PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 26th, 2026

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 May 26th, 2026, in the Community Room at the Community & Recreation Center, 1551 Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

PRESENT:	Roger Hartung	Chairman
	William O. Barnard	
	Saralynne DelRaso	
	Diane Morris	
	Gary Schafer	Parks & Forestry Administrator
	Katy Walker	C&RC Fitness Supervisor
	Gail Hoppe	Administrative Assistant to the Director
EXCUSED:	Ryan Buries	Vice Chairman
	Grant Kandabarow	
	Matthew Weaver	
	Chris Biswick	Director of Recreation & Leisure Services

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 28th, 2026

The Minutes of April 28th were unanimously approved after a motion by Diane Morris, seconded by Saralynne DelRaso.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Jeff Dewalt, who resides at 1397 Diamond Court, voiced his concerns about the condition of municipal tennis courts #1 through #4. He said that all the courts mentioned need repaving. Mr. Dewalt explained that the cracks in the surface of the courts affect play. He also mentioned that lighting in courts 1 and 2 is also an issue. Mr. Dewalt also expressed concern over electrical outlets in courts 7-10 which are exposed above ground, as opposed to being buried in the court, being a tripping hazard.

Justin Beinhauer, who resides at 1476 Mayview Road, addressed three issues:

1. The addition of a barrier along the McLaughlin Run Road side of the 3-hole golf course to keep golf balls from hitting cars.
2. Concern regarding the proliferation of Japanese Knotweed throughout the Township, noting significant growth in and around a local slag pile area. Mr. Beinhauer encouraged the Township to consider mitigation and containment measures prior to any material movement to help prevent further spread of Japanese Knotweed.
3. The addition of youth pickleball as a recreation program option.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The fencing project around the basketball court at Municipal Park is underway. The fencing around the playground will also be replaced. The playground will be closed intermittently during the project throughout June, but closures should not cause major interruptions to usage.

The Tustin Park playground project will commence in the fall. The playground has been ordered.

At Wiltshire Park, new hockey nets are up. Signage warning park patrons of an active sport area are being considered.

The 5th grade Girl Scouts planted a butterfly garden at Boyce Gardens.

Tree removal and clean up is happening around the Township as random trees have come down during some of the more severe storms we had this spring.

Project planning for the addition of a 2nd field is continuing to move forward at Casey's Clubhouse.

A synthetic turf surface will replace the current surface on the bocce court at Baker Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion included grass clumps on the paved paths at Tustin and Baker parks due to mowing, a water line issue at Baker Park, and the need for a new indoor pool clock.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gail Hoppe