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Subj: Parks & Recreation Monthly Activity Report for September 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 continues for the current season.

FACILITY RENTALS:

Pat Livezey Park – 4 / Canal Park – 1

CANAL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Landis Fence was the lowest price (\$18,740) of 4 companies for the replacement of the 576 feet of board fence at Canal Park along the property line with the neighboring development homes of Canal Walk. This was a planned capital budget item for 2026 and work will begin in October.

MAGILL'S HILL:

Routine maintenance and inspection. Mowing remains adjusted to allow for more growth at the bottom of the hillside to assist with water runoff. Mowing of limited section of the hillside is planned for later in the year in order to accommodate potential sledding this coming winter (in the event of snow)!

PAT LIVEZEY PARK:

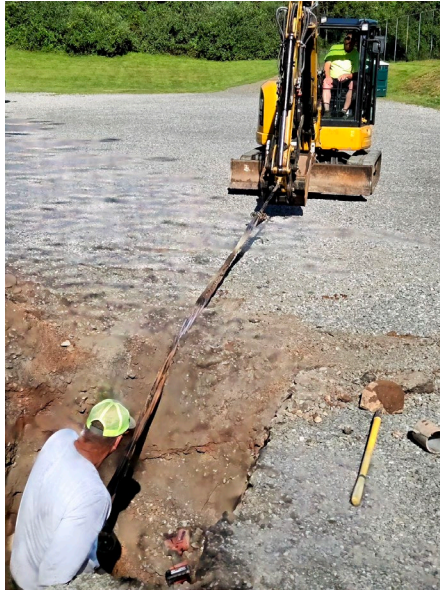
Fields (Upper & Lower)

Routine maintenance and inspection.

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!

The electric service to the soccer lights at the lower park sustained an apparent lightning strike at the pole and transformer next to the Route 202 entrance, burning and destroying a large section of the underground wires. This required pulling all the old wires out of the existing conduit and digging a new trench and installing new conduit and wires. Solebury's Public Works department supplied the equipment and personnel to assist the electrical contractor with the work and installation. Most of the old wires were "direct burial" and not in conduit which added to the level of difficulty. The total cost of the project was \$27,784.50 (Insurance covered \$20,294.50 / Soccer Club covered \$2,000 / Solebury covered the balance \$5,490). Start to finish, the actual repair took 7 days and the lights were re-connected and running for soccer practices and games.

Below are a few photos of the damage and the work in progress before completion.



Maintenance / Buildings / Security

Routine maintenance and inspection.

LAUREL PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

TRAILS

Routine maintenance and inspection.

NORTH POINTE PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

AQUETONG SPRING PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection with closure on 9/23 & 9/24 for invasive control operations by Princeton Hydro. Multiple Eagle Scout projects were completed or in progress at the park.

- 1) Eagle Scout Charlie Babboni – Bluebird and Owl Houses (In Progress)
- 2) Eagle Scout Parker Taylor – Bats and Bee Houses (Completed)
- 3) Mason Botts – Bird Blind Project (Completed)

SOLEBURY PARK:

Routine maintenance and inspection.

SOLEBURY GREEN:

Routine maintenance and inspection, including mowing of the grass trail areas for both pedestrian access and for vehicle access by the Township Public Works Department..

Design Consultant Kimmel-Bogrette is proceeding with the draft plan. The P&R Board at its September meeting recommended Draft Design Plan #1 (attached to this report). 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.

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

The Draft Report was received from our consultant, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. and uploaded to DCNR for its required review and comments. Copies via a Google link have been provided to members of the Committee, P&R Board, Board of Supervisors, and staff. Once the review is received from DCNR, appropriate changes can be made if required.

PROGRAMS

SOLEBURY BASEBALL / SOFTBALL LEAGUE:

Fall Baseball and Softball are in progress.

Website: www.soleburybaseball.org

Email: soleburytwpbbaseballsoftball@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/soleburybaseballandsoftball>

SOLEBURY SOCCER:

Soccer practices and games are in progress for the fall program at Laurel Park and Pat Livezey Park.

Website: www.soleburysoccer.com

SOLEBURY BASKETBALL:

Gym facility planning was submitted and approved by NHSD Operations. Travel team tryouts are in progress at the UES gym. The next ICBA League meeting is scheduled for October 7th. Adult Basketball registration is now closed and play is in progress at the UES gym on Tuesday & Thursday evenings per the schedule. Dan Dupont is the Adult League Coordinator for the program.

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

ICBA website: www.icbabasketball.com

SOLEBURY LIONS YOUTH WRESTLING:

Planning is in progress for the 2026 season.

Website: www.soleburyyouthwrestling.com

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

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY LACROSSE:

The Lacrosse season has ended.

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

LAMBERTVILLE-NEW HOPE RAMBLERS

NOTE: The Ramblers did not have enough interest for the 2026 season, but will remain active and attempt to try again for the 2027 season.

The Lambertville-New Hope Ramblers Football and Cheerleading program provides opportunities for children ages 5-14 in Lambertville, New Hope, Solebury Township. Contact information and registration details for the season is available on the Ramblers website at <https://lnh-ramblers.com>

SUMMER CAMP:

Planning for the 2027 Summer Camp will begin in January and preparations are underway to move back to the pre-COVID location at the NHSD Upper Elementary School, by agreement with the school district's Operations Department. Program information and announcements will be posted on the Township website and via social media.

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

PICKLEBALL:

Current pickleball programs are in progress.

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 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, 2025 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 \$74,985 to date for Parks and Recreation programs and events. Receipts are documented in the monthly budget report.

The 2026 Holiday Tile has been designed and is in production by the Artist Isabel O'Brien, and expected to arrive by the week of Thanksgiving.

CELEBRATION TREE PROGRAM:

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

https://www.soleburytpw.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf1221f/uploads/solebury_township_tree_program_form_0.pdf

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
09/19	Solebury Soccer Photo Day / 8:00 am	Township Public Works Building
10/11	Pickleball Doubles Tournament / 1:30-3:30 pm	Township Pickleball Courts
10/16	Family Movie Night / 6:30 pm	Pat Livezey Park

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10/17	Bike Rodeo / 10:00 am-1:00 pm	Township Public Works Building
10/17	Farm Tour / 12 Noon-5:00 pm	Local Solebury Farms
10/29	Trunk or Treat / 11:00 am-2:00 pm	NHSD UES Parking Lot
10/31	Light Up The Night / 6:00-8:00 pm	611 Norwalk Way in North Pointe

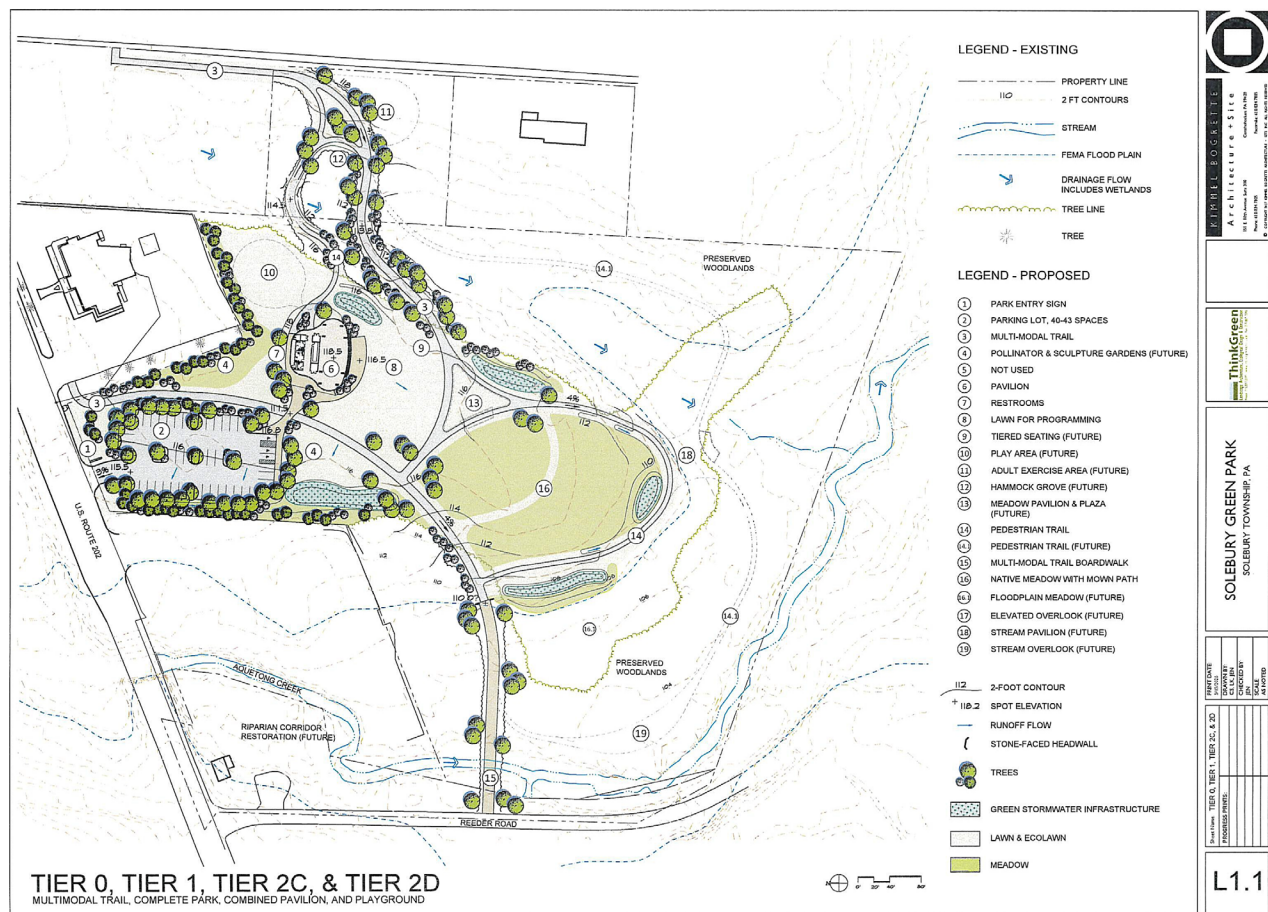
TRAINING

Dudley and Annelise met with Stephanie Teoli Kuhls for Leadership-Readiness training assessment and to review a schedule for the next 6 months.

Annelise Dahlin completed the DVT Training Course on 9/24 for on “Managing Volunteer Boards and Commissions.”

MEETINGS / ADMIN / SUBDIVISIONS

Parks & Recreation met on September 24 and recommended Draft Design Plan #1 (attached to this report).



The ICBA Basketball League meeting for the 2026-27 ICBA season was held on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. to review procedures, timelines and rules. The next meeting is set for October 7 at 7:00 p.m. to review game scheduling and team assignments.

Respectfully submitted,

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