

2025 Nesting Success by Species – as of early July

Bluebirds: Nesting attempts made in 7 boxes

Only 1 brood successfully fledged so far (Box 20)

Competition from Tree Swallows, predation by House Sparrows and possibly other predators limited success. 1 clutch of eggs was abandoned (female BB seemed to disappear).

3 boxes have eggs or hatchlings as of last monitoring

2024 mid-July comparison: 23 young BB had fledged

Tree Swallows: Nesting attempts in 16 boxes

At least 28 swallows have successfully fledged from 8 boxes

2024 mid-July: 28 young swallows had fledged

House Sparrows: Nesting attempts in 7 boxes – all thwarted by removing nests. No murdered native birds found in any box, but they evicted nesting bluebirds from Boxes 3 and 10

House Wrens: Nesting attempts in 5 boxes

HW arrive later than the others, with evidence of nesting beginning late May/early June.

Laid eggs in one box, which suffered predation

All other attempts discouraged by removing early nesting vs false nest material

2024 mid-July: wrens had occupied 7 boxes and their PA population is rapidly expanding (per the Bluebird Society of PA). Box #9, which was located in habitat that attracted wrens and not bluebirds, was removed last year at the request of the subcommittee.

Chickadees: Nesting attempts in 10 boxes

Successful fledging from 3 boxes, and possible a 4th (#29)

Loss of eggs/young from predation/competition in 4 boxes

2024 mid-July: nesting attempts had been made in 5 boxes, with no success

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Bird Box Subcommittee of the Wyomissing Park & Shade Tree Commission
Meeting (over Zoom) July 2, 2025

Voting members of the Commission present: Lucy Cairns, Margaret Cosbey, Quindi Franco

Advisory members present: Jean Seelig, Diana Wert, Carol Nye

Advisory members not present: Helen Davis, Lauren Minnich, Sylvana Franco

Monitoring changes: Quindi is unable to directly monitor boxes for (likely) at least a month, due to an injury. (*Update: as of July 5, Quindi reports he expects to be allowed to begin walking again by Aug. 4.*) His daughter, Sylvana, has done monitoring under his supervision following the injury, but will be unavailable after July 6.

Quindi's boxes: #5, 8, 10, 18, 29

As of July 4, last monitoring occurred on July 3 for #29 and June on 27 for the rest (per entries on the Google sheet).

The reassignment of these boxes for the period from July 6 – mid-August (and the end-of-season clean-out) was not addressed during this meeting due to an oversight on Lucy's part. An email proposing that Lucy arrange to accompany Lauren and Carol to check these boxes after July 6 has been sent. (*Update: Helen will be responsible for Boxes #5, 8, 10, and 29 and will attempt to monitor at times when Lauren and/or Carol is available to assist. Lucy will take Box #18.*)

Monitors were urged to keep our master Google sheet up to date as monitoring occurs, and to indicate in the Comments column those dates between which boxes should NOT be opened (from 12-days post-estimated hatch date through expected fledge date). This will make it much easier for substitute monitors to properly monitor boxes if the regular monitor is not available. *When hatchlings are first observed in a box, it is important to note their appearance and compare to photos available online in order to arrive at an estimated hatch date.* If consulting the photos available online still leaves you uncertain, consider using the date halfway between the current date and the date of your last box check when no hatchlings were found.

The bulk of the meeting was spent reviewing all the Google data sheets and doing our best to reconcile the numbers. The number of eggs laid should equal the sum of: fledged birds + unhatched (i.e., nonviable) eggs + eggs/young lost. Do not hesitate to make changes to previous observations when indicated, such as when you recorded 2 eggs on a previous visit and now you see 4 hatchlings. Change the 2 eggs to 4 eggs.

House wrens moved into 4 boxes between May 19 and June 17. Per our goal of discouraging further expansion of wrens into park boxes, partial stick nests have been removed.

Quindi found Box #10 broken recently, but managed to replace the broken parts as a temporary measure. He was given the go-ahead to make repairs.

Monitors were asked to begin thinking about which of their boxes should be prioritized for replacement or for the addition of Noel guards and/or wobbling baffles for the 2026 season. Suggestions for relocating present boxes and for the placement of additional boxes would be welcome. We already have 9 or 10 new boxes to use next year (all will probably be needed to replace old boxes in poor condition). Lucy suggested that we consider putting up one or two dedicated chickadee boxes.

Our next meeting will be planned for the second or third week of August. End-of-season cleanout of all boxes should take place in late August or early September. A summary of the 2025 data will be provided in advance of the September commission meeting.

Submitted by: Lucy Cairns







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Russia



Kalamazoo-Pushkin Sister Cities



With this Peace Pole planted in Timore-Leste, there is now a Peace Pole in EVERY COUNTRY on earth!

The Global Rotary Peace Pole Project

History of Peace Poles

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Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing communities together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness. It is an uplifting project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. They stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on our planet.

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The District 5100 Rotary Peace Pole Project

Three year ago, on the International Day of Peace, Rotary District 5100 set out to plant 100 Peace Poles in Northern Oregon and Southern Washington. In actuality, 128 Peace Poles were planted that day. At the end of 2023, over 500 Peace Poles have been installed.

The Peace Pole Ceremony



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HeadquartersWascher Elementary
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An important part of the Peace Pole planting is the Peace Pole Ceremony. The ceremonial gathering brings the community together and can include interfaith peace activities, concerts, tree plantings, exhibitions, speeches, picnics and activities for children.

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WYOMISSING BOROUGH, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1454-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION”, SECTION 102 ENTITLED “PROHIBITED USES, CONDUCT, ACTIVITIES”, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION “T” TO PROHIBIT ENTERING INTO BOROUGH PLAYGROUNDS BETWEEN ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET AND ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE, AND RELETTERING EXISTING SUBSECTIONS “T”, “U”, “V”, AND “W”, AS “U”, “V”, “W” AND “X”

WHEREAS, Wyomissing is organized as a Borough in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governed by the Borough Code of Pennsylvania, 8 Pa. C.S.A. §101, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code of Pennsylvania authorizes boroughs to provide, improve, maintain and regulate recreation within the borough permissively through a board of recreation with authority to adopt rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Wyomissing established a Recreation Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 1036 enacted on April 14, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wyomissing Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16 entitled “Parks and Recreation”, defines and regulates the use of park and recreation lands and facilities within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Wyomissing previously enacted Ordinance No. 1401-2019 and Ordinance No. 1451-2025 to amend and restate Chapter 16 by updating rules and regulations, and the administration and enforcement thereof for the health and welfare of the Borough residents and property; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Wyomissing desires to further amend Chapter 16 by adding a new Subsection “T” to prohibit entering into Borough playgrounds between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, except with authorization from the Recreation Director or the Borough Manager, and to re-letter existing subsections “T”, “U”, “V”, and “W” as “U”, “V”, “W” and “X”.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Wyomissing as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Wyomissing Chapter 16 “Parks and Recreation”, Part 1, Section 102, “Prohibited Uses, Conduct, Activities” is hereby amended to add as a new prohibition the following new subsection “T” to read in its entirety as follows:

T. Enter into or remain within the Berkshire Heights Playground, Wyomissing Hills Playground or Happy Hollow Playground one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, except when specifically authorized by the Recreation Director or Borough Manager.

SECTION 2. The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Wyomissing Chapter 16 “Parks and Recreation”, Part 1, Section 102, “Prohibited Uses, Conduct, Activities” is hereby amended to re-letter existing subsections “T”, “U”, “V” and “W” as “U”, “V”, “W” and “X”.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All Ordinances or part of any Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby replaced to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. The effective date of the within amendments shall be immediately upon this enactment and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 6. Code of Ordinances. The Code of Ordinance of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania shall be and remain unchanged and in full force and effect except as amended, supplemented, and modified by this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become a part of this Code of the Township upon adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING
Berks County, Pennsylvania

By: _____
William S. Jenckes
President of Borough Council

Attest: _____
Melissa Miller
Secretary of the Borough

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Frederick C. Levering
Mayor of the Borough

CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 1454-2025 adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wyomissing, Berks County, Pennsylvania at a regular meeting held on _____, 2025, pursuant to notice as required by law.

Dated: _____

Name: _____
Secretary of the Borough of Wyomissing

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Wyomissing Park Forest Management Plan Proposal

Goals: Forest management plan to inventory existing conditions and address future health and management of the forest as it relates to recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, forest diversity, plant and insect pests, and other relevant factors.

Data Collection Methods:

- Approximately 1 sample plot every acre of forest (~24.2 acres of forest)
- 10 BAF variable radius overstory inventory plots to evaluate:
 - Species composition
 - Stand stocking density
 - Timber volume
 - Forest health
- 1/20th acre fixed radius understory and invasive plant sample plots
- 1/500th acre seedling/sapling tree regeneration plots
- Stand aging and growth rate via increment borer core samples
- Mapping of forest stand boundaries and other relevant features using a combination of GPS and GIS

Forest Management Plan:

- Analysis of current forest conditions including stocking levels and composition
- Analysis of resource concerns regarding forest health and the goals of the owner including stand delineation, management unit delineation, invasive plant density mapping, and other relevant information
- Various recommendations and options to address resource concerns and meet owner's goals for the property including water quality, timber harvests, invasive plant control, tree planting, wildlife management, recreation, and other possibilities
- Meet the standards for NRCS Conservation Plan and Forest Stewardship program
- Endangered and threatened species search via PA Natural Diversity Inventory

Project Timeline:

- Sample plots and field work starting in September of 2025 and completed by February 2026
- Plan completed by August 2025
- 0.5 Days - Objectives meeting, mapping, and fieldwork preparation
- 2.0 Days - Sample plot inventory, stand aging
- 2.5 Days - Data analysis, plan writing, management discussion, final delivery

Project Cost: \$3,000

Project Area Map



Shultz Forest Management and Consulting LLC Qualifications and Expertise

❖ Jacob Shultz – Forester/Owner

- Society of American Foresters Certified Forester
- B.S. Forestry – Ecological Forest Management – Paul Smith's College
- B.S. Natural Resource Management and Policy – Paul Smith's College
- 12 years forest management experience on federal, state, and private land
- PA licensed pesticide applicator for forest and aquatic categories
- Former Member of Bernville Borough Shade Tree Commission for 3 years
- Level 1 and 2 Game of Logging Certification
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative Best Management Practices for Logging Training
- S-130, S-190, I-100, IS-700 wildland fire training with Rx and wildland fire experience

❖ Jennifer Breen – Ecosystem Restoration Specialist

- M.S. Landscape Architecture – University of Wisconsin, Madison
- B.S. Environmental Science – Paul Smith's College
- 10 years ecosystem restoration experience on federal, state, and private land
- NJ licensed pesticide applicator for forest and aquatic categories
- Wetland delineation training from Rutgers University
- Audubon fire training with Rx fire experience

❖ Makayla Wolf – Forestry Technician

- B.S. Environmental Science – Forestry – Stockton University

Services Provided by Our Staff

- ❖ Forest Management Plan Writing
 - Plans written to meet the standards of the Forest Stewardship Program
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service - Conservation Activity Plans (Forestry)
 - Pennsylvania Tree Farm Program
 - Preparation of forest management plans to address a wide range of forest management goals including aesthetics, recreation, sustainable timber harvesting, wildlife habitat, water resource protection, and more while taking into consideration stakeholders
- ❖ Timber Sale Preparation and Administration
 - Determining silvicultural prescription
 - Boundary line establishment
 - Marking and inventorying cut/reserve trees
 - Haul road, landing, and skid road layout
 - Erosion and sediment control plan preparation
 - Marketing timber to perspective buyers
 - Contract and permit preparation
 - Harvest administration and inspection
- ❖ Timber Inventory and Appraisal
- ❖ Mapping
 - Handheld GPS data collection
- ❖ QGIS data analysis and mapping
- ❖ Experience in preliminary inventories for carbon credits
- ❖ Habitat management to improve food and cover availability for various game and non-game species
- ❖ Licensed Pennsylvania and New Jersey Commercial Pesticide Applicator
 - Back-pack spot and broadcast
 - ATV high pressure hose and low pressure boomless
 - Hack-and-squirt, cut-stump, and basal-bark
 - Applications to control non-native invasive plants and forest vegetative competition
- ❖ Mechanical Invasive Plant Control
 - Hand pulling or cutting
 - Forest mowing
- ❖ Reforestation and Riparian Buffer Restoration Planting Plans
- ❖ Reforestation and Riparian Buffer Restoration Services
 - Conifer and hardwood reforestation
- ❖ Wetland Restoration and Site Maintenance
 - Wetland restoration to meet the standards of PA and NJ DEP
 - Permitting
 - Tree planting
 - Invasive plant control
 - Site maintenance and deer fence monitoring
- ❖ Forest Stand Improvement and Hazard Tree Felling
- ❖ Deer fencing planning, installation, and maintenance