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**Delaware County Park Board Meeting
July 12, 2023
12:00 p.m.**

Location: Hunt Club

Attendees:

- **Board:** Marc Manfre, Director of Parks & Recreation; Kathy Lopez; Parker Snowe; Bridget O'Donnell; Anne Stauffer; Beth Chapman; Kelly Johnson; Nicholas Furman; John McMullan; Trish McFarland; Mary Coniglio
- **County:** Councilperson Elaine Paul Schaefer, County Council Liaison; Steven Beckley, Planning manager, Open Space and Trails; Karen Wilwol, Soil & Water Conservation Watershed Specialist; Peter Williamson, Assistant Director, Delaware County Planning.
- **Not present:** Nicholas Hoyt; Barron Lacy; Trish McFarland; Parker Snowe
- Minutes by Carol Tustin
- **Call to Order:** 12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2023 were approved by the board.

- **Call to Order**.....Chair Kathy Lopez
 - The meeting was called to order by Kathy Lopez, Park Board Chair.
 - Kathy introduced our new Park Board member, Mary Coniglio, who is from Garnet Valley. Everyone went around the table and introduced themselves. Mary will fill the opening for District 6 for the Park Board.
- **Directors report**.....Marc Manfre
 - Peter Williamson is here today to give a presentation on Planning and our Park system.
 - The Redwood Center is used a lot. We have about 50 to 75 seniors that are there a lot. It's used for classes and dancing. We will be starting the new roof soon.
 - We have the new field at Upland Park done, up and running. The Chester leagues are playing their games on the field.
 - Senior games went well this year. Everyone had a great time. We had approximately 455 seniors sign up for the games this year. We had 750 to 800 participants pre COVID and are hoping that eventually participation will get back to the pre-COVID numbers.

- At Rose Tree we have the garden program with 118 plots. We have the Festival of Lights coming up in December, which is always enjoyed by everyone.
 - The Summer Concert series has started. Everyone seems to be enjoying the concerts. At tonight's concert, we have Jimmy and the Parrots. This year we upgraded the electrical and sound system, and we have everything ready to go.
 - Clayton Park fields are used for Lacrosse and Field hockey. People are always looking for fields, and I would love to have more athletic fields.
 - We have put in some No-Mow Zones in the meadows at Little Flower Manor. We are discussing the plans for the garden plots at Little Flower.
- **Discussion**
 - Councilperson Elaine Schaefer talked about the Delaware County New Park Master Plan meeting. It took place on Monday, June 26 in the County Council Room at the Delaware County Government building. It was scheduled to give updates on where they're at in the process of planning the new park. There was public input. They are in the process of constructing a parking lot for the new park on Reed road.
- **Guest Speaker.....Assistant Director, Delaware County Planning, Peter Williamson**
 - Phase 1 of Little Flower Manor is ready to start. The groundbreaking ceremony is on July 13th at 3pm. The Planning department works a lot with Parks & Recreation. This makes sense since a lot of the plans and work overlaps.
 - Peter presented a slideshow on all the parks, the history, the updates and plans on further development. He discussed the Master Plan for the New Park.
- **Old Business**
 - Our next park visit will be Don Guanella on August 9.
 - We discussed the naming of Little Flower, to be decided and presented at a later date.
- **New Business**
 - Park visits for 2023 are listed at the bottom of the minutes. In August we were going to revisit Don Guanella and in October we'll visit Upland.
 - There are Interactive Trail maps on the Visit Delco website that has been completed.
 - Mary Coniglio filled the vacancy for District 6 for the Park Board. We now have a full board.
 - The reopening of the Philip Jaisohn Monument will be held at Rose Tree Park on August 12.

- **Meeting adjourned: 12:51pm**

Meetings:

January 11 – Zoom

March 8 – Zoom

May 10 – Hunt Club

July 12 – Hunt Club

September 13 – Hunt Club

November 8 – Zoom

Park Visits:

February 8 – Mineral Hill

April 12 – Little Flower & Darby Creek Trail

June 14 – Catania

August 9 – Don Guanella

October 11 – Upland

December – Rose Tree Festival of Lights on opening night