished and the final Certificate of Approval was issued on 6/2/2026 by Solebury Township.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection. Solebury Township was awarded \$1.497 million in grant funding through PennDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program! The funds will enable the construction of 1,320 feet of shared use path and 280 feet of boardwalk on the south side of Lower York Road between Reeder Road and Shire Drive. This is a great first phase of construction of Solebury Green.

NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Multiple Eagle Scout projects are in progress for installation at Aquetong Spring Park.

- 1) Eagle Scout Charlie Babboni – Bluebird and Owl Houses
- 2) Eagle Scout Parker Taylor – Bats and Bee Houses
- 3) Mason Botts – Bird Blind (presentation this evening)

The lock on the entrance at the side door was replaced with an upgraded security lock by Holicong Locksmith and included in the master key system.

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Trail areas have been mowed by the Public Works Department.

SOLEBURY GREEN:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Design Consultant Kimmel-Bogrette is proceeding with draft plan. TASA Grant received for \$1.497 million for first phase construction of Solebury Green. The entrance to the paved parking lot has been closed off for insurance liability and safety issues due to parking by the new restaurant employees and patrons.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, GREENWAY & TRAIL PLAN:

The revised project timeline is in progress with our consultant, Gilmore & Associates. Revised chapters were received and reviewed by the Study Committee at the end of the month. Revised timeline anticipates completion in November 2026. The Study Committee met with our consultants on June 8 to review and discuss remaining chapters in anticipation of the July 13 meeting.

PROGRAMS

SOLEBURY BASEBALL / SOFTBALL LEAGUE:

Baseball and Softball are in progress with practices and games at Laurel Park. Lost but Found items continue to accumulate at the snack stand. Closing day for league games was Saturday, June 13th, with all-star games scheduled to begin on June 18th.

SOLEBURY SOCCER:

Spring Soccer has ended for both Intramural and Travel games at Laurel Park, including practices every night of the week at Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park until the Fall season begins.

Website: www.soleburysoccer.com

SOLEBURY BASKETBALL:

The current season has concluded. Adult Basketball ended on June 4, 2026 and will resume in September once school re-opens. Travel team coaching requests were received by the Township by the June 1st deadline for the upcoming 2026-27 fall / winter ICBA season. Gym and facility us planning is in progress.

Basketball website: www.soleburytp.org/parks-recreation/pages/sports-programs

ICBA website: www.icbabasketball.com

SOLEBURY LIONS YOUTH WRESTLING:

The winter season has ended.

Website: www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

Facebook: Solebury Lions Youth Wrestling at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132869324008298>

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY LACROSSE:

The Lacrosse Spring season is in progress at Laurel Park.

Website: <http://www.nhslacrosseclub.com/organizations/19205>

LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE RAMBLERS

The Lambertville-New Hope Ramblers Football and Cheerleading program provides opportunities for children ages 5-14 in Lambertville, New Hope, Solebury Township. The season has concluded.

Contact information for next season is available on the Ramblers website at <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

SUMMER CAMP:

Camp registration is now OPEN! Camp and will run 4-weeks from July 6th-31st at Pat Livezey Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Program information and the registration link can be found on the Township website.

Website: <https://www.soleburytp.org/summer-camp>

PICKLEBALL:

This spring's 5-week Pickleball Clinics ended on May 28 and were a great success. We are now looking to offer more options that better fit our community's schedules over this summer. A survey for obtaining feedback was posted on the Township and results are already coming in asking for additional clinic sessions and times. Great responses from community members, summer clinic sessions scheduled for Thursday and Saturday mornings running from 8:00am-12:30pm. Three sessions are offered per day including adult seniors 55+, adult beginners, and adult intermediate.

BACKGROUND SCREENING and CLEARANCES:

The current Clearance List is updated throughout the year for those who are required to obtain volunteer clearances. Individual sports organizations are required to provide certification to Solebury Township and/or copies as appropriate. The PA State Law on Clearances is in effect for all volunteers and employees.

FIRST AID / CPR / AED TRAINING:

CPR / AED / First Aid training courses are available online at various websites. Township personnel completed the training on October 20 and are certified for 2 years. Sports organizations conduct training for coaches and other designated personnel.

CONCUSSION TRAINING

Coaches and sports groups using Township facilities are asked to complete the CDC Concussion Training and produce a certificate of completion or League certification.

Concussion Training Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

LICENSE PLATES and TILE PROMOTION:

Sales continue each month. Since this program was started, it has raised \$74,295 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events. Receipts are documented in the monthly budget report.

CELEBRATION TREE PROGRAM:

Forms and information are posted on the Township website at the link below.

https://www.soleburytp.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf1221/f/uploads/solebury_township_tree_program_form_0.pdf

JUNE / JULY EVENTS

Various events take place each month that are run or sponsored by the P&R Department. Details are posted on the Township website, Facebook, advertisements, posters and online. The automobile route for the P&R Road Rally (scheduled for July 26) was completed and submitted to the Auto Show Coordinator and Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and approved.

6/17	Library Trolley	Pat Livezey Park
6/29	NHCC Sports Camp (4 days)	Laurel Park (cancelled - low registrations)
7/06	Solebury P&R Summer Camp (4-weeks)	Pat Livezey Park
7/15	Library Trolley	Pat Livezey Park
7/26	P&R Annual Road Rally	NHSD High School

TRAINING

NHSD High School Senior Louise Napp completed her APEX Training with the P&R Department and made her formal presentation to New Hope-Solebury School District on June 8.

MEETINGS / ADMIN / SUBDIVISIONS

Staff continued preparation of its Draft 5-Year Capital Plan for 2027-2031 and met with Michele Blood on June 10 to review and discuss.

Staff and consultants from Bowman met on June 2 to discuss the Sугan Road trail project.

Staff and consultants met on-site at the Bond House at Aquetong Spring Park on June 3 to review and discuss the design and renovations in conjunction with the recently received grant for the renovation of the building.

Staff met with DVT representatives on June 4 for the annual risk control survey and report.

The Solebury Green kick-off meeting for the TASA Grant that was awarded to the Township was held on June 8 with staff, consultants, and Joe Banks, TASA Program Coordinator for PennDOT District 6-0 and DVRPC.

Staff met for an in-person and Zoom meeting on June 11th with Mark Roth from Bowman Consultants for a public presentation on the on-going Trails Feasibility Study.

Staff met with Scott Radaszkiewicz, Director of NHSD Operations to review gym and facility use for the 2026-27 basketball season and 2027 summer camp program.

Park & Rec Board met on June 25 for its regular meeting highlighted by the following:

- Mason Botts – Eagle Scout Project Presentation for a Bird Blind, Aquetong Spring Park
- Route 202 Trail Feasibility Study Presentation
- Consideration of the Adopt-A-Road Program

Respectfully submitted,

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