

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Sarah Byrnes, Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski and Commissioner Jay Silverman; Township Staff Member: Kate Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Presentations/Announcements**
- IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only**
- V. Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2025 (attachment)**
- VI. Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports (attachments):**
 - A. Parks and Recreation Report
 - B. Library Board of Trustees Report
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Farmstead Alliance Annual Event Request (attachments)
 - B. Shade Tree Commission Native Tree Information Initiative (attachments)
- IX. Other Items**
- X. Commissioner Comments**
- XI. Adjournment**

**Upper Moreland Township
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
November 24, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**

Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski, Commissioner Jared Jacobs, Kate Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Scull, Commissioner Olszewski, Commissioner Jacobs. Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present: Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcement** – Nothing to report.
- IV. **Presentation** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** – Nothing to report.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.
- VII. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
 - Leave the Leaves has been initiated in several areas of the parks for habitat and over winterizing insects. Signs are posted throughout the Township and emails have been sent to residents explaining the plan.
 - Supported the Environmental Advisory Council with the removal of invasives at Veterans Memorial Park and Mill Creek Park.
 - Several maintenance crew staff attended pesticide application trainings in preparation to acquire certifications.
 - The administrative team developed a six-hole disc golf course at Fair Oaks Park, which was introduced to the public at the end of October. The course is a short three par disc golf course intended for new players, is intergenerational and has become very popular.
 - Broughton Park play structure is scheduled for replacement in Spring 2026 and a meeting with neighbors was held to discuss the equipment.
 - Youth Archery was held during September and October, and Meet Me At The Park Walk and Talk started in November and is ongoing at Masons Mill Park.
 - Habitat Heroes was held in October at Farmstead Park, which is a quarterly community event that takes place at a selected park.
 - Pumpkins On Parade was held at Masons Mill Park in October and was a success with thanks for contributions by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Youth Key Club, the Fire Company and the Police Department.
 - Meetings to discuss play equipment and a pavilion building were held with potential contractors regarding Woodlawn Park. Qualifications are being reviewed in order to make recommendations in compliance with the budget. The timeline remains six to nine months; hoping to Bid during late winter, obtain award, and start work in Spring 2026.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Megan Friedman, Trustee, reviewed the following:
 - Study Pods have 186 bookings and there are 104 reservations for meeting rooms since October 1st, which can be booked up to a week in advance on the Library's website.

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- Playdate In A Bag is available for checkout year-round, which includes copies of “In The Woods” by Elizabeth Spur and a camp-themed playset for preschool children.
- Playaway Launch Pads are preloaded tablets with educational games, no internet connection required and available for a range of age levels.
- The free family New Year’s Eve Fundraiser will be held December 31st, 3:30-5:30 p.m., includes a dance party, trivia, raffle baskets, additional activities, and a balloon drop at 5:30 p.m.
- Thanked Commissioners Charles Whiting, Cheryl Lockard and Nick Scull for their years of support. In their honor, books will be added to the Library’s collection that include “Behind The Badge” by Johnny Jones, “Positive Politics” by Neil Thanedar and “Who Is Government” by Michael Lewis.

VIII. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

IX. **New Business:**

- A. 2025 Montgomery County Award for Farmstead Park Improvements – Mrs. Kollar announced:
 - The Township and the Park are the recipient of a 2025 Montgomery Award and received a certificate from the Montgomery County Planning Commission at the Elmwood Zoo on November 19th during the Commission’s annual ceremony.
- A. Consider cancelation of the December 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting:
 - The Committee canceled the December 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

X. **Other Parks and Recreation Items** – Nothing to report.

XI. **Visitor Comments** – Nothing to report.

XII. **Commissioner Comments** – Nothing to report.

XIII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: January 2026 Park and Recreation Report
Date: 2/4/26



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- Collaborated with community organizations regarding events to determine how UMPR can support (Farmstead Alliance – Farmstead on Tap, UMEAC – Invasive Removal at Mill Creek Park, Willow Grove Lion – Tree Lighting)
- Received annual contracted services quotes and create Purchase Orders for these services
- Coordinated staffing and divided duties for the several snow events this month
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and updated grant information
- Replaced / repaired additional lighting fixtures at the basketball / volleyball court at Masons Mill Park
- Broughton Park – documented playground replacement progress / installed spring 2026
- Reinvented the field reservation process for community user groups and rolled that out in January. Streamlining the reservation process and calendar.
- Coordinated the 250th Semiquincentennial Celebration with the committee. May 2 and May 3, 2026 at Masons Mill Park. Divided up into 5 major events (Picnic, Concert, Drone Show, 5K and breakfast). Created promotional materials and sent out a 'save the date'.
- Congratulations to Spencer Cartier, Recreation Assistant, was awarded with a full scholarship for registration for the 2026 Pa Recreation and Parks Society Annual Conference.
- Congratulations to Jennifer Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator was selected and attended the PA Recreation and Parks Society Leadership Academy in December.

Departmental Projects:

1. **Woodlawn Park** –Continued to collaborate with Gilmore and Assoc. and Simone Collins for design and construction elements. Playground and Pavilion proposals

collected and we began the review process. Met with Simone to update cost estimates. Met with Gilmore and Simone to address parking / curbing issues. January, 2026 Update - \$63,000 DCED Grant was awarded to UMT for this project.

2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Funding has been secured; coordinating with Bowman to get the permitting necessary to begin design. January, 2026 update - \$200,000 DCNR Non-Motorized Trail Grant was awarded to UMT for engineering fees.
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – No update, however we did hear that the project is still being considered by SEPTA.
4. **Bonnet Lane** – park project is complete; payments have been submitted to Bowman for Grant reimbursement. Roadway utility poles still need to be removed.
5. **Farmstead Springhouse Restoration** – No significant progress yet on the foundation stabilization project. FA is currently meeting with a few contractors, seeking proposals, and will contract with one in March for April/May construction.

Committees:

1. **Shade Tree Committee** – Met on 1/13 – discussed the native planting brochure initiative and will present this at committee meeting on 2/9/26
2. **PRAC** – Met on 1/13 – discussed the native planting brochure initiative as well as Farmstead Alliance Event request and will present this at committee meeting on 2/9/26
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – Met on 1/21
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – no meeting

Seasonal Employees:

Began the rehire process for seasonal maintenance and park attendants

Parks Maintenance (Joe Reilly, Parks Foreman):

Our Maintenance Team plays a vital role in ensuring that our facilities remain safe, functional, and welcoming for the community. Their responsibilities include inspecting stormwater basins, monitoring stormwater activity, and clearing waterways before and after rain events. The team is also actively engaged in ongoing parks projects and consistently responds promptly to resident/community maintenance requests and assignments. We held a staff meeting on 1/15 to discuss department goals.

January saw significant snowfall. Our crew was called in several times to clear emergency areas, sidewalks and make the roadways safe. Specifically 1/25 – 1/26 when our crew worked thirty straight hours. These six maintenance members worked

around the clock, tirelessly and selflessly to clear the pathways, emergency access areas and maintain the safety and walkability of our community. They are still removing snow and snowbanks two weeks after this storm.

Notable activities and accomplishments for UMPR Maintenance Team in October include:

- Masons Mill Park – critter control. We had a skunk family living under the office shed and we contracted with a trap/relocation company to remove them.
- Snow Removal and remediation in all township parks, public sidewalks and bus stops as well as the emergency access areas (police, fire, township building and library lots)
- Kept our salt inventory strong.
- Repaired machines as needed
- Cleaned trucks / machines daily

Maintenance Log:

1/8/2026	Resident states there are individuals using electric scooters, quads and other electric bikes in Broughton park and that has caused the grass to be ripped up and makes the park unusable to smaller children	
1/20/2026	Officer reported a tree down on the paved walking trail at Veteran's Park by Giant, where the trail splits at Green Willow Run.	1/30 Crew visited the site and moved from the trail and will remove shortly
1/22/2026	sidewalks at Woodlawn are snow covered and icy	1/22 - crews shoveled and salted
1/30/2026	Resident states the driveway near the park is used as a bus stop and that it is "a block of ice"	1/30 - crews shoveled and salted

Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

- Special event planning for Spring 2026 has begun! We are working with PERT to coordinate a Pennypack Creek Tributary cleanup for March, 2026. We have identified Veterans Park as UMT's site.
- Habitat Heros will be held on April 7th at Veteran's Memorial Park

- Upper Moreland's Semiquincentennial celebration will be on May 2 & 3, 2026. More information to follow.

Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales were popular throughout the month.
2. **Golden Age Club (128 members to date for 2026):** Executive board meeting held on 1/14/26; General meeting cancelled 1/27/26 due to Winter Storm Fern.
3. **Winter Programs:** Winter programs kicked off mid-January and are in full swing!

Highlights

-For the start of the Winter program season, we are excited to offer a full lineup of After-School programming – Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Minds in Motion STEM program, FREE 4th & 5th Grade Basketball and Color Guard Intramurals, Dramarama Theater program (grades 3-5) and Dramarama Jr Theater program (grades 1-2) along with our usual Adult Fitness lineup.

4. **Summer program** planning has begun for UMPR's Supervised Playground program, as well as Sports and Specialty camps. Coordinated with UMTSD to reserve space and accommodate their summer renovation projects. Began the re-hire process for summer program employees.

Leagues (Spencer Cartier, Recreation Assistant) :

Connected with Abington Women's Softball League and Keystone Softball League to negotiate league offerings.

Contacted our Pickleball league coordinator and drafted a contract for Spring pickleball leagues.

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- Toured parks and addressed issues with residents
- Attended the Montgomery Awards celebration to honor Farmstead Park / PERT for the historical restoration and environmental improvements at the park
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and updated grant information
- Repaired the fencing around the basketball court at Masons Mill Park
- Replaced / repaired lighting fixtures at the basketball / volleyball court at Masons Mill Park
- Scheduled Willow Tree Service to grind the stumps of the trees that were removed / fell during the storms of 2025
- Broughton Park – ordered playground replacement to be delivered early 2026 / installed spring
- Coordinated Downtown Holiday Decoration Installation and Veterans Park Plaza tree lighting
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Committees:

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2. **PRAC** – met on 11/18 – Meeting Minutes Available
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – Finalized events in December
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – 11/20

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- **Masons Mill Park** – tree trimming work and winterizing the vegetation; repainting the restrooms and reorganizing / painting the park attendant office
- **Pileggi Park** – hired Advanced Electrical for additional repairs the electrical box for field lights
- **Farmstead Park** – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan; communicated with the Reforresters
- **Veterans Park** – regular maintenance; implemented daily cleanup of the area and have been reporting any suspicious findings to UMPD; tree trimming on the plaza and path
- **Fair Oaks** – maintained disc golf course; mulched leaves and met with Kevin Reis to discuss the basin clean up and to re-establish a maintenance plan

Maintenance Log:

11/3/2025	Resident states during a windstorm last week large limbs came down from a tree she believes is on township property and would like those removed along with other dead limbs. Would also like to go over property lines in regards to mowing	KK went out to property to access where the trees lay in accordance to county maps. Trees and area she maintains are hers
11/3/2025	Residents state a Peco wire at Farmstead park directly behind their house is disconnected, they called Peco Saturday to inform them	Called Peco 11/4 to report the wire again and will contact when the work is done
11/7/2025	Resident states that large tree branch fell from a tree from park onto her property. Would like someone to remove branch as she believes it is on park property.	Parks staff went to the residents home 11/18 and cleared the branches
11/19/2025	Jen states there is a large branch by the tarp covered springhouse that needs to be removed	Parks staff removed the branch 11/24
11/21/2025	Resident states there are screws missing from brackets in play equipment at Pileggi Park that need to be repaired along with swing concerned	Parks staff repaired all items shes sent pictures and remarks of
12/9/2025	Resident states at schoolhouse/division entrance of path into Woodlawn park there is large holes that are a tripping hazard to those entering in the park	Reached back out to resident to get more accurate location and never heard back, parks staff went out and was unable to locate tripping hazard
12/29/2025	Resident states a tree behind Bonnet Lane Shopping Center near the basketball court has lost a large limb with branches	Confirming with park staff

Special Events (Jen Hartigan, CPRP, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Holiday Photos at Farmstead Park**, Saturday 11/15/25, 9:00am-2:00pm, was a great success, we appreciated volunteer assistance from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and Farmstead Alliance
Attendance: 24 families register for the event
2. **"Fowl" Shooting Basketball Event** – UM Middle School, Friday 11/21/25, 7pm-8:30pm, we appreciated volunteer assistance from Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and hosted a Bake Sale run by 3 students in Karen Hanssens class at Upper Moreland Middle School, to benefit the Eagles Autism Foundation
Attendance: about 100 community members
3. **Golden Age Club Christmas Luncheon** – Thursday 12/4/25 from 11am-2pm at The Manor House at Commonwealth, a great time was had by all!
Attendance: 73 GAC Members
4. **Santa Calls!** – Tuesday 12/9/25 5:30pm-7:00pm, we welcomed volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, a previous PRAC member and the Willow Grove Rotary
Attendance: 94 children received calls from Santa

Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales were popular with increased throughout the Holiday season. Amusement/museum tickets offerings were utilized by patrons throughout the Fall in our office.
2. **Golden Age Club (125 members to date for 2026):** Executive board meeting held on 11/12; general meeting on 11/18.
3. **Fall & Winter Programs:** Fall programs ended by the first week of December. Winter programs will kick off on January 12th!

Leagues:

Adult Pickleball – We wrapped up the very popular Fall Adult Pickleball League on November 3rd (74 participants)

Veteran's Park – Police K9, Maximus enjoyed this 8-Foot snowman that was constructed in our park during a recent snowstorm. Confirming that our community members enjoy our parks through all kinds of weather.



UMPR ran a food pantry collection during November. The Parks and Rec team delivered the goods to the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry.



Meeting Minutes

Attending: Moureen Wenik (president), Megan Friedmann (vice president), Tony Giannetti (secretary), Jay Silverman (treasurer), Diane Walton, Marian Mee, and Cathy Gilmore-Clough (UMFPL executive director)

Absent: Commissioner Ben Olszewski, Marianne Watson,

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:33 PM
- II. Business of Visitors**
- III. President's Remarks** (Moureen Wenik)
 - The December 15, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting has been cancelled
 - Moureen Wenik has volunteered for the January 26, 2026 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
 - Accept the Resignation of Jay Silverman, as of January 2026
- IV. Consensus Agenda** (Moureen Wenik) [**Motion #1**] a **Tony Giannetti / Jay Silverman motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:**
 - Approve the November 12, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 - Accept the Director's Report for December 2025
 - Approve the November 2025 Financial Statements
- V. Treasurer's Report** (Jay Silverman) [**Motion #2**] **Payment of November 2025 bills in the amount of \$27,024.22 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Marian Mee motion**
- VI. Director's Report Highlights** (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
 - A new digital resource was purchased, GetSetUp, which provides online learning targeted towards learners 55+
 - An Employee Assistance Program (EAP) was added to our staff benefits package. This voluntary benefit is available to both full- and part-time employees, and will provide short-term support and referrals for employees experiencing personal or work-related challenges
 - 2026 UMT Budget passed with no changes to the Library proposed 2026 Budget
- VII. Committee Actions**

Advocacy Committee Discussion (*Committee of the Whole*)*

 - No meeting held or scheduled

Board Development Committee (*Marianne Watson*)

 - [**Motion #3**] **Motion to approve the Board Development committee recommendation for the 2026 Slate of Officers**
 - Moureen Wenik, president
 - Megan Friedman, vice-president
 - Marianne Watson, treasurer
 - Tony Giannetti, secretary

unanimously approved by a Moureen Wenik / Jay Silverman motion

- [Motion #4] Motion to approve the Board Development committee recommendation to appoint Almeria Zan to complete the remainder of Jay Silverman's 2024-2026 term effective January 14, unanimously approved by a Moureen Wenik / Marian Mee motion
- BOT Self-Assessment results to be presented at the January meeting

Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- [Motion #5] To approve closed dates January 20-22 for repairs to library HVAC unanimously approved by a Marian Mee /Tony Giannetti motion

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- [Motion #6] To approve the 2026 UMFPL Budget was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Diane Walton motion
- [Motion #7] To remove Jay Silverman as an authorized signer for library accounts with Hatboro Federal, PNC and TD Bank and add Marianne Watson, 2026 treasurer, to the list of authorized signers was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Marian Mee motion

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- [Motion #7] to accept the Policy Committee recommendation for updates to the Donations policy unanimously approved by a Megan Friedmann / Diane Walton motion
- Committee will meet next in January, date TBD

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- Diane and Cathy met December 9 to work on the 2025 Summary of accomplishments
- Next meeting date TBD

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

*All trustees are encouraged to participate

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti /cgc

Approved by Board of Trustees January 14, 2026



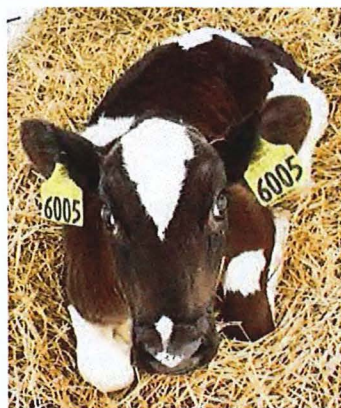
Library Happenings

**JAN
2026**

ALL AGES

Write to Sprinkles!

Write a letter or draw a picture for Sprinkles, our adopted calf! Let her know how excited you are to watch her grow and learn about dairy farming. Your letter may be displayed!



Get stationery at the library. Turn in your letter to receive a cute "I Adopted a Cow!" sticker.

Little Tykes

Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Monday, Jan. 5

Each kit has an educational theme, featuring learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

Baby Story Time

Fridays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10am

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and movement. Newborns - 18 months; siblings welcome.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays Jan. 7, 14, and 28, 10am

Join us for fun books, rhymes and songs. Geared to ages 1 to 4; siblings are welcome.

School-Aged Kids

Write a Letter to Your Favorite Character January 1 - February 28

Write a letter to your favorite book character and send it to them via our special mailbox. Pick up stationery in the Children's Room or use your own. What questions do you have? What do you want them to know? Be creative and yours may be answered.

*The mailbox
is back!!*



Young Artists: Aluminum Icicles

Available starting Friday, Jan. 2

Artists Take and Makes are available the first of every month (while supplies last).

Lego Club - NEW DAY & TIME!

Tuesday, Jan 6, 3:45-4:45pm

Join us for fun projects with Lego bricks.



Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, Jan. 10, 10:30-11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.

To register, umfpl.org/register



Elementary Experimenters: Pendulum Catch

Available starting Thursday Jan. 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children (while supplies last).

Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Jan. 24, 10:30am

Join us for a fun story and craft. Geared to ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

Book Club for Grades 1-3 and 4-7

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1:30pm

Discuss your favorite books and pick future books to read together.



Tween/Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, Jan. 5, 12 and 26, 4pm

Test your chess skills against new players and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.



Teen Advisory Group

Thursday Jan. 29, 3:30pm

Teen Students ages 13-17 meet to promote library services for teens in the community.

100 Books Before Graduation

Join our Teen Reading Challenge!

Students grades 6-12 can participate by reading and logging books. And you'll win rewards along the way. For more information and to sign up: uppermorelandlibrary.org/100books





Library Happenings

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For Adults

Adult Craft Kits: Vinyl Sticker bookmarks

Available Friday, Jan. 2 (while supplies last)

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library.

Cook Your Way Through ... An Unapologetic Cookbook



Tuesday Jan 6, 6:30pm

Sign up online to receive a free copy of the cookbook, then join us on Zoom for our meeting

Senior Social Hour

Friday, Jan. 9, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games.



Rummikub Club

Thursday, Jan 8, 11am

Join us for a fun and social game of Rummikub! No experience necessary, no registration required.

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2pm

Drop by to talk to a librarian about your tech questions.



PA MEDI Appts

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 3pm

Register for a one-on-one appointment with a Medicare counselor from PA MEDI, umfpl.org/events

Spice Up Your Life Kit: Sage

Available Thursday, Jan. 15 (while supplies last)

Pick up a spice kit with recipes at the library.

AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Jan 18, 2pm

Are you an adult fan of Lego? Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.



State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:30am-12:30pm

Stop by for notary service, PennDOT support, or assistance with other state-related issues.



True Crime Tales: "Columbine"

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom to discuss this book by David Cullen. Sign up at umfpl.org/events



Writers Group

Saturday, Jan. 24, 11am

Join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques.

Beaded Plant Craft

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6:30pm

Join us as we do a craft!



Book Discussion- "Here One Moment" by Liane Moriarty

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6:30pm

Katie and this hybrid group meet in the Community Room and virtually! Join us where you can, when you can.



Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary

David Brooks- Tuesday Jan. 13, 2pm

Julia Hotz- Tuesday Jan. 20, 2pm

Liz Moore- Wednesday Jan 28, 7pm



2026 Adult Winter Reading Challenge

The challenge: Read or listen to at least five books between Jan. 1 and March 31.

Sign up here: umfpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to create an account.

How to play: Track progress, rate titles, earn badges and great prizes by logging your reads in Beanstack!



The Library will be CLOSED on:

Monday, Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday-Thursday Jan. 20-22 for Construction
(There will be curbside pickup available from 10am-5pm)



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LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Friday & Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday: 1 – 5 PM

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- IV. **Consensus Agenda** (Moureen Wenik) [**Motion #1**] a **Marianne Watson / Jay Silverman motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:**
 - Approve the October 8, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 - Accept the Director's Report for October 2025
 - Approve the October 2025 Financial Statements
- V. **Treasurer's Report** (Jay Silverman) [**Motion #2**] **Payment of October 2025 bills in the amount of \$38,755.57 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Tony Giannetti motion**
- VI. **Director's Report Highlights** (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
 - A draft of the Audit was provided October 31.
 - A draft of our 2024 Tax Return (form 990) provided November 7th
 - The Library's Plan for the Use of State Aid was accepted with no revisions by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries
 - UMFPL's Proposed 2026 budget was presented to the commissioners at the Saturday, November 1 budget workshop as prepared. The proposed UMT budget is awaiting approval at the December 1 Regular Meeting of UMT Commissioners.
- VII. **Committee Actions**

Advocacy Committee Discussion (*TBD*)*

 - A summary of the state budget process so far and a 2025-26 PA State Budget Tracker can be found on City & State (<https://www.cityandstatepa.com>) a non-partisan news organization covering Pennsylvania's state and local government

Board Development Committee (*Marianne Watson*)

 - 2026 Proposed Slate of Officers
 - President - Moureen Wenik
 - Vice President – Megan Friedman
 - Secretary - Tony Giannetti

- Treasurer – Marianne Watson
- Reminder to complete the 2025 UMFPL BOT Self-Evaluation by 12/1/2025
- Interviews to be scheduled for a Board member to complete JS's 2024-2026 term
 - Tentative interview times: 11/19/25 and 11/24/25 at 6:30 pm

Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- Installation of new HVAC unit postponed until January
- UMT has expressed interest in applying for *Keystone Grants for Public Library Facilities* to replace the other two HVAC units. This grant application needs to be initiated by the municipality and is due November 25.
- Updates to the library patio area are funded by UMT 2026 Capital Improvements Plan. UMT expects to schedule this work to coincide with work being done on the parking lot for the township building renovations.

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- No meeting held

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- **[Motion #2] To accept the new Library Use Policy as recommended by the Policy Committee seconded by Marian Mee was unanimously approved**
- Next meeting scheduled for November 18 at 5:30 pm

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- At the October 28 committee meeting the committee analyzed the strategic plan to determine which goals are accomplished, in-process, need revision, or on hold.
- A summary will be presented at the January UMFPL BOT meeting
- Next meeting scheduled for December 9 at 6:30 pm

VIII. Old Business

- After reviewing door counts recommendation for Thanksgiving Eve hours remain 10 AM-5 PM in 2026

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM

*All trustees are encouraged to participate
Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti /cgc



ALL AGES

New Year's Eve Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 31 3:30-5:30pm

Join us for our annual family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration! Play games, enjoy snacks, and dance the night away at the library after hours—then count down with us for a festive balloon drop to welcome the New Year in style.

Raffle Basket Fundraiser

Winners announced at New Year's Eve party

Buy tickets for our raffle basket fundraiser!

Check out our offerings at the library. You do not need to be present at the party to win.



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We Adopted a Cow!

Write a letter or draw a picture for Sprinkles, our adopted calf! Let her know how excited you are to watch her grow and learn about dairy farming. Your letter may be displayed and then sent along to Sprinkles at the farm. Get stationery starting Dec. 1. Turn in your letter to receive a cute "I Adopted a Cow!" sticker.



Little Tykes

Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Monday, Dec. 1

Each kit has an educational theme, featuring learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays in Dec. at 10am

Join us for fun books, rhymes and songs. Geared to ages 1 to 4; siblings are welcome.

Baby Story Time

Fridays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 10am

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and movement. Newborns - 18 months; siblings welcome.

School-Aged Kids

Young Artists: Paper Roll Snowman

Available starting Monday, Dec. 1

Artists Take and Makes are available the first of every month (while supplies last).



Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:30–11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.

To register, umfpl.org/register



Lego Club

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with Lego bricks.

Elementary Experimenters: Crystal Garden

Available starting Monday, Dec. 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children (while supplies last).

Tween/Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

Test your chess skills against new players and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.



100 Books Before Graduation

Join our Teen Reading Challenge!

Students grades 6-12 can participate by reading and logging books. And you'll **win rewards** along the way. For more information and to sign up: uppermorelandlibrary.org/100books

Library Happenings

DEC 2025

For Adults

Adult Craft Kits: Paper Fortune Cookies

Available Monday, Dec. 1 (while supplies last)

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library.

Rummikub Club

Thursday, Dec. 4, 11am

Join us for a fun and social game of Rummikub! No experience necessary, no registration required.

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2pm

Drop by to talk to a librarian about your tech questions.



PA MEDI Appts

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3pm

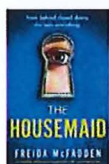
Register for a one-on-one appointment with a Medicare counselor from PA MEDI, umfpl.org/events

The Reel Readers Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 11, 4pm

Come Discuss "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden before the movie releases on Dec. 25!

Snacks and games provided.



Senior Social Hour

Friday, Dec. 12, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games.

Spice Up Your Life Kit: Curry Powder

Available Monday, Dec. 15 (while supplies last)

Pick up a spice kit with recipes at the library.

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, Dec. 8, 10:30am-12:30pm

Stop by for notary service, PennDOT support, or assistance with other state-related issues.

Book Discussion- "West with Giraffes"

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30pm

Katie and this hybrid group meet in the Community Room and virtually! Join us where you can, when you can.



AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2pm

Are you an adult fan of Lego? Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.

Writers Group

Saturday, Dec. 27, 11am

Join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques. Open to all adults.

Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary

Sue Hincenbergs - Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2pm



COMING SOON



2026 Adult Winter Reading Challenge

The challenge: Read or listen to at least five books between Jan. 1 and March 31.

(Pre-registration starts Dec. 15)

Sign up here: umfpl.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to create an account.

How to play: Track progress, rate titles, earn badges and great prizes by logging your reads in Beanstack!



The Library will be CLOSED on:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

Thursday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

Closing at 1pm Dec. 31; New Year's Eve party starts at 3:30pm



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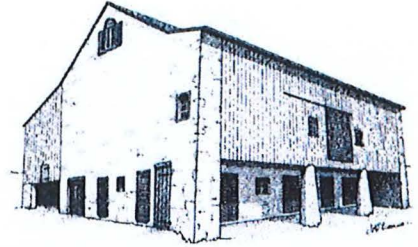


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Agenda Summary Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 9, 2026

Agenda Item:	UMHC – Farmstead Park 2026 Event Request
Prepared by:	Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation
Attachments:	Proposal from Farmstead Alliance
Background/Analysis:	<p>Farmstead Alliance is seeking permission to hold the following fundraising / awareness raising events in 2026. Please see attachment for more information on each event. These events were presented to and approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council during the January, 13, 2026 meeting:</p> <p>Farmstead on Tap – Independent Film Festival – May 16 Farmstead on Tap – FIFA Viewing Party – June 27 Farmstead on Tap – Crafts and Drafts – October 3</p>
Fiscal Impact/Source:	N/A
Alternatives:	Do not approve these event
Recommended Action:	Recommend the Committee move forward for full Board of Commissioners consideration at the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting.



Farmstead Alliance 2026 Events

The Farmstead Alliance is seeking township approval on three events for 2026. All of the events will be managed and manned by the Farmstead Alliance.

The following events include requests to have food and beer vendors on property, and to allow two of the events to be held in the park past dusk.

EVENT #1

Farmstead on Tap - Independent Film Festival

Date: May 16, 2026 (rain date May 17)

Time: 6:30 – 10:00 pm

Short films by independent film makers

Fee for film submission

Ticketed event for attendees

Event description:

This is an outside event, with short films (15-20 minutes) being projected on the side of the barn.

All films will be prescreened and selected to be shown prior to the event.

This event will be advertised as a PG13 event.

The Farmstead Alliance is requesting:

Approval to have food and beer vendors on premise

Use of the park past dusk

Township maintenance request:

Port o pots

Trash cans

Trash can liners

Recycling cans

Picnic tables

Traffic cones

EVENT #2

Farmstead on Tap FIFA Watch Party

Date: June 14 or 27, 2026 (Depending on the game schedule)

Time: 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Events to coincide: Cornhole and Soccer Shootout

Free community event

Food and Beer Vendor

Event description:

The FIFA World Cup games will be played in Philadelphia this spring. The Farmstead Alliance will host a watch party during the live televised game. All licensures will be acquired prior to the event.

There will be a tailgate party, including a cornhole tournament, and a soccer shootout.

The Farmstead Alliance is requesting:

Approval to have food and beer vendors on premise

Use of the park past dusk

Maintenance request:

Port o pots

Trash cans

Trash can liners

Picnic tables

Traffic cones

EVENT #3

Farmstead on Tap Crafts and Drafts

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Crafts and Vendors

Food and Beer Vendors

Free admission for community

Event description:

The Farmstead on Tap, Crafts and Drafts is a community event consisting of crafters/vendors, a band, along with food and beer vendors.

The Farmstead Alliance is requesting:

Approval to have food and beer vendors on premise

Use of firepit

Maintenance request:

Port o pots

Trash cans

Trash can liners

Picnic tables

Traffic Cones

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Agenda Summary Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 9, 2026

Agenda Item:	Shade Tree Committee Native Tree Information Initiative
Prepared by:	Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation
Attachments:	Native Tree Benefit Brochure ~ Draft
Background/Analysis:	<p>The Upper Moreland Shade Tree Committee has developed a new initiative for 2026 focused on promoting the environmental benefits of native vegetation. The Committee seeks to collaborate with local landscaping, tree maintenance, and nursery businesses to help distribute educational materials to homeowners. This effort will coincide with expanded email communications to township residents. The initiative lines up with the UM Environmental Advisory Council and is intended to support local businesses while collectively educating homeowners and business owners about the value of native plants. Upper Moreland Township would provide participating businesses with informational materials for distribution to clients during vegetation removal, maintenance, or pruning services.</p> <p>The brochure associated with this initiative was presented to the Upper Moreland Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and was unanimously approved at the January PRAC meeting</p>
Fiscal Impact/Source:	N/A
Alternatives:	Do not approve this initiative
Recommended Action:	Recommend the Committee move forward for full Board of Commissioners consideration at the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting.

BENEFITS OF NATIVE TREES

Trees native to our area have many benefits. If you must remove a tree, be sure to replace it in order to receive some of these benefits:

Native trees around your house can reduce the temperature in summer, saving on cooling costs.

Native evergreen trees can help block the wind in winter, saving on heating bills.

Neighborhoods with plenty of trees tend to have better home maintenance and higher values.

People tend to get outside more, walk, and visit with each other in neighborhoods with many trees and tree lined streets.

Trees intercept and absorb rain water so flooding and erosion are reduced.

Trees help keep streams and drinking water clean.

Tree lined streets reduce the temperature of the streets, reduce car speeds, reduce auto accidents.

Businesses on tree lined streets have 12% higher income.

Trees reduce air pollution, including carbon dioxide.

Spending time in areas with trees, helps reduce blood pressure and improve psychological wellbeing.

Native trees provide nesting areas and food for birds and other wildlife.

Our native oak trees support more forms of life than any other tree group in North America.



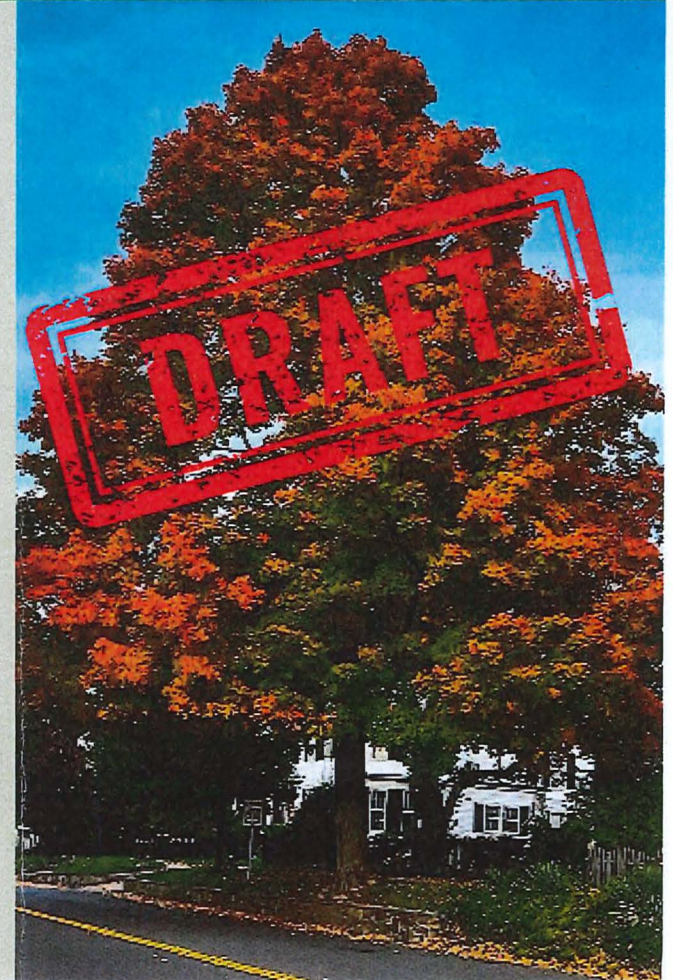
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uppermorelandrec.com
to receive future
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NATIVE TREES HAVE MANY BENEFITS

It's cooler in the shade!



SOME OF OUR NATIVE TREES

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) 15–30 ft.

Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) 20–40 ft.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* species) 20–30 ft.

Bear oak (*Quercus ilicifolia*) 20–30 ft.

Dwarf chinkapin oak (*Quercus prinoides*) 20–25 ft.

Blackjack oak (*Quercus marilandica*) 15–40 ft.

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) 30–50 ft.

Chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) 50–80 ft.

Swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) 50–75 ft.

Black oak (*Quercus velutina*) 50–80 ft.

Shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*) 50–65 ft.

Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) 60–75 ft.

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) 50–100 ft.

American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*) 60–80 ft.

Pin oak (*Quercus palustris*) 50–130 ft.

Bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) 60–90 ft.

Chestnut oak (*Quercus montana*) 65–145 ft.

White oak (*Quercus alba*) 80–100 ft.

Northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*) 80–100 ft.

Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*) 90–120 ft.

Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*) 90–150 ft.

Willow oak (*Quercus phellos*) 90–140 ft.

Shumard's oak (*Quercus shumardii*) 100–150 ft.

Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*) 100–150 ft.

Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*) 100–150 ft.

RESOURCES



Nature's Best Hope & The Nature of Oaks,
both by Doug Tallamy
www.homegrownnationalpark.org



Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org



U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Field Guide to
Native Oak Species of Eastern North America



Landscaping with Native Plants, Department
of Conservation and Natural Resources