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Delaware County Park Board Meeting
November 12, 2025
12:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

- Board: Barron Lacy; Kelly Johnson; Parker Snow; Andy Hood; Brian Warren; Meagan Hopkins-Doerr; Michelle Alvare
Department of Parks and Recreation: Anne Stauffer, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation; Beth Chapman, Marketing & Communications Manager; Brooke Kempczynski, Redwood Center Coordinator
County: Karen Wilwol, Director, Delaware County Conservation District
Not present: John McMullan; Kathleen Lopez; Mary Coniglio; Gudrun Anita Hereen
Minutes by Carol Tustin
Call to Order: 12:03 pm

Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2025 will be approved by the board at the January meeting.

Call to Order.....Anne Stauffer

- The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Anne Stauffer, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation.

Interim Directors report..... Anne Stauffer

- Our usual meeting room at the Hunt Club is now the Parks and Recreation reception office, so that is why we have to do the meeting by Zoom.
Parks Board meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month on odd months with Park visits on the alternating months. We will list out where to visit this year at the January meeting.
Decorating for the Festival of Lights is underway. The company doing the lights this year is The Delaware Environmental Construction Services. Our Superintendent and our grounds team has decorated all the trees that they usually do in the park and the cut Christmas trees that they decorate are getting delivered this week. The tree lighting ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 4th at 5PM. There will be

food trucks, vendors, and entertainment. Santa will be there for opening night. This is the 50th Anniversary for the Festival of Lights, so it's kind of a big deal this year. I hope to see everyone there for the park lighting ceremony on December 4th.

- Darby Township had a Park, Recreation and Open Space planned public meeting a couple of weeks ago that I attended. They dedicated a section of their meeting to talk about the future use of the Briarcliff building. It was a well-attended meeting with at least 15 members of the public in attendance. There is a lot of interest in holding regular community events, like a movie night, STEM programming and other things. The consultant who ran the meeting will send us a report on all that information.
- As to Little Flower Manor Community Gardens, we are putting out a bid in the next month so the garden should be ready to go by the Spring. That is exciting.
- We are virtual today because Leedom House is still under construction. We are using The Hunt Club conference room as our temporary office. We should be moving back to the Leedom House by December 8th.

Cricket Field Proposal.....Anne Stauffer

- We talked about the Cricket Field at Featherbed Lane Field at our last board meeting and we discussed the possibility of approving the field at this month's meeting. This approval would be contingent upon the submittal and approval of a planned documentation and parking considerations. We did receive some drawings and measurements. We also reminded the proposed field organizer, Zameer Sayed, that all scheduling and permitting of the cricket field would come through our office at Parks & Recreation. Although they would build the cricket field, they don't own the field. There was much discussion of parking issues, impervious surface areas, Portable Bathrooms, and information that had been requested on the turf that will be used for the pitch. We need the turf information before any decisions are made due to the environmental impact. There was also concern for input from the surrounding community in terms of how they feel about the field. It would probably be a good idea to do a presentation to the community. We need to discuss all of this with Zameer and then discuss at the next board meeting. The vote was tabled.

Delco 250 BellAnne Stauffer

- Next year is America's 250th birthday. It's the semi quincennial and Delco 250 is the organization that is handling the events to celebrate the birthday in Delaware County. Bells Across America is one of their programs. Artists have painted small replica Liberty bells to be presented across America. Delco 250 got one for Rose Tree Park. It will arrive for the opening of the tree lighting ceremony, so they would like to have an unveiling presentation at 4pm on December 4th before the tree lighting ceremony at 5pm. The bell will be put in the mall area for 2026. It is not a permanent addition to the park.
- Another Delco 250 addition to the park will be historic signage about the different buildings in the park to commemorate the 250th birthday of American.

Old Business

- The fees for the athletic fields will be discussed at the January meeting since both John and Kathy are away.
- There was discussion about meetings about the Delaware County Park Conservancy. It was noted that the committee looking into this did talk to the Foundation for Delaware County about fundraising and how they could act as the 501c3 for them to fundraise. We could discuss next month.

New Business

- There was an article in the Daily Times about the park and investing in the parks and the buildings.
- The last park visit was at Catania Park. It was Parker, Beth, Brooke and I. We walked around Catania, which is still under construction for the soccer field, they are putting in artificial turf.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

- No public comment
- **Meeting adjourned: 12:40 pm**

Meetings:

January 14th, Hunt Club, hybrid
March 11th, Hunt Club, hybrid
May 13th, Hunt Club, hybrid
July 8th, Hunt Club, hybrid
September 9th, Hunt Club, hybrid
November 4th, Hunt Club, hybrid

Park Visits:

February 11th –
April 8th –
June 19th – Juneteenth at Rose Tree Park
August 12th –
October 7th –
December TBD – Rose Tree Festival of Lights

