

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Nicholas O. Scull, Commissioner Jared Jacobs and Commissioner Benjamin W. Olszewski; 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 – September 22, 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. Playground Matching Funds Application (Broughton Park)
- IX. Other Items**
- X. Commissioner Comments**
- XI. Adjournment**

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

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 – July 21, 2025:**
The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.
- VII. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
 - Farmstead On Tap will be held October 4th, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Farmstead Park.
 - Pumpkins On Parade will be held October 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Masons Mill Park.
 - Over 360 children attended this summer's Supervised Playground Programs. Thanked the School District for collaborating and providing space and for also accommodating sports and specialty camps in their buildings.
 - Assisted the Environmental Advisory Council with the Invasive Pull at Veterans Memorial Park on September 21st.
 - Meet Me At The Park program is a new offering for community members to meet at a park and walk and talk with a Parks and Recreation Staff member.
 - Focusing on Farmstead Park's evapotranspiration garden by following the maintenance plan developed by Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust (PERT).
 - Met with PERT at Fair Oaks Basin to view the invasives and it was determined that the basin is in healthy condition.
 - B. **Library Board of Trustees Report** – Marian Mee, Trustee, reviewed the following:
 - Two individual soundproof pods were installed, which are for use as private space for virtual meetings, job interviews or phone calls, and offer a quiet distraction-free spot for focused work. A pod can be booked on the spot or up to seven days in advance either in person or via the website.
 - The Community Room and Small Group Meeting Room are available for advanced booking by the public starting October 1st.
 - There is a Community Events Calendar, which features in-person and virtual events from local non-profits and State and County partners.
 - Allegheny Land Trust will host Nature, Zombies and Vampires on October 2nd.
 - Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency's Financial Aid Timeline will be held on October 7th.

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- Friends Of The Library is planning the free family event for New Year's Eve. Freedom Credit Union is a premier sponsor and organizations are encouraged to contact Friends Of The Library for additional sponsorship.
- Commissioner Scull inquired about technical support programs that assist people with computers. Cathy Gilmore, Director of the Library, explained that there is a Tech Help Drop-In event scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m., where people can ask questions. Ms. Gilmore added that the Library is open to partnering with groups that offer learning support.

VIII. Old Business:

A. PECO Power Line Trail – Mrs. Kollar provided an update:

- An updated quote was received from the Bowman, Township Traffic Engineers, in the amount of \$644,000 which includes a PennDOT-mandated archaeological investigation that was not part of the initial proposal. Mrs. Kollar recommends moving forward as planned.

IX. New Business:

A. 4th Annual Historical Haunts at the Farmstead – Mrs. Kollar discussed:

- A proposal was received from the Historical Commission and Jacqueline Cherpinsky, member of the Historical Commission, explained additional requests that include additional non-profit vendors, as well as an animal rescue. Firepits and generators are also requested.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the October 6, 2025 Regular 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: September 2025 Park and Recreation Report
Date: 10/14/25



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 event to determine how UMPR can support (Farmstead Alliance – Farmstead on Tap, UMEAC – Invasive Removal at Veterans Park, UMHC – Historical Haunts at Farmstead Park, WG Bears – Movie Night, UMLL – POP snack stand, etc.)
- Toured parks and addressed issues with residents
- Began site lay-out and preparation for Pop Up Disc Golf course at Fair Oaks Park
- Tracked progress on Parks Projects and updated grant information
- Spoke at the Willow Grove Rotary meeting on 9/4; highlighted volunteer opportunities and discussed projects in the township
- Demo'd a new UMPR registration software system that correlates with UMT website (Civic Plus)
- Reapplied for Tree City USA status
- Scheduled backflow tests on parks properties with public water; submitted results to Aqua
- Scheduled Willow to trim / remove dead trees at MM Park near the maintenance shed
- Broughton Park – playground replacement consideration for 2026

Departmental Projects:

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Advertised Bids for MM synthetic turf project; bids were rejected
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Funding has been secured; coordinating with Bowman and DVRPC to hold a kick off meeting mid-September; signed updated proposal with Bowman
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – No update; UMPW paved the basketball courts so we can make that space usable again. Will coordinate court painting in October.
4. **Farmstead Spring House** – Advertised Bids for Springhouse Restoration; bids were rejected
5. **Bonnet Lane** – project slated to begin Mid-October and last about a week

Committees:

1. **Shade Tree Committee** – met on 9/9
2. **PRAC** – met on 9/9
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – no meetings in Sept
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – met on 9/25

Seasonal Employees:

1. Park Attendants - scheduled September and through the end of October
2. Seasonal Maintenance – assignments will end mid-October

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.

In addition to 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.

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

- Masons Mill Park –weed maintenance and mulching, ballfield maintenance, pond maintenance; flipped baseball outfield into football; replaced archery bales and updated range
- Pileggi Park – hired Advanced Electrical to repair the electrical box for field lights
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan; assisted in preparation of information for the Springhouse project; met with MCPC to tour the park on 7/15
- Veterans Park – regular maintenance; implemented daily clean up of the area and have been reporting any suspicious findings to UMPD; prepared the court for re-paving; assisted EAC in invasive removal on 9/21; supported and attended the 5K run on 9/27
- Fair Oaks – laid out a possible disc golf course

Maintenance Log:

9/1/2025	Woodlawn Park - plywood barrier is pulled off of the tunnel on the playground equipment	9/2 - KA repairing the play equipment	
9/2/2025	Fulmer Heights tree issue behind the property at 3690 Lukens Lane - PTS asked UMPR to assess	9/2 - JR is off until Thursday, KK emailed him to take a look when he returns	9/2 - KA went to the location to assess and confirmed the dead tree in the area defined; PTS contacted Fulmer Heights and requested a tree maintenance plan
9/4/2025	Requested that the Parks Staff, when they have time, could revisit the vines growing into the trees (I believe he is referring to the Spruce trees by Pileggi)	9/5 - Joe reported the the Parks Maintenance Staff was over at Pileggi and were pulling the vines	9/5 I emailed Bill back to let him know the Parks Staff was working on it today.

9/8/2025	Whitehall Park - there is a large pile of animal feces right underneath the playground. It appears that a child may have stepped in it and walked up one of the railings.	Parks Staff went out the following day and cleaned up the feces. They also disinfected the equipment.	
9/15/2025	There is a broken swing at North Willow Grove Park. The light facing the basketball net is also out.	Parks Staff repaired the swing Monday 9/15/25	9/16/25 - sent an email to inform the Resident that the swing had been repaired
9/15/2025	1 swing is broken at North Willow Grove Playground	Parks Staff repaired the swing Monday 9/15/25	9/16/25 - notified resident that the swing had been fixed yesterday by Parks Staff
9/15/2025	Metal bar that holds onto top bar may be broken. Bolts on picnic table are either missing or coming out.	Parks Staff repaired the swing Monday 9/15/25, and went out Tuesday 9/16/25 to look into the bolt concerns. Also, Township electrician has been called to look at the parking lot light that is not working.	9/16/25 - notified resident that the swing had been fixed yesterday by Parks Staff and that they were heading out there this morning to work on the bolts/bench concern

Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Habitat Heroes Event** – Farmstead Park, Wednesday 9/17/25, 5:00pm-6:30pm
Topics: Environmental Improvements to the Park and Habitat led by Chris Mendel, Director of Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust (postponed due to weather)
-Brief history of Farmstead Park and information on Farmstead Alliance led by Alan Sentman, President of Farmstead Alliance
2. **Fall Frolic Tween Dance** – UM Fire Hall, Friday 9/26/25. 6:30pm-8:30pm (75 participants)
3. **Pumpkins on Parade** – Masons Mill Park, Saturday 10/18/25, 6:00pm-8:00pm
4. **Holiday Photo at Farmstead Park**, Saturday 11/15/25, 9:00am-2:00pm
5. **"Fowl" Shooting Basketball Event** – UM Middle School, Friday 11/21/25, 7pm-8:30pm
6. **Santa Calls!** – Tuesday 12/9/25 5:30pm-7:00pm

Recreation (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):

1. **Trips and Tickets:** Penn Cinema and Regal Movie ticket sales have been steady. Amusement park tickets offerings were utilized by patrons throughout the summer in our office and online. Opened registration for our annual Broadway Trip to see 'Hell's Kitchen' on 11/8/25
2. **Golden Age Club (250 members to date for 2025):** Executive board meeting on 9/10; general meeting on 9/23.
3. **Fall Programs:** Fall programs open during the weeks of 9/8 and 9/15. We are offering new programs this season (Youth Archery (12), and "Meet me at the Park" with UMPR).
4. **Leagues:** Held our third Pickleball League at MM Park; fall league began the week (72 participants); Collaborated with Keystone Softball for Fall Men's/Coed League

Upper Moreland Free Public Library
The 677th Board of Trustees Meeting
September 10, 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 Ben Olszewski

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:30 pm
- II. **Business of Visitors**
 - Thom Almerini, President Friends of UMFPL
 - Friends received a \$50 gift card from Giant to offset costs of the Board, Friends and Staff annual picnic
 - Friends have their first sponsor, Jaguar, for the New Year's Eve event
- III. **President's Remarks** (Moureen Wenik)
 - Marian Mee has volunteered for the September 22, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- IV. **Consensus Agenda** (Moureen Wenik) **[Motion #1] a Tony Giannetti / Marianne Watson motion was unanimously approved to accept the following consensus agenda as presented**
 - Approve the August 13 Board of Trustees meeting minutes and Accept the Director's Report for September 2025
 - August and September Financial Statements will be presented at the October 8 Board of Trustees meeting
- V. **Treasurer's Report** (Jay Silverman) **[Motion #2] Payment of August 2024 bills in the amount of \$47,320.26 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Diane Walton motion**
- VI. **Director's Report Highlights** (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
 - Monday, September 22, UMT Public Health & Safety Committee commissioner meeting
 - Work/Study Pods installed
 - RFID Conversion project contract signed with Bibliotheca
 - Verbal complaint received about a title in the Children's picture books collection
 - Our Library of Things collection has launched, incorporating our existing AHA kits
- VII. **Committee Actions**

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

 - No meeting held or scheduled

Board Development Committee (*Marianne Watson*)

 - Two BOT applicants for the possible 2026-2028 term have been received
 - Invitations to staff, Friends, and Commissioners being sent this week

Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- No meeting held or scheduled

Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- **[Motion #3] Recommendation to transfer the Hatboro CD x7042 totaling 40,943.66, maturing September 30, to the Hatboro Checking account was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Marian Mee motion**

Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Megan Friedman*)

- **[Motion #4] To accept the Policy committee recommendation to approve the updated Programming policy was seconded by Tony Giannetti and unanimously approved**
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30pm

Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Diane Walton*)

- Next meeting scheduled for October 7 at 6:30 pm

VIII. Old Business

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

Approved by Board of Trustees October 8, 2025



ALL AGES

Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest Online Submissions, Oct. 1-24

Do you love to write terrifying tales? Can you do so in just two sentences? Submit your scariest two-sentence horror stories online at umfpl.org from Oct. 1 to Oct. 24. Winners from each age group will be announced Oct. 31, and each will receive a gift card!

Cryptid Scavenger Hunt Oct. 1 - 31

Find all the legendary creatures hidden around the library for the chance to win a prize!



We Adopted a Cow!

Look for details starting
Oct. 25

Each month, we'll post new pictures and updates on the children's room bulletin board about the cow we adopted from a local dairy farm.



ADOPT A COW



Little Tykes

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 15, 22 and 29, 10am

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

Baby Story Time

Fridays, Oct. 3, 17, 24 and 31,
10am

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



Pre-K Take and Learn Kits

Available starting Monday, Oct. 6

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

Learn and Play Workshops

Tuesdays, Oct. 14, 21 and 28, 10-11am

Enjoy a fun and educational playtime.

Designed for children ages 1-3 and caregivers.
(siblings welcome) To register, umfpl.org/events

School-Aged Kids

Young Artists: Scraped Paint Ghosts

Available starting Wednesday, Oct. 1

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



Lego Club

Wednesdays, Oct. 1 and 15, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with LEGO bricks.

Reading with Fuzzy Friends

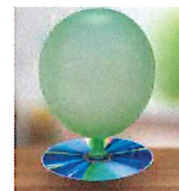
Saturday, Oct. 11, 10:30-11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.
To register, umfpl.org/register

Elementary Experimenters: CD Hovercraft

Available starting Wednesday, Oct. 15

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



Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, Oct. 25, 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, Oct. 26, 1:30pm

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



For Teens

Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

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

Teen Volunteer Meeting

Oct 23, 3:30pm; every fourth Thursday

Learn how to get volunteer hours at the library.

For Adults

Adult Craft Kits: Button Necklace

Available Wednesday, Oct. 1

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

Rummikub Club

Thursday, Oct. 2, 11am

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

Put it to Bed, Plan Ahead!

Sunday Oct. 5, 2pm

Get practical tips to ready your garden for the cooler weather ahead from a Penn State Master Gardener.

Cook Your Way Through ... Molly on the Range

Tuesday Oct. 7, 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, Oct. 10, 3pm

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

PA MEDI Appts

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 3pm

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

Punch Needle Basics Craft

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:15pm

Come by to learn the basics of punch needle crafting, and start a new project to take home. **registration required** umfpl.org/events

Spice Up Your Life Kit: Crystalized Ginger

Available Wednesday, Oct. 15

Pick up a spice kit with recipes at the library (while supplies last).

AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) Club

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2pm

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

Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2pm

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

Writers Group

Saturday, Oct. 25, 11am

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

Book Discussion: "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:30pm

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

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

Monday, Oct. 13, 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

"Neustra America" - Thursday, Oct 2, 2pm

Leigh Bardugo- Thursday, Oct 9, 7pm

Malala Yousafzai- Wednesday, Oct 22, 7pm

Philippa Gregory- Wednesday, Oct 29 2pm



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Agenda Summary

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – October 20, 2025

Agenda Item:	GameTime Play Equipment Matching Funds Request
Prepared by:	Katie Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation
Attachments:	None
Background/Analysis:	Broughton Park play equipment is slated to be replaced in 2026. With recommendation on 10/9/2025 from Pat Stasio, Township Manager, an application was submitted to GameTime for a matching fund grant. \$50,000 has already been budgeted for this project. If additional funds are received, the Township can include <i>additional</i> play structures or other features to the playground. GameTime playground grants are available with matching funds up to 80% for play systems with a list price of less than \$75,000 and greater than \$25,000 with full payment.
Fiscal Impact/Source:	None.
Alternatives:	Do not accept matching funds, if awarded.
Recommended Action:	The Committee recommends to accept the funds, if awarded.

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