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Major Renovations Begin at Kohl Memorial and Centennial Acres Parks

Lower Paxton also seeks public input about planned dog park improvements

Lower Paxton Township, PA (September 3, 2025) – Kohl Memorial and Centennial Acres are the latest parks to see renovations under Lower Paxton’s ongoing \$5 million-plus improvements to parks across the Township.

The Township is seeking public input as it plans future upgrades at the popular Happy Tails Dog Park, adjacent to Kohl Memorial Park. Ideas include shaded areas and a hydration station for pets and owners.

- **Share your ideas** for Happy Tails Dog Park by filling out an online survey at bit.ly/LPHappyTails
- The Township **welcomes donations** for Happy Tails improvements. If you would like to help make even more tails wag with happiness, visit our Friends of the Parks page at **bit.ly/LPTFriends**

“These projects are part of our commitment to ensuring residents of all ages have safe, modern, and enjoyable spaces to play and gather,” said Laura Kurtz, Chair of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors. “Investing in our parks directly invests in our community’s quality of life.”

The renovations at Kohl Memorial and Centennial Acres are expected to be completed by the end of October, allowing time to enjoy the new facilities before winter arrives.

During renovations, Kohl Memorial Park will still be open, however, Centennial Acres will be closed.

For **Kohl Memorial Park, 1050 Dowhower Road**, the project marks the first time the courts have been renovated in the park's decades-long history. Work includes fully renovating the basketball court. Both handball/racquetball courts and tennis courts will also be renovated.

At **Centennial Acres Park, located at 4291 Centennial Drive**, the basketball court will undergo full renovation. Two years ago, the Township replaced the park's playground equipment.

Recent park improvements around the Township

Over the past two years, Lower Paxton Township has advanced multiple projects as part of its long-term vision for parks and recreation:

- A new \$1 million inclusive, multi-part playground and picnic plaza at **Brightbill Park**, which followed the completion of new bathrooms and the renovation of the park's lighted basketball courts, used by almost 800 participants of the Brightbill Basketball League.
- New playground equipment at **Forest Hills, Kings Crossing** and **Lamplight** – and new equipment scheduled for installation at **Meadowbrook** in October.
- Opening of the 1-mile-long **Oak Park Nature Trail** by Oak Park and Maple roads adjacent to Shoops Cemetery. The new section connected to an already completed section, also completed by volunteers, which included placing a bridge over a section of stream and boardwalk over marshy areas.
- Opening of the region's first **Cricket Pitch at Lingle Park**, now used by hundreds of active players and teams.

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