

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 28th, 2025

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Township of Upper St. Clair was called to order at 7:30 PM on January 28th, 2025, in Community Room A, Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT: Roger Hartung, Chairman
 Ryan Buries, Vice Chairman
 Kelly Bakayza
 William O. Barnard
 Matthew Weaver
 Paul Besterman Sr. Strategic Advisor
 Gary Schafer Parks & Forestry Administrator
 Gail Hoppe Administrative Assistant to the Director

EXCUSED: Diane Morris

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ANNUAL REORGANIZATION: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

William O. Barnard nominated Roger Hartung for Chairman, seconded by Matthew Weaver. Roger Hartung was elected Chairman by a unanimous voice vote.

Roger Hartung nominated Ryan Buries for Vice Chairman, seconded by William O. Barnard. Ryan Buries was elected Vice Chairman by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 26th, 2024

Kelly Bakayza made a motion, seconded by William O. Barnard to approve the Minutes of November 26th, 2024. The Minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Emmy Stoecklein, 1185 Polaris Circle, made a statement advocating for snow removal from the portion of the Perimeter Trail that encircles the Community & Recreation Center for safety and accessibility reasons.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Grant funds from DCB totaling \$640,000 will be used for the new playground, park, and turf equipment at Morton Field Complex. A RAD grant for \$395,000 will be used for the Old Farm Road Trail project, Miracle Field, and equipment for Boyce Mayview Park.

Phase 1 of the Old Farm Road Trail project is complete. The Phase 2 bidding process has begun, and bids will be received by the middle of February.

The opening of the Morton Field Complex will be delayed due to weather and hold-ups with equipment and supplies. A ribbon-cutting is tentatively scheduled for May 3rd. Turf fields are finished and are awaiting inspection from the turf vendor. Renderings of the new playground design were passed around.

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Lights have been installed at Baker Park, but electronics connections are still in progress. Tennis courts and the parking lot may be repaved by the end of this year.

Public Works have been trimming the Boyce Mayview Park trails.

Township-wide deer culling begins this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion included facility enhancement developments, growth in membership and program participation, E-bike policy developments, and updates on filling Advisory Board vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gail Hoppe