

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull and Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski; Township Staff Member: Katie 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 – January 27, 2024 (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:

- A. SEPTA Train Station Relocation (attachments)
- B. Bonnet Lane Utility Pole Relocation (attachment)

VIII. New Business:

- A. Montco Grant Resolution for Power Line Trail (attachments)
- B. DCNR Grant Resolution for Power Line Trail (attachments)

IX. Other Items:

- A. Montco Presentation for Cross Country Trail, Thursday, February 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m., at the Willow Grove YMCA
- B. Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Collaborative Watershed (USP) - Farmstead Park Stormwater Management and Re-wilding project Watershed Champion Award
- C. Pa Recreation & Park Society - Alan Sentman Community Champion Award

X. Commissioner Comments

XI. Adjournment

**Upper Moreland Township
Committees Meetings
January 27, 2025 - Meeting Minutes**

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski, Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Benvenutti, Commissioner Scull, Commissioner Olszewski and Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present were Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Presentations/Announcement** - Nothing to report.
- IV. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2024:**
 - Cathy Gilmore, Executive Director of the Upper Moreland Public Library, amended Section V., B., first arrow, second sentence replacing “Premier” with “Freedom”. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as amended.
- VI. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
 - Thanked the Parks and Recreation crew for their work to clear roads, parking lots and sidewalks during the recent winter weather storms.
 - Attended a forestry workshop on November 1st to learn more about the care and maintenance of native trees in the parks
 - The maintenance crew also worked on the downtown plaza’s Veterans Park for the Christmas tree lighting event.
 - The administrative team has implemented the Mason’s Mill Pavilion Rental Policy and has been explaining the new procedure to many callers inquiring on use of the facilities.
 - The administrative team has been coordinating the winter lineup of programs.
 - Thanked the Willow Grove Lions Club for their generous donation to the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - Seasonal job positions will be open soon for the hiring of park attendants, maintenance team, and summer programs staff.
 - Commissioner Scull commented that the Christmas tree be stationed at Veterans Memorial Park until January 6th. Mr. Stasio will follow up with the Kiwanis Club organization who sponsors the event.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Maureen Wenik, President, reviewed the following items:
 - Asked the Commissioners to share the Library Happenings with their constituents.
 - The Friend’s New Years Eve Event raised \$5,000, which will be used enhance programs, technology and update furniture. Thanked Commissioner Whiting’s wife for attending in support and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.
 - Offering an educational series for teenagers to learn more about independent living with a focus on several topics including finances and cooking. The next event is January 30, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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- Encouraging reading in the new year by offering a subscription to Wowbrary, BookPage, and obtaining personalized reading, listening or viewing tools from the librarian by submitting a request to the Library website's online form.
- C. Farmstead Park Annual Update Report – Alan Sentman, President, discussed the following:
 - Thanked Mrs. Kollar, Mr. Stasio and their staff for support and assistance with facilitating improvements and events throughout the past 12 years. The Township has assisted with obtaining grant funding for all of the renovation projects.
 - The Carriage House received a new roof and gable that was made into a second-floor honeymoon suite. Starting in May, four windows will be restored.
 - The Greenery window and one Barn window were restored.
 - Grant funding received from the Pennsylvania State Questors in the amount of \$1,000 along with residual funds are being used for research to reconstruct the German hearth in the Farmhouse. Select demolition was used to access the original fire box.
 - Work on the Spring House will be recommencing shortly.
 - Grants received from Damien House Questers, Pennypack Questers and State matching funds will be used to restore six ventilated short windows on the first level of the Barn.
 - An application will be submitted to Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) Grant for major repairs to the west elevation of the Farmstead's stucco wall.
 - Farmstead on Tap fundraiser will be held in either late Spring or in the Fall.
 - Partnering with the Historical Commission to hold additional fundraising events.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Draft Special Events Parks and Recreation Permit Ordinance:
 - Mr. Stasio explained that additional information is being confirmed with the Solicitor's office.
 - The Committee agreed to discuss this item at a future Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

VIII. New Business:

- a. Montgomery County 2040 Grant Application – Powerline Trail and DCNR Trails Grant:
 - Mrs. Kollar is preparing two separate grant applications each in the amount of \$200,000, which will specifically fund engineering services estimated at \$615,000. The balance will be the responsibility of the Township unless an additional grant opportunity is identified.
 - The Committee directed Mrs. Kollar to prepare these grant applications and a discussion will continue on the draft resolutions at the February 24, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

IX. Other Parks and Recreation Items – Nothing to report.

X. Visitor Comments – Nothing to report.

XI. Commissioner Comments – Nothing to report.

XII. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: January 2025 Park and Recreation Report
Date: 2/18/25



The Department of Parks and Recreation consists of four full-time office staff and six full-time maintenance workers, as well as dozens of part-time instructors, park attendants, and seasonal maintenance workers. The Parks Division is responsible for 19 parks and opens space areas, as well as the Township and Library Building grounds, trail-ways, and other open space areas located within Upper Moreland Township.

Our Recreation Division provides recreational programming and special events to people of all ages and abilities. UMPR often collaborates with community groups to identify trends and meet community needs. We strive to offer organized programs that are affordable, safe, educational, and enjoyable. This monthly report is a flavor of some of the activities of our department over the past month. The list is meant to provide information pertaining to our monthly accomplishments as a department.

Notable Items: UMPR was recognized as a Watershed Champion by USP (Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Collaborative Watershed for our Environmental Improvements at Farmstead Park. Alan Sentman will be recognized as a Community Champion for his volunteer commitment to Farmstead Alliance at the PRPS Annual State Conference in March.

Projects:

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Continuing to collaborate with Simone Collins to finalize plans and prepare them for the engineers to develop a project bid packet.
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Approved to apply for Montco 2040 and DCNR Trails grants for engineering costs.
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – Requesting board approval to move forward with an agreement with SEPTA to relocate the train station.
4. **Farmstead Spring House Restoration** – Contract executed on 1/30/25. FA is pursuing an engineering firm to draft plans.
5. **Bonnet Lane** – Received a cost estimate to relocate utility poles throughout the park; this is a project led by our Traffic Engineers in coordination with PECO, Verizon and Comcast.

Committees / Meetings:

1. **Shade Tree** – Focus on Downtown Trees; installing a pollinator garden at MM; bamboo ordinance discussion; Arbor Day on 4/26
2. **PRAC** – meeting held on 1/14/25
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – 2025 is the 39th year, currently coordinating 2025, UMT will again host the county-wide Archery event in 2025
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – State-wide conference is in March. Updating member benefit information to include learning networks, mentoring, discount ticket offerings, staff trainings and other workshops

Seasonal Employees:

1. Park Attendants - Deadline for returning response is 2/21/25; Looking for night / weekend help. Applications now being accepted.
2. Seasonal Maintenance – Deadline for returning response is 2/21/25; will accept applications for new candidates as space allows.
3. Summer Program Staff - Deadline for returning response is 2/21/25; Applications now being accepted.

Parks Maintenance:

Our team keeps our facilities safe and enjoyable. We inspect basins, monitor storm water activities and clear waterways before / after rains. Our Maintenance Crew is heavily involved in our parks projects and respond quickly to assignments.

In addition to shop clean up, fall vegetation maintenance, limb/tree trimming and trash pickup and vehicle maintenance/cleaning, our Maintenance team responds to resident concerns. Notable events for the Parks & Recreation Maintenance team for January include:

- UMPR Maintenance team was called in to clear emergency service buildings, township sidewalks and municipal / library parking lots during several snow events
- Masons Mill Park – maintained the park during the winter months; monitored facilities; pruned vegetation and replanted trees in place of dying/dead trees; mended fencing / archery targets
- Pileggi Park – building maintenance as needed; repaired a frozen pipe in the storage building restrooms; changed air filters, cleaned clubhouse
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings; Victor alarm company upgraded and installed a remote security system.
- Veterans Park – maintained downtown plaza for Christmas Tree and removed / broke down the tree and decorations; repaired the charging station chair
- Buehler Park - inventoried equipment, winterized our vehicles, cleaned our storage area, updated the office and all other areas

January concerns listed below:

1/13/25	chair at the charging station in the downtown plaza is missing	1/16 - UMPR reconnected and repaired the missing chair
1/14/25	people are ice skating at Masons Mill Pond	1/14 - UMPD was notified and confirmed sign was posted; patrolled the area to remove offenders
1/21/25	sidewalks at Woodlawn are snow covered and icy	1/21 – UMPR team removed ice / snow

Special Events:

1. Polar Prance Dance – February 13 at UM Firehouse
2. Shade Tree Information Collaboration – March 25 at Abington Library
3. EAC Earth Day – April 26 at Masons Mill

Recreation:

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales were very steady
2. **Golden Age Club (182 members for 2025):** New member initiative was launched in January to complete community outreach through social media, information sharing, flyers and billboard to try to get new members.
3. **Winter Programs** –Winter programs began mid-January. Communicated with instructors / contractors and the school district. Cancelled programs as needed and coordinated locations / equipment / rosters / other items as needed.
4. **Spring Programs** – Spring program registration opens on March 3. Finalizing programming and hope to offer some new programs for the community.
5. **Summer Programs** – Updated preliminary information was released mid-January. Summer Playground program facilities were secured. Met with the school district to iron out projects and how they will impact our programs. Registration opens on March 24.

Programs	Fee	Registrations
Adult Fitness Programs - Karate, Adult Class Winter Session 01/13/2025 - 03/12/2025 <i>MULTI</i>	\$86.00/\$129.00	6
Adult Fitness Programs - Yoga, Adult Class Winter Session - Tuesdays 01/14/2025 - 03/04/2025 <i>07:00 PM - 08:00 PM</i>	\$110.00/\$165.00	20
Alumni Basketball - Alumni Basketball Sept. 2024 - June 2025 09/16/2024 - 05/19/2025 <i>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</i>	\$30.00/\$30.00	18
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Tropicana - Legendary Crooners 01/27/2025 <i>09:15 AM - 06:30 PM</i>	\$95.00/\$95.00	27
School Age : Dramarama - Dramarama: Theater for Grades 3rd-5th 01/29/2025 - 04/30/2025 <i>02:50 PM - 05:00 PM</i>	\$300.00/\$450.00	51
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades 3 - 5 01/08/2025 - 03/12/2025 <i>02:50 PM - 03:50 PM</i>	\$170.00/\$255.00	10
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades K - 2 01/08/2025 - 03/12/2025 <i>02:50 PM - 03:50 PM</i>	\$170.00/\$255.00	16
School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Monday: Basketball 01/27/2025 - 03/10/2025 <i>02:50 PM - 03:50 PM</i>	\$0.00/	33
School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Thursday: Color Guard 01/30/2025 - 03/06/2025 <i>02:50 PM - 03:50 PM</i>	\$0.00/	20

School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Tuesday: Basketball 01/28/2025 - 03/04/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	\$0.00/	30
School Age: K - 12th Grade: Karate - Karate, Youth Winter 01/13/2025 - 03/10/2025 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	\$55.00/\$82.00	23
School Age: Minds in Motion: Science Program - After School Science Program With Minds in Motion (3-5): Code & Control Robodozer 01/27/2025 - 03/10/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	\$145.00/\$217.00	12
School Age: Minds in Motion: Science Program - After School Science Program With Minds in Motion (K-2): AI Smartcore 4 Robot 01/28/2025 - 03/04/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	\$145.00/\$217.00	11
Total = 277		

UPS Watershed Champion – Upper Moreland Parks & Recreation



Alan Sentman – PRPS Community Champion



Upper Moreland Free Public Library
The 669th Board of Trustees Meeting
January 8, 2025
Meeting held at 6:30 PM in the Community Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Commissioner Anthony Benvenutti, Commissioner Ben Olszewski

I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:32 pm

II. Business of Visitors

- No visitors
- Friends of UMFPL report (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
 - Friends NYE event was a great success with 203 attendees

III. President's Remarks (Moureen Wenik)

- Announcement of 2025 committee chairs
 - Board Development Committee: Marianne Watson
 - Facility Committee: Marian Mee
 - Finance Committee: Tony Giannetti
 - Policy and Bylaws Committee: Megan Friedman
 - Strategic Plan Action Committee: Diane Walton
 - No Advocacy chair at this time
- Moureen Wenik has volunteered for the January 27, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- Board Member Agreements were distributed for signatures
- Board contact list was distributed for corrections

IV. Consensus Agenda (Moureen Wenik) [Motion #1] a Jay Silverman / Tony Giannetti motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented:

- Approve the December 11 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
- Accept the Director's Report for January 2025
- Approve the December 2024 Financial Statements

V. Treasurer's Report (Jay Silverman) [Motion #2] Payment of December 2024 bills in the amount of \$57,859.58 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Marianne Watson motion

VI. Director's Report Highlights (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)

- Board orientation scheduled for two sessions: Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 10:30am – 12:00pm and Monday, January 13, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:30pm
- Vendor list and Conflict of Interest forms (see UMFPL Conflict of Interest policy)
- IRS has not disbursed Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) funds that were applied for in fall 2023

VII. Committee Actions

Advocacy Committee Discussion (*TBD*)*

- Discussion of Advocacy needs and opportunities in 2025
 - Determine advocacy needs and what advocacy means to each board member

Board Development Committee (*Marianne Watson*)

- Tony Giannetti presented a summary of the 2024 Board of Trustee self-assessment
- Marianne will attend the next Friends meeting will be January 21 at 6:45pm

Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- No meeting held or scheduled
- Repainting of the Accessible parking spaces should be raised at the spring facility walkthrough

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- **[Motion #3] To remove past vice-president David Hakes as an authorized signer for library accounts with Hatboro Federal, PNC and TD Bank. And add Megan Friedman, 2025 vice president, to the list of authorized signers was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Jay Silverman motion**
- **[Motion #4] To create a TD Bank subaccount in the amount of \$8,373.18 for 2024 excess funds to be expended in accordance with the UMFPL Financial Policy was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Marianne Watson motion**

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- No meeting held in December
- Next committee meeting January 21 at 4:30pm to draft the policy review schedule and begin review of policies assigned to 2025

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- A summary of 2024 Strategic Goal achievements was presented
- Next meeting scheduled for February 11 at 6:30pm

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- On Friday, February 28, signers will be updated at TB Bank, PNC, and Hatboro Federal

X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

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

Approved by Board of Trustees February 12, 2025



Library Happenings



FEB
2025

Little Tykes

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26, **10am**

Join Ms. Amanda for fun books, rhymes and songs.

Geared to ages 1 to 4, siblings are welcome.

Baby Story Time

Fridays, Feb. 7, 21, and 28, **10am**

Come for stories, rhymes, songs and fun movement.

For newborns to 18 months, siblings are welcome.

Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Saturday, Feb. 1

Each kit has a different educational theme and can feature learning activities, outdoor activities and crafts.

School-Age Kids

Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, Feb. 8, **10:30—11:30am**

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.

Reservations recommended:

uppermorelandlibrary.org/register

Book Club for Grades 3-6

Sunday, Feb. 23, **1:30pm**

Discuss your favorite books and pick future selections to read together. You do not need to read the current selected book to participate. Book Selections: "Bug Girl" by Benjamin Harper, "Out of My Mind" By Sharon Draper, and "Fuzzy Mud" by Louis Sachar. Pick one or read your own!

Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Feb. 22, **10:30am**

Join Ms. Dena for an exciting story and craft. Geared to ages 4-8, but all ages are welcome to join the fun.



**The library will be closed Monday,
February 17 for Presidents Day.**

Young Artists: Clay Coil Heart

Available starting Monday, Feb. 3

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

Elementary Experimenters:

Model Your Ear Drum

Available starting Saturday, Feb. 15

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

Lego Club - NEW DAY!

Fridays, Feb. 7 and 21, **3:30-4:30pm**

Join Ms. Eden for fun projects with LEGO bricks.

Heart Wreath Craft Night

Wednesday, Feb 19, **6:30pm**

Come and create a colorfully crafted 3D heart wreath with Ms. Virginia!

IditaRead

The exciting reading challenge is back! This year **for students grades 2-8**. The Iditarod is a 1,000-mile long dog sled race.



IditaRead involves reading for 1,000 minutes, one minute for every mile, over six weeks. Everyone who registers gets a reading buddy pup! Sign up in Beanstack to get started. All who complete the challenge will be entered in the prize drawings. Register starting Saturday, Feb. 15.

Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, **4pm**

Test your chess skills against new opponents, and meet fellow chess enthusiasts.

Mending Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 6, **6:30pm**

Bring something that needs patching, or practice with our fabric! Ages 12 and up.

NEW—Teen Writers Club

Every fourth Wednesday—Feb. 26, **3:30pm**

Come eat snacks, brainstorm with friends, and share your work! Register at uppermorelandlibrary.org/event



Library Happenings

FEB
2025

For Adults



State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, Feb. 10, 10:30am-12:30pm

State Rep. Nancy Guenst's Office Services:

Friday, Feb. 28, 10:30am-12:30pm

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

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2pm

Drop by with your tech questions to talk with our librarian.

AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2pm

Are you an Adult Fan of Lego? Then you're in luck! Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.

uppermorelandlibrary.org/events

Adult Craft Kits: Soap Carving

Available Monday, Feb. 3

Pick up a free craft supply kit at the library (*while supplies last*).

Cook Your Way Through: "Feed These People" by Jen Hatmaker

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7pm

Takes place virtually on Zoom. Free copies of the title available to registered participants while supplies last.

Mending Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30pm

Bring something that needs patching, or practice with our fabric! Ages 12 and up.

History of Chocolate: Presentation and Taste Test

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30pm

Stop by the library to learn about the history of chocolate throughout the years and taste different kinds of yummy treats. Register at uppermorelandlibrary.org/events

Senior Social Hour

Friday, Feb. 14, 3pm

Seniors are invited to gather for conversation, story sharing and games. No registration needed.

Silent Book Club

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2pm

Bring your own book, or pick one off our shelves, and join us for our Silent Book Club meeting. Experience the joy of reading silently with fellow book-lovers.

Writers Group

Saturday, Feb. 22, 11am

Drop in to join amateur and experienced writers for discussion, writing prompts and critiques. Open to all adults.

Book Discussion: "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30pm

A magnificent story of love and obsession, betrayal and retribution, appearance and truth. Join in person or by Zoom for a discussion. uppermorelandlibrary.org/events

2025 ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Read or listen to at least five books between Jan. 1 and March 31. Create a Beanstack account to track progress, rate titles, earn badges and great prizes. Register at: umfpl.beanstack.org



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Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary

◆ **Sabrina Sholts** – Chat with the author about pandemics and her book "The Human Disease"

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2pm

◆ **Waubgeshig Rice** – "Moon of the Turning Leaves" tells a brooding story of survival, resilience, Indigenous identity, and rebirth. **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7pm**

◆ **Lee Hawkins** – "I Am Nobody's Slave" chronicles a journey of struggle, resilience, and the heavy cost of ultimate success. **Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2pm**

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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 24, 2025

Agenda Item:

SEPTA Train Station Relocation Agreement Authorization

Prepared By:

Patrick Stasio, Township Manager

Attachments:

Sketch Plans

Background/Analysis:

SEPTA desires to continue the train station relocation project into Veterans Memorial Park. I request authorizing the Upper Moreland Solicitor's office to coordinate with SEPTA solicitor's office to create a draft agreement, based on the verbal and email agreements made previously. As part of the agreement between SEPTA and Upper Moreland Township, Upper Moreland will acquire the current train station and parking area, as well as the SEPTA parking lot to the north side of the tracks. The Township plans to make recreational improvements to the current SEPTA parking area north of the tracks. Proposed improvements include: two basketball courts, skate park, storm water management, parking enhancements, among other improvements.

Once completed, the draft agreement will be presented to Montgomery County for comments and approval. Additionally, the Veterans Association will review and comment on the agreement before it is finalized.

Fiscal Impact/Source:

SEPTA has agreed to Pay for 75% of all Township recreational improvements made, not to exceed \$1,022,961. This cost is in addition to their own project scope. The Township will be responsible for 25% of the recreational improvements, for an estimated total of \$340,988 (Twp. Funding was identified and approved in the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget).

Alternatives:

Continue to use the park as is and not permit the train station relocation.

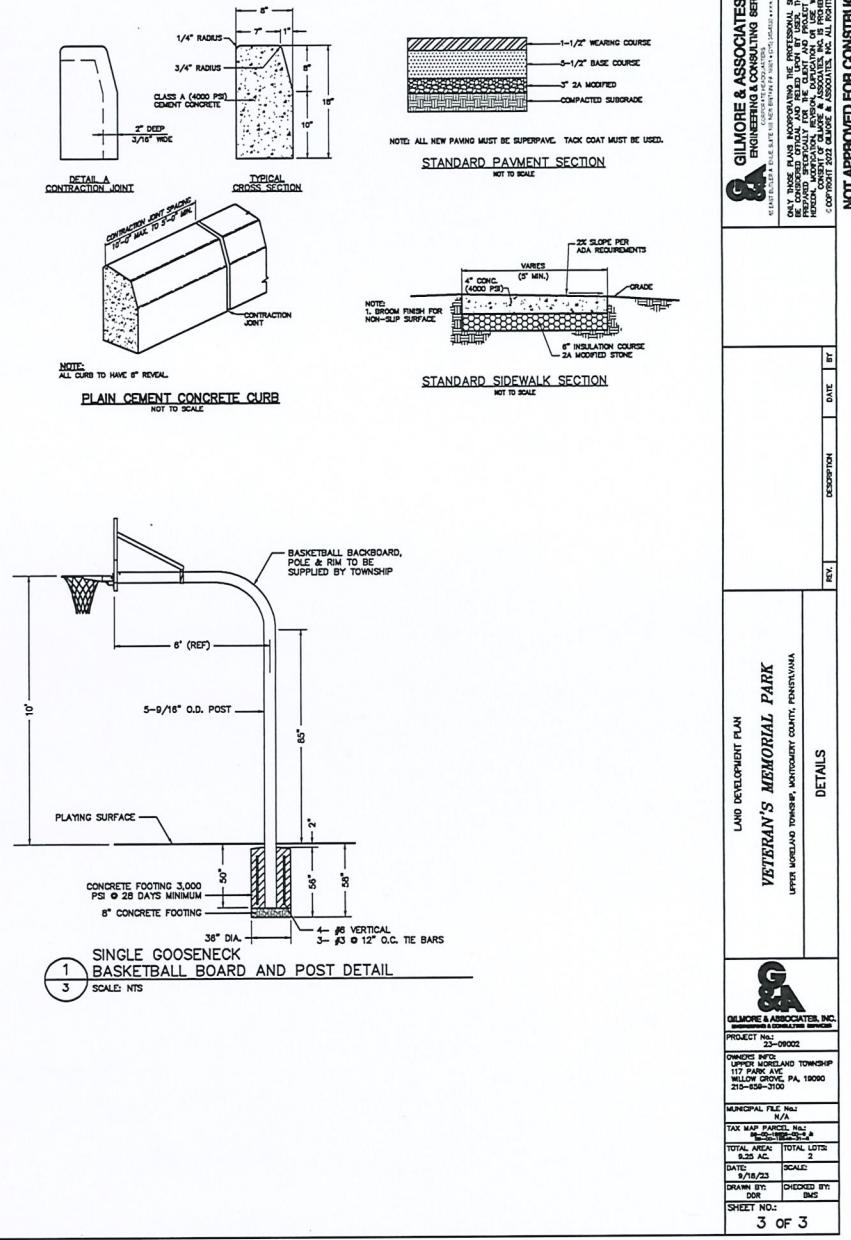
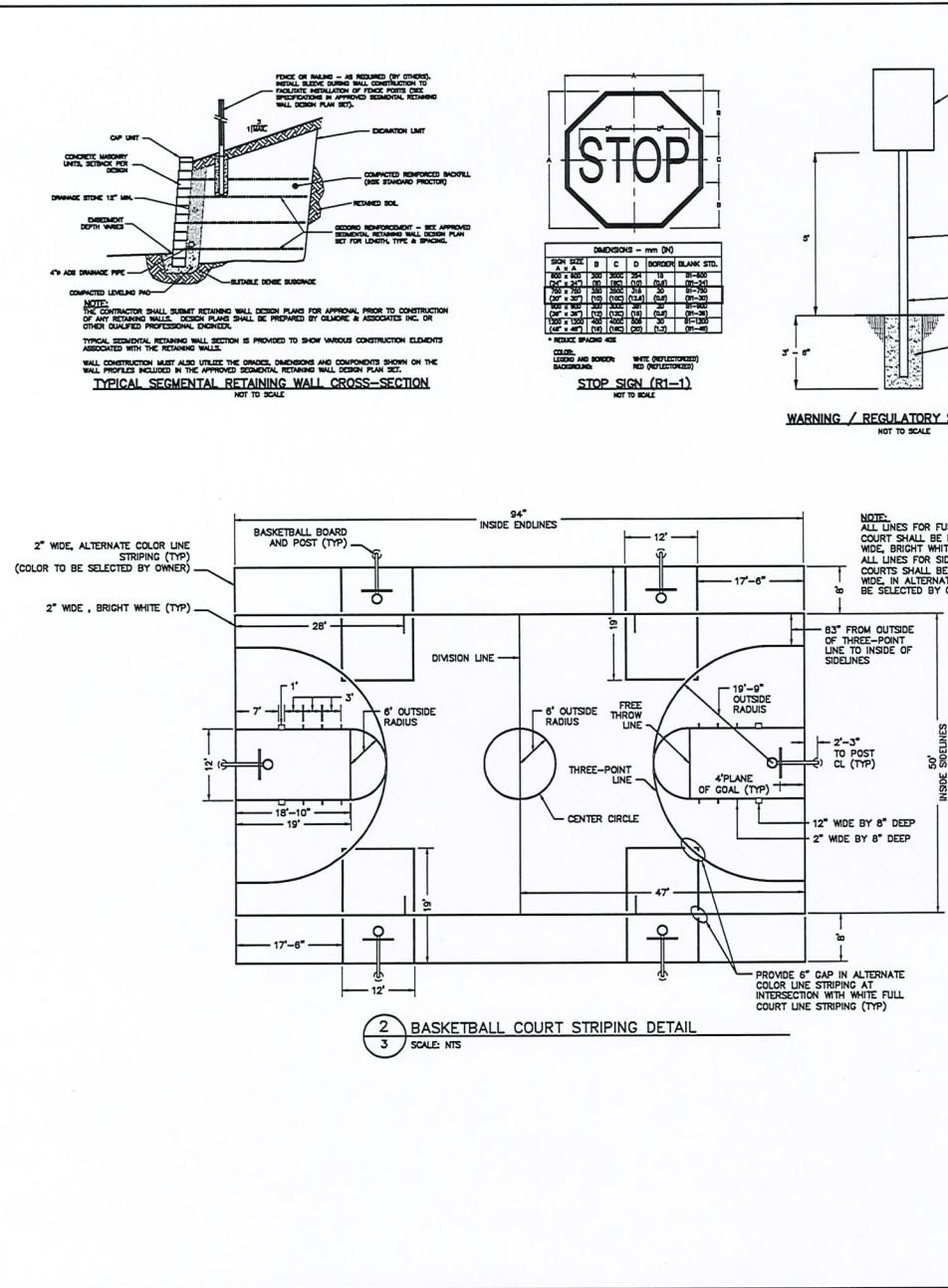
Recommend Action:

Recommend the Committee move forward for full Board of Commissioner consideration at the March 3, 2025 meeting.

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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 24, 2025

Agenda Item:	Bonnet Lane Utility Pole Relocation Project Authorization
Prepared By:	Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
Attachments:	Cost Estimate
Background/Analysis:	Attached is the updated estimate for the utility work for Bonnet Lane. We have received estimates from PECO, Verizon, and Comcast. Based upon the estimates provided, the grant will cover the costs for the utility companies, our services, and any tree work required. There is also a contingency balance remaining.
Fiscal Impact/Source:	UMT was awarded a \$250,000 DCED grant, which will cover all costs, no match is required
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommend Action:	Recommend the Committee move forward for full Board of Commissioner consideration at the March 3, 2025 meeting.

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Bonnet Lane Park
 Utility Relocation Estimate
 Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County

2/17/2025

Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
1	PECO Relocation	LS	1	\$51,486.00	\$51,486.00
2	Verizon Relocation (Park)	LS	1	\$22,569.74	\$22,569.74
3	Verizon Relocation (Mill Road)	LS	1	\$25,174.21	\$25,174.21
4	Comcast Relocation (Park)	LS	1	\$18,469.57	\$18,469.57
5	Comcast Relocation (Mill Road)	LS	1	\$62,533.95	\$62,533.95
6	Tree Trimming\Removal (estimated)	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
7	Bowman Engineering Services	LS	1	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00
	Total Estimated Project Cost				\$204,330.00
	<i>Grant Award</i>				\$250,000.00
	<i>Estimated Construction Cost</i>				\$204,330.00
	<i>Contingency</i>				\$45,670.00

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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – January 27, 2025

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 24, 2025

Agenda Item:

1. **Montco 2040 Grant for PECO Trail Engineering, \$200,000**
2. **DCNR Trails Grant, \$200,000**

Prepared by:

Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachments:

Resolutions

Background / Analysis:

Upper Moreland Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2.45 Million for the construction of the PECO powerline trail from Blair Mill Road to Maryland Road at the Jamestown Village Apartments. These funds cannot be used for engineering. Our traffic engineer submitted a quote for engineering services of the trail in the amount of \$615,000.

Fiscal Impact / Sources: Montco 2040 Grant and DCNR Trails Grant for \$200,000 from each organization; balance of engineering to be paid by township funds and/or additional grant opportunities if applicable.

Alternatives:

Fund the project or balance of the project pending grant approvals, with township funds

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting resolutions authorizing submission of applications to the Montco 2040 Grant and to the DCNR Trails Grant.

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**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 ROUND OF THE MONTCO 2040 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PECO POWERLINE TRAIL PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Upper Moreland Township is located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (the “Township”); and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has established the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program as a competitive funding program to assist municipalities in implementing the goals of the County Comprehensive Plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*; and

WHEREAS, the County is accepting applications for projects that advance specific goals under either of the County Comprehensive Plan’s three themes: Connecting Communities, Sustainable Places and a Vibrant Economy; and

WHEREAS, applications and projects must meet all standard requirements within the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program Guidebook; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to submit an application for a project which meets the County Comprehensive Plan’s themes known as the PECO Powerline Trail Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the engineering and construction of a cross-county connector trail from Blair Mill Road to Maryland Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Upper Moreland Township wishes to obtain \$200,000 for the PECO Powerline Trail Project from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding; and

WHEREAS, Upper Moreland Township has pledged local matching funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Parks and Recreation Committee has had occasion to review said Project during its February 24, 2025, public meeting and has recommended the Township submit applications for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township hereby authorizes the Township Manager to prepare and file an application requesting funding for the Project; and hereby authorizes the Board President and Township Manager to sign any applications required on Upper Moreland Township’s behalf, as well as to

assemble such information as shall be required to pursue such applications as may be appropriate for funding under the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program for the Project.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Attest:

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Patrick T. Stasio, Secretary

Clifton (Kip) McFatridge, President

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PECO POWERLINE TRAIL PROJECT (BLAIR MILL TO MARYLAND AVENUE).

WHEREAS, Upper Moreland Township (“Applicant”) desires to undertake the **PECO POWERLINE TRAIL PROJECT** (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (the “Department”) a match grant in the amount of two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of carrying out this Project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled “Terms and Conditions of Grant” and a document entitled “Grant Agreement Signature Page”; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled “Terms and Conditions of Grant,” including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the Applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The “Grant Agreement Signature Page” may be signed by on behalf of the Applicant by Clifton (Kip) McFatridge, President of the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners (“Official”).
2. If this Official signed the “Grant Agreement Signature Page” prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the Applicant is awarded a grant, the “Grant Agreement Signature Page” signed by the above Official, will become the Applicant/Grantee’s executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the Applicant/Grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the Grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the title specified in paragraph one, and intends to be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Upper Moreland Township Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Attest:

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Patrick T. Stasio, Secretary

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