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**Delaware County Park Board Meeting
May 13, 2026
12:00 p.m.**

Location: Hunt Club (Hybrid Meeting)

Attendees:

- **Board:** John McMullan; Barron Lacy; Kelly Johnson; Andy Hood; Meagan Hopkins-Doerr; Michelle Alvare; Mary Coniglio
- **Via Zoom:** Brian Warren; Kathleen Lopez; Gudrun Anita Hereen
- **Department of Parks and Recreation:** Anne Stauffer, 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
- **Presentation Little Flower Park Phase II Master Site Plan (virtual):** Tracy Strickland, HRG
- Minutes by Carol Tustin
- **Call to Order:** 12:03 pm

Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026 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

Agenda Amendment.....

- Motion made and approved to move Public Comment to the beginning of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion and Public Comment.....

Clayton Park Concerns

- Two residents attended regarding Clayton Park and spoke regarding future development plans for the park. They voiced their opposition to the 2015 Clayton Park Master Plan. Their main objections were the proposed driving range, the cricket-related improvements and any additional development within the park. They hope to preserve the existing wooded and passive recreation areas.

- They were concerned about potential historical and archaeological resources on the property being disturbed by future development, which include possible connections to early Black landowners and farmers, including Peter Driver, potential underground railroad history and the also the possibility of unmarked historic burials.
- Another concern of residents would be dead and hazardous trees along roads surrounding Clayton Park. Questions were raised regarding responsibility among Delaware County, PennDOT, Concord Township and private property owners.
- Residents were assured that there were currently no plans to implement any of the 2015 master plan recommendations and any future major improvements would involve community input. Planning and Parks Departments have discussed updating the outdated master plan. No recommendations regarding Cricket facilities have been made at this time.

Kent Park Updates

- A resident who utilizes Kent Park provided comments for the staff and board. Concerns were raised about water drainage, security, a request for cameras and additional lighting, hazardous trees requiring removal and the status of previously submitted improvement requests.
- Staff noted that additional lighting has already been installed. Security cameras remain in the county capital budget process. The study regarding water issues and natural springs has been completed. Darby Creek Trail washout remediation is being planned for future capital budgets. Hazardous tree removals are underway as part of a countywide contract.

Directors report..... Anne Stauffer

- Delco Woods Loop Trail Project: DCNR grant funding and Act 13 funding have been secured. Design and engineering work has begun. JMT has been contracted for the project with goals of minimal tree removal and environmentally sensitive trail design. Existing informal trail networks will be surveyed and evaluated for improvements.
- Delco Woods former campus area has been closed to public access. Bollards and no-trespassing signage have been installed. Closure is intended to improve safety and secure the property. Access to recreational areas remains available through designated park entrance on Reed Road and trail systems.
- Glen Providence Park planning is underway for restoration of historic stone stairs and overlook structures. Work will preserve historic character while addressing safety and structural concerns.
- Little Flower Manor/ New County Park Garden beds have been installed, and water service is nearing completion. Black Girls with Green Thumbs launched a community garden program to work with youth. Approximately 14 youth participants are involved.
- DCNR with Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards conducted the Invasive Replasive event. Native trees and plants were distributed to registrants that

removed invasive species. Additional native plantings were installed in stormwater management areas.

- Senior games registration is underway. Approximately 17 events are planned over the two weeks. Recruitment efforts are being utilized to attract new volunteers and planning committee members.
- Two new groundskeepers have been hired, and additional stage crew hiring is underway.

Summer Festival.....Beth Chapman

- Summer Concert Series begins in June. America 250-themed programming will be incorporated into several events. Juneteenth and other commemorative events were highlighted.

Recognition.....Elaine Schaefer

- County Council Liaison Elaine Schaefer congratulated Anne Stauffer on her appointment as Director of Parks and Recreation and expressed confidence in her leadership.

Old Business.....

Cricket Facility Discussion

- Zameer Sayed acting as the representative of the local cricket community was in attendance and addressed the board.
- Concerns regarding off-leash dogs interfering with youth cricket activities at Featherbed Lane fields were voiced. There was a report of an incident involving unleashed dogs near children and families.
- The need for support of continuing discussions of cricket facilities due to growing participation and demographic demand in the area.
- The representative acknowledged that members from the cricket community cleared overgrown vegetation near the cricket area with authorization. They hired contractors to improve the site to their specifications and installed a cricket pitch surface without authorization.
- Park staff acknowledged the concerns regarding off-leash dogs and indicated coordination with Park Police may be appropriate. The representative noted receipt of a notice from the County Solicitor regarding unauthorized site work on a County Park. No discussion of legal matters occurred other than acknowledging receipt of the notice.

New Business.....

Presentation: Little Flower Park Phase II Master Site Plan.....Tracy Strickland, HRG

- Tracy presented an update of work completed to date.

- There was a project kickoff and the formation of a steering committee. There was a site analysis and facilities assessment. The county hosted a public open house with a community survey and public engagement activities. Existing buildings and features were assessed and there was an environmental review.
- In the current phase, design concepts are being developed. Steering Committee meeting #5 will review preliminary concepts. The project is approximately halfway through the planning process
- Future work expectations are to refine conceptual plans and develop cost estimates. Additional public presentations will be conducted. We will advance toward formal adoption of the master plan.
- HRG reported on community feedback regarding potential renaming of Little Flower Park/ New County Park. The discussion focused on collecting and evaluating naming suggestions before beginning the County's formal naming process.
- **Meeting adjourned: 12:49 pm**
- Board members remained afterward for a brief executive session.

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