

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Committees Meeting Agenda
July 21, 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 – June 16, 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

VIII. New Business:

- A. Farmstead Alliance Event Request (attachment)
- B. Consider the cancellation of the August 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

IX. Other Items

X. Commissioner Comments

XI. Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Benjamin Olszewski in the absence of Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenutti.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Scull and Olszewski. Absent: Commissioner and Committee Chair Benvenutti. Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation. Also present: Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcement:**
The Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to the start of tonight's meetings to discuss personnel matters.
- IV. **Presentation** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only:**
Jay Silverman, resident of Silver Avenue, commented about Woodlawn Park and shared concerns about charcoal grills, insufficient parking, suggested permit parking, traffic speed, enforcing Stop signs, securing equipment and stormwater runoff.
 - Mr. Stasio stated that a decrease in visitors is anticipated. The baseball field will be smaller and, after the park is built, areas will continue to be assessed for improvements. Parking may be allowed on Division Avenue.
 - Ms. Kollar replied that precautions are being designed for grills, securing equipment, and explained that the raingarden is part of stormwater management.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.
- VII. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
 - Summer Camp commenced today with approximately 320 participants.
 - Volunteer park cleanups were hosted with area civic groups and encouraged more organizations to become involved.
 - Supported the Environmental Advisory Council with installation of a Pollinator Garden at Mason's Mill Park.
 - A neighbors meeting at Woodlawn Park will be scheduled in July to address concerns.
 - PECO Powerline Trail proposal was signed for bidding, construction administration and inspection services and expecting project to move forward.
 - Nothing to report regarding Veterans Memorial Park and SEPTA.
 - Pole relocation project along Bonnet Lane should proceed within the next few weeks.
 - The pergola at Masons Mill Park was vandalized and has been rebuilt.
 - Trees were planted in the islands of the parking lot at Farmstead Park.
 - An event was organized to build bird boxes with an Eagle Scout.
 - A re-forester program was started at Farmstead Park in conjunction with community volunteers.

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B. Library Board of Trustees Report – Marian Mee, Facilities Committee Chair, reviewed the following items:

- Summer Quest's kickoff is June 19th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the theme is Color Your World. There were 505 participants last year and expecting an increase this summer. Incentives and Prizes are being funded by Friends of The Library.
- A caregiver must be present within the Library for children who are ten-years-old and under. Caregivers must remain at all times with children who are six-years-old and under.
- Dr. James Paradis, professor of history, will make a presentation on the historical connections between Camp William Penn and Juneteenth.
- Volunteer Fair was held during the Willow Grove Lions Club Cool Cars Show on June 14th. There were eight local community organizations represented.

VIII. Old Business – Nothing to report.

IX. New Business:

A. Authorization to advertise bids for Springhouse Restoration at Farmstead Park – Mrs. Kollar explained:

- Advertisements will be posted July 21st and 28, 2025 on PennBid. A Pre-Bid Meeting with consultant teams will be held at the Farmstead Park Springhouse on either August 25th, 26th or 27, 2025. The project will be awarded the week of September 8, 2025, and notice to proceed with work during the week of either September 29th, or October 6, 2025. Funding is provided entirely by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Local Shared Act (LSA) Grant.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting.

B. Authorization to advertise bids for the synthetic baseball infield at Masons Mill Park – Mrs. Kollar explained:

- Removing the 90-foot baseball field from Woodlawn Park. The 90-foot infield at Masons Mill Park will be converted to a synthetic infield. Bids, design and specifications by mid-July, bids to open mid-August, project awarded at the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting, and notice to proceed by September 22, 2025. There will be six weeks of construction with completion anticipated by the end of October 2025. Funding provided from a combination of Township allocations and grants.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting.

X. Other Parks and Recreation Items:

A. Holiday display discussion - Mrs. Kollar explained:

This year's cost has increased to \$5,299.00, which includes installation of 15 lights, storage and maintenance. This item is budgeted for 2025.

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: June 2025 Park and Recreation Report
Date: 7/14/25



The Department of Parks and Recreation includes four full-time administrative staff, six full-time maintenance workers, and numerous part-time instructors and seasonal employees. The Parks Division manages 19 parks and open space areas, as well as the Township and Library Building grounds, trails, and additional public spaces throughout Upper Moreland Township.

The Recreation Division offers inclusive programs and special events for residents of all ages and abilities. In partnership with community groups, we work to identify needs and trends, providing safe, affordable, and enriching recreational opportunities. This monthly report highlights key activities from the past month

- Collaborated with community organizations regarding their event proposals and determined how UMPR can offer support (Farmstead Alliance, UM EAC, etc.)
- Toured parks and addressed issues with residents on a daily basis
- Collaborated with Keystone Softball to offer Men's/Coed leagues at Masons Mill
- Collaborated with Abington Area Women's Softball to combine for a Friday night League
- Coordinated Park Clean ups with several volunteers (UM Key Club, NHS students)
- Rescheduled an Eagle Scout Project presentation to benefit UMPR, UM EAC and combine efforts
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and grant information
- Instructed summer staff in CPR / First Aid on 6/11/25
- Site meeting with PEMA at Surrey Lane / Lori Lane to identify
- Created content for the UMPR for the UM bi-annual newsletter
- Department Head Team Building event on 6/4/25

Departmental Projects:

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Added to BOC agenda for 7/7 – approve advertisement of bidding
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – No update
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – No update; sending continuous requests for updates
4. **Farmstead Spring House Restoration** – Added to BOC agenda for 7/7 – approve advertisement of bidding
5. **Bonnet Lane** – Bowman is obtaining permits / agreements with PECO, Comcast and Verizon, this project is progressing and should be completed by summer

KK Committees / Meetings:

1. **Shade Tree** – no meeting in June
2. **PRAC** – no meeting in June (meeting scheduled for 7/8/25)
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – no meeting in June

4. PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee – met on 5/15
5. Farmstead Alliance – did not attend June meeting
6. **Semiquincentennial Celebration - 2026** – Submitted a grant application through DCED Big Stage Events Co-op Grant; developing a planning committee
7. UMT Building Renovation – attended several meetings on this topic

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 maintenance requests and assignments. We are fully staffed with eight seasonal maintenance employees for the summer months. These employees assist with all park maintenance operations and allow UMPR to

In addition to spring vegetation management—such as mowing, weed control, and limb/tree trimming—our crew handles program preparation, sports field upkeep, general park readiness, trash collection, and vehicle maintenance and cleaning. They also address resident concerns in a timely and professional manner.

Notable activities and accomplishments for the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Team in June include:

- Masons Mill Park – Pergola reconstruction, weed maintenance and mulching, ballfield maintenance, assisting with maintenance for the pollinator garden, pond maintenance
- Pileggi Park – update and administration of a new alarm at Pileggi Park
- Terwood – had to reschedule tree removal / pruning for July (storms)
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan; planted trees in the islands of the parking lot; prepared the site for BOC/FA event on 6/7/25
- Veterans Park – regular maintenance; supported volunteer clean up days
- Buehler Park – cleared nature trail after strong storms
- Fern Village – Basketball / Recreational Activity painting completed

Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. Kickstarting the ReForester season that combines UMPR / PERT / Community Volunteers
2. Habitat Heroes Events -Pileggi Park, rescheduled for Thursday, June 19, Topic: Bird Town and Bluebird Habitats

Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator) :

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales have been steady. We added an arsenal of amusement park tickets for sale through our office and online. These tickets are consignment and we will have them through the end of the summer.
2. **Golden Age Club (200 members to date for 2025):** Held our annual GAC summer picnic at Masons Mill Park on 6/5/25. GAC takes a break from operations during the summer; however, we will send an update via postcard and emails throughout June, July and August
3. **Spring Programs** – concluded spring programming, requested compensation for instructors and contractors and invoiced UMTSD for usage
4. **Summer Programs and Camps** – Finalized calendar of events. Hosted summer staff orientation and CPR/First Aid on 6/11. Site set up was held on 6/13. Playgrounds began on 6/16/25 and we have over 350 residents registered for the program. Overseeing day-to-day operations regarding facility, staff, participants and families.
5. **Leagues** – summer Pickleball has over 40 participants; Coed softball has 8 teams, men's softball has 6 teams and women's softball has 6 team.

UMPR had over 850 participants in recreation programs in June. 721 Residents / 147 Non Residents.



Fern Village Court Painting

Upper Moreland Free Public Library
The 674th Board of Trustees Meeting
June 11, 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, Cathy Gilmore-Clough (UMFPL executive director), and Catalina Sanchez (guest)

Absent: Marianne Watson, Marian Mee, Commissioners Ben Olszewski and Anthony Benvenutti

- I. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:34 pm
- II. Business of Visitors**
 - Friends of UMFPL - Thom Almerini
 - An update on Friends finances and preview of Sept activities for fundraising was presented
 - Catalina Sanchez - guest
- III. President's Remarks (Moureen Wenik)**
 - Marian Mee has volunteered for the June, 16 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- 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 May 14, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 - Accept the Director's Report for June 2025
 - Approve the May 2025 Financial Statements
- V. Treasurer's Report (Jay Silverman) [Motion #2] Payment of May 2025 bills in the amount of \$23,535.66 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Diane Walton motion**
- VI. Director's Report Highlights (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)**
 - UMFPL's annual SummerQuest launches Thursday, June 19
 - Presentation on the local roots of Juneteenth will be held Tuesday, June 17 at 10:30 AM
 - Adult programs are now being advertised on the Patch
 - E-rate funding for hotspot lending
- VII. Committee Actions**
 - Advocacy Committee Discussion (*TBD*)*
 - No meeting held
 - Board Development Committee (*Marianne Watson/Moureen Wenik*)
 - Save the date for the annual Board, Friends and Staff picnic, Friday October 3 at 5:15 pm
 - The Student Advisor to the Board volunteer opportunity has been added to the website and will be shared at Saturday's volunteer recruitment event

Facility Committee (*Marian Mee/Cathy Gilmore-Clough*)

- Install of the new HVAC unit was completed May 28

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- No meeting held

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- Committee is reviewing the Collection Management and Programming Policies
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2 at 4:30 pm

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- No meeting held
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30pm

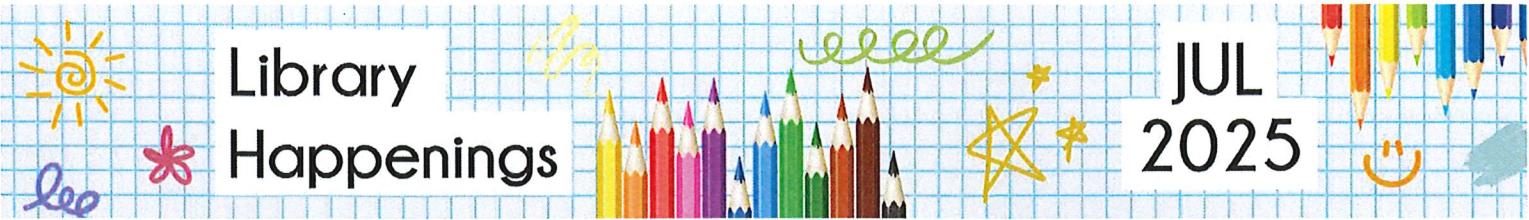
VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM

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

Approved by Board of Trustees July 9, 2025



ALL AGES:

Puzzle Race!

Thursday, July 10, 3pm

Compete in teams to become UMFPL's puzzling champions! Registration required.
uppermorelandlibrary.org/events



Bollywood Dance Project

Tuesday, July 15, 3pm

Learn about India, Bollywood Dance, and try out new moves in a judgment-free zone.

Mad Science: Fire and Ice

Monday, July 21, 3pm

Demonstrations and experiments with chemical reactions, fantastic forces, and more, with lots of audience participation.



Dungeons & Dragons Day

Saturday, July 26, 2-4pm

Stop by for themed crafts, campaigns and prizes. All experience levels welcome; costumes encouraged. Register to join a campaign.



Paint Like Pollock: Family Art Night

Thursday, July 31, 5:30-7:30pm

Drip, splatter, pour and paint your own canvas to take home. Register to ensure you get a canvas. uppermorelandlibrary.org/events



SummerQuest COLOR OUR WORLD

ALL AGES : June 19 - August 17

EARN BADGES, POINTS AND PRIZES WITH BEANSTACK!

Little Tykes

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10am

Join us for fun books, rhymes and songs.

Geared to ages 1 to 4; siblings are welcome.

Baby Story Time

Fridays, July 11, 18, and 25, 10am

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

School-Age Kids

Young Artists: Hand Print Parrot

Available Starting Tuesday, July 1

Artists Take and Makes are available the first of every month.

Lego Club - NEW DAY

Wednesdays, July 9 and 23, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with LEGO bricks.

Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, July 12, 10:30-11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend. Register: uppermorelandlibrary.org/register

Elementary Experimenters: Mini Catapult

Available starting Tuesday, July 15

STEM Take and Makes for school-age children.

Craft Night : Deconstructed Rainbow

Collage

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30pm

Techno PJ Dance Party

Thursday, July 24, 6:30-7:30pm

Wear some colorful PJs and join us for a dance party, with games and colorful snacks.

Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, July 26, 10:30am

Geared to ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

Book Club for Grades 1-3 and 4-7

Sunday, July 27, 1:30pm

Discuss books and pick new books to read.

Environmental Mobile Unit Visit

STEM Workshop for Grades 3-6

Tuesday, July 29, 1-4pm

Sign up for this fun scientific adventure; space is limited. uppermorelandlibrary.org/events

Youth Author Talk Watch Parties

Join us for snacks, questions and a fun activity as we live stream the following Author Talks

1. **Raul the Third** – (preK - grade 2) Tuesday, July 8, 4pm
2. **Marie Lu** – (grades 9 -12) Thursday, July 17, 4pm
3. **Rex Ogle** – (grades 5-8) Wednesday, July 23, 4pm

Library Happenings

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Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

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

Teen Writers Club

July 30, 3:30pm

Come talk about your creative projects with the library's resident published author!

Register: uppermorelandlibrary.org/events

Teen Volunteer Meeting

July 24, 3:30pm; every fourth Thursday

Learn how to get volunteer hours at the library.

Bingo Night

Thursday, July 17, 6:30pm

Play bingo with friends and win prizes! Feel free to bring other games to play.

Teen Illustrator Workshop

July 30, 3-5pm

Learn to create pencil-sketched characters and try out inking techniques with published illustrator Melissa Lomax. Space is limited! Register at uppermorelandlibrary.org/events



For Adults

Talking with Your Doctor: How to Prepare with the Office of Aging Services

Monday, July 7, 3pm

Get tips on how to prepare for an appointment, and talk to your doctor about health concerns.

Book Nook Craft Night

Tuesday, July 8, 6pm

Join Alex to craft your very own Candyland themed book nook.

Registration required



Closed Thursday, July 4th



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

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, July 8, 2pm

Drop by with your tech questions.

Senior Social Hour

Friday, July 11, 3pm

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

True Crime Tales: Hidden Pictures

Tuesday, July 15, 6:30pm

Join Alex on Zoom to discuss this month's selection.



AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, July 20, 2pm

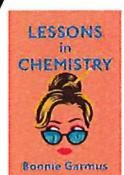
Are you an Adult Fan of Lego? Join us and fellow fans to build some fun Lego sets.

Book Discussion: "Lessons in Chemistry"

by Bonnie Garmus

Wednesday, July 30, 6:30pm

Join us in the library or on Zoom. Sign up at uppermorelandlibrary.org/events



Writers Group

Saturday, July 26, 11am

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

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, July 14, 10:30am-12:30pm

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

Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary

On the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains with Pria Anand

Thursday, July 31, 2pm

Pria's new book, "The Mind Electric", speaks to the stories we tell ourselves about our brains and the stories that our brains tell to us.



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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – July 21, 2025

Agenda Item: Farmstead Alliance Event Request

Prepared by: Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation / Alan Sentman, President of Farmstead Alliance

Attachments: None

Background/Analysis: Farmstead Alliance (FA) is requesting permission to host their second annual Farmstead on Tap event at Farmstead Park on Saturday, October 4th, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This event aims to raise funds for the nonprofit organization.

Farmstead on Tap: Features

- Open Fire Pits
- Alcohol Sales
- Food & Beverage
- Raffle
- Cornhole Tournament
- Craft Fair (possibly including Animal Rescue/Adoption)

Fiscal Impact/Source: None ~ funded by Farmstead Alliance

Alternatives: Do not approve this event

Recommendation Action: Recommend the Committee move forward for full Board of Commissioners consideration at the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.