

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.
*Draft MINUTES***

1. Call to Order (*E. Baiada*)

Adrienne Smythe	Chair
Brian Sokel	Vice Chair
Lee Abberley	Member
Christina Kerper	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
Neil DiFranco	School District School Board Representative
Charles Wattley	School District Representative
Asher Dahlgren	Student Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

Guests:	Matt Paul	Next Play Basketball
	Melissa Brookes	Friends of Cresheim Trail
	Brad Maule	Friends of Cresheim Trail
	Pat Hynes	Friends of Cresheim Trail

2. Approval of Minutes from March (*All*)

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the March minutes.

3. Administrative Report (*E. Baiada*)

The Township is excited to welcome Alexandria Yates as the Community Relations + Media Specialist. Additionally, Pat DePaul has moved from Public Works and is now working as the Fire Marshal.

4. Recreation Report (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of April, programs included Martial Arts, Yoga, Jump Start Sports Soccer, Magarity Tennis Clinic, and GeoVentures Spring Break Camp. During the month of April, 183 registrants participated in recreational programming.

Summer Camp registration continues and currently stands at 804 registrations.

5. Park Report (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Issues.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Issues.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** No Issues.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Hillcrest Pond Dredging complete.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Issues.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Issues.
- **Marlow Field:** No Issues.
- **Mermaid Park:** No Issues.
- **Sandy Run Park:** Trout Stocking – Opening Day 4/4.
- **Veterans Park:** No Issues.
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Issues.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Issues.
- **Walnut Avenue Master Site Plan Committee:** PORT Urbanism Open House May 7 at 5:30 pm.
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** MKSD Presented to Board of Commissioners in May

6. Old Business (*All*)

None.

7. New Business (*All*)

Friends of Cresheim Trail Progress Review: Melissa Brookes, Brad Maule and Pat Hynes were present to provide an update on the Cresheim Trail project. The Friends of Cresheim Trail requested support from the Township Administrative staff to meet with PECO to establish a partnership. The PRAC voted unanimously in favor of the Township supporting this effort.

Next Play Basketball: Request to make exception to the requirement of 75% resident enrollment.

- Summer 2024: 29% Springfield Resident
- Summer 2023: 31% Springfield Resident
- Summer 2022: 42% Springfield Resident
- Summer 2021: 44% Springfield Resident

Matt Paul stated that he is not able to meet the 75% resident requirement. The committee was open to his request. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor of the 2025 league with the expectation of increased residential involvement.

8. General Public Comment (*All*)

No comment.

9. School District Report (*N. DiFranco*)

No report.

10. Commissioners' Report (*S. Ratsavong*)

Commissioner Ratsavong noted the Board of Commissioners investigated various solar options for the Township, hosted No Stigma Day and Arbor Day Tree event in April.

11. Call for Adjournment (*E. Baiada*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm