



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026
1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

**ATTENDED BY –
P&R COMMITTEE:**

Earl Moore, Chair
Judi Sittler, Vice Chair
Kathy Matason
Dave Schulte
Jude Simpson
Sue Smith

STAFF:

Amy Kerner, P.E., Public Works Director
Keri Kenepf, Community & Economic Development Director
Sharon Meyers, Sr. Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Kerner, temporary Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

Ms. Kerner confirmed that one committee member was attending via Zoom and reviewed the applicable meeting protocol. She then introduced Ms. Keri Kenepf, the newly promoted Community and Economic Development Director, who will be attending College Township Parks and Recreation Committee meetings more regularly. Ms. Kenepf provided a brief overview of her professional background and expressed her enthusiasm for working collaboratively with the committee and Ms. Kerner to better serve the community.

REORGANIZATION:

Ms. Kerner called for nomination for the 2026 Chair of College Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Smith nominated Mr. Earl Moore as CT Parks and Recreation Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Moore accepted the nomination.

Ms. Sittler moved to closed nominations and elect Mr. Moore as Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for the year 2026.

Ms. Matason seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerner called for nominations for the 2026 Vice-Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Simpson nominated Ms. Judi Sittler as CT Parks and Recreation Vice-Chair for the year 2026.

Ms. Sittler accepted the nomination.

Ms. Matason moved to close nominations and elect Ms. Sittler as Vice-Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for the year 2026.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerner turned the gavel over to Vice-Chair Sittler for the remainder of the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Ms. Smith noted that she will reach out to the applicant regarding the Mountainside Park service project in order to keep the project moving forward.



CONSENT AGENDA:

CA-1 November 10, 2025 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the draft minutes and discussed a few edits and clarifications.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting as amended.

Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 College Township Parks and Recreation Committee 2025 Annual Report DRAFT

Ms. Sittler asked members to provide any comments or proposed changes prior to finalizing the 2025 Annual Report. Ms. Matason submitted an updated biography to the recording secretary prior to the meeting. Mr. Schulte requested that his biography from his 2024 Annual Report be used in place of the draft version.

The committee discussed a few additional minor edits, including removing Centred Basketball from the list of Spring Creek Park activities, as the organization is no longer active, and correcting “Bicycle Path” to “Bicycle Paths” in the Inventory of Facilities section, along with other minor revisions.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee 2025 Annual Report as amended.

Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: No *New Business* was presented.

PARK REPORTS:

Ms. Sittler asked Ms. Kerner to review the park representative assignments for 2026. The assignments for the year 2026 are as follows:

Bike Paths will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Cairns Crossing will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority will be represented by Ms. Kathy Matason.

Dalevue will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Fieldstone will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Fogleman Fields will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Fogleman Overlook will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Glenn Park will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Harris Acres will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Limerock Terrace will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Millbrook Marsh will be represented by Ms. Kathy Matason.

Mountainside Park will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Mt. Nittany Terrace will be represented by Ms. Sue Smith.

Nittany Orchard Park will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Oak Grove will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Panorama will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Penn Hills will be represented by Mr. Dave Schulte.

Shamrock will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Slab Cabin Park will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Slab Cabin Overlook will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Spring Creek Park will be represented by Ms. Jude Simpson.

Spring Creek Estates will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Stoney Batter Natural Area will be represented by Ms. Judi Sittler.

Thompson Woods Parklet will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Thomson Woods Preserve will be represented by Mr. Earl Moore.

Updates of Public Works will be presented by Ms. Amy Kerner.

Updates of Planning Commission will be presented by Ms. Sharon Meyers.



In addition to written park reports included in the meeting packet, the following verbal parks reports were provided:

Dalevue: Mr. Schulte noted that some forsythia had been trimmed, but additional trimming is needed near the parking area. He also reported a brush pile near the pavilion that requires removal.

Fogleman Overlook: Mr. Schulte reported several dead trees that need to be removed.

Mountainside: Ms. Smith noted a piece of firewood near the entrance driveway that should be removed.

Oak Grove: Mr. Schulte thanked the crew for removing the dead trees and noted that remaining logs could be donated for fire pits in Slab Cabin Park. He also asked about an orange cone marking the location of a removed water fountain. Ms. Kerner explained the fountain had been damaged and removed and will be replaced, though its future location has not yet been determined.

Penn Hills: Mr. Schulte reported scrap wood that needs removal and asked about the general schedule for park trash removal. Ms. Kerner stated that there is not a set schedule for park trash removal, however, during summer months trash is typically removed once a week as a duty of the seasonal mowers.

Spring Creek Park: Ms. Simpson reported that a previously cordoned-off tree has been removed.

Public Works: Ms. Kerner noted that the Public Works crew recently installed a bench, trash receptacle, and sign at Slab Cabin Overlook, as recommended during the committee's annual park tour in June 2025.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:

SI-1 2026 Approved Budget Items for CT Parks and Recreation Committee

Ms. Kerner reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the approved 2026 budget items for the committee. She noted that several projects and items were removed from the budget but encouraged the committee to remain engaged and continue planning efforts, particularly as they prepare for discussions related to the five-year plan.

SI-2 Spring Creek Estates Update

Ms. Kerner reported that Clearwater Conservancy will be expanding the sewer service area to include their new building, which will involve boring under Spring Creek near Spring Creek Estates. The project is expected to begin prior to April 1, 2026. The Township is aware of the work, and committee members were advised not to be alarmed by the presence of heavy equipment.

SI-3 Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow Update

Ms. Kerner informed the committee that University Area Joint Authority will be accessing the meadow to perform routine maintenance on their beneficial reuse water system. No timeline has been provided at this time.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Moore inquired about fencing recently installed at Millbrook Marsh and whether it has been effective in preventing deer access, noting that the Thompson Woods Preserve Committee is exploring similar options. Ms. Matason stated she would gather additional information and advise Mr. Moore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No additional announcements were made.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00pm



ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the January 12, 2026 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Ms. Sittler adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sharon E. Meyers

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Recording Secretary