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**Delaware County Park Board Meeting
March 11, 2026
12:00 p.m.**

Location: Hunt Club (Hybrid Meeting)

Attendees:

- **Board:** John McMullan; Barron Lacy; Kelly Johnson; Parker Snowe; Andy Hood; Meagan Hopkins-Doerr; Michelle Alvare; Mary Coniglio
- **Via Zoom:** Anne Stauffer, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation; Brian Warren; Kathleen Lopez; Gudrun Anita Hereen
- **Department of Parks and Recreation:** Anne Stauffer, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation; Beth Chapman, Marketing & Communications Manager; Brooke Kempczynski, Redwood Center Coordinator
- **County:** Kelsey Stanton-Murphy, Planner III, Environmental Planning Department
- **Via Zoom:** Elaine Schaefer, County Council Liaison
- Minutes by Carol Tustin
- **Call to Order:** 12:03 pm

Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2025 were approved by the board.

Call to Order..... John McMullan

- The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by John McMullan, Park Board Chair

Nomination Committee.....Kelly Johnson

- Nominations were received by the Nomination Committee for John McMullan to be re-elected as Chair and Megan Hopkins-Doerr as the new Vice-Chair. Their nominations were proposed and seconded, and the vote was a unanimous yes vote. Congratulations to the new Chair & Vice Chair.

Interim Directors report..... Anne Stauffer

- The open house at Darby Borough Hall to address the New County Park (formerly Little Flower Open Space) Phase 2 planning was an interesting meeting.
- We have a contract with Rogan Landscaping for tree mitigation and removal.

- We applied for a \$120,000 Engineering Design Grant for soil retention working with Penn State Extension.
- The Delaware County Juneteenth Event falls on a Friday this year.
- The Senior Games are scheduled for June 1st – 12th. We may need a new golf course because Paxon Hollow is doing renovations on their greens. We are looking into the Springfield County Club or maybe McCall Golf Course. We did have a low count of seniors last year for 18-hole golf, it was around 40 seniors.

Summer Festival.....Beth Chapman

- We are almost finished the tentative schedule for the Summer Festival. At the Army Field Band Concert there will be an America 250 themed flag give away.
- Beth had some questions about sponsorship conflicts and guidelines, so we don't keep going to the same sponsors for different events.

Topics & Planning for 2026

- Future topic to be discussed is the History of the Rail Trail Documentary with Ed Norton.
- New County Park (Little Flower) master plan update from the consultants.

Old Business

- Zameer Sayed was in attendance to discuss the Cricket Field at Featherbed Lane. It was explained that the County requested a quote to survey and design the field from an engineer, Mike Galante. Zameer explained that the Cricket Field will be a revenue source, and he wants to get sponsors but needs an okay from the County. Anne said that the County must complete its due diligence because it is county land, and the construction won't happen this Spring. It probably would happen sometime in 2027. Park Board discussed the questions about the pitch turf having PFAS (forever chemicals). There were no red flags or huge concerns about that. They are going to get the turf from the UK, not a local source. Weather does not support natural pitch in the United States. It is too expensive to upkeep. We need to remember to treat this field like other surrounding turf fields. There was a question about filtering systems for PFAS, and it was recommended to ask the engineer. We will review in May to finish up hopefully.
- There were some questions about the fee structure at Clayton Park Golf Course because fewer rounds are being played. Mary is going to look up the stats for rounds played.

New Business

- We are looking to form subcommittees. We need 3 members for each. Mary Coniglio, Michelle Alvare, and Brian Warren would like to be on the Fee Schedule Review Committee and John McMullan, Parker Snowe, and Megan Hopkins-Doerr would like to be on the Fundraiser / Sponsorship Committee.

- Visit Delco is looking to increase the hotel tax up to 5%. Can the revenue go to the Parks Department or other County Departments?
- Kathy Lopez had an update on the Delaware County Parks Conservancy Foundation. Eric Tamulonis is in the process of getting a feel for the interest in the Foundation and they will schedule to meet in the next few weeks.
- There was a public meeting about the Chester Creek Trail in Toby Farms. There were 12 attendees who were mostly young people. They stressed their enthusiasm about trails to access woods. They will hold another public meeting online.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

- Zameer Sayed attended for the Cricket Field update discussion.
- **Meeting adjourned: 12:49 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 - Little Flower Manor
 April 8th - Clayton Golf Course
 June 19th – Juneteenth at Rose Tree Park
 August 12th - Delco Woods
 October 7th- Upland Park
 December TBD – Rose Tree Festival of Lights