

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.
draft MINUTES**

1. Call to Order (*E. Baiada*)

Adrienne Smythe	Chair
Brian Sokel	Vice Chair
Lee Abberley	Member
Christina Kerper	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Nick Matteo	Friends of Hillcrest Pond Representative
Neil DiFranco	School District School Board Representative
Grace D'Amico	Student Representative
Kedar Moore	Student Representative
Susanna Ratsavong	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

2. Approval of Minutes from September (*All*)

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee unanimously approved the September minutes.

3. Administrative Report (*E. Baiada*)

Welcome Student Representatives, Grace D'Amico and Kedar Moore!

4. Recreation Report (*E. Baiada*)

Throughout the month of September, Springfield Township offered weekly programs, including Martial Arts, Yoga, Jump Start Sports Track, Adult Mosaics, Jump Start Basketball, Princess Playtime, and After School Golf. Additionally, the Springfield Township Fall Youth Soccer League is running smoothly, with 281 participants. During the month of September, a total of 538 individuals participated in recreational programming.

5. Park Report (*E. Baiada*)

- **Bysher Park:** No Update.
- **Connor James McKelvie Community Park:** No Update.
- **Henry R. Chiaramonte Park:** Surfacing repair complete.
- **James A. Cisco Park:** Walking path connection complete.
- **James R. Fulginiti Park:** No Update.
- **Laurel Beech Park:** No Update.
- **Marlow Field:** No Update.
- **Mermaid Park:** PA Game Commission Partnership – Chimney Swift installation
- **Sandy Run Park:** Fireworks set off in portable toilet unit.
- **Veterans Park:** No Update.
- **Wyndhill Park:** No Update.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center A:** No Update.
- **Springfield Township Recreation Center B:** No Update.
- **Walnut Avenue Master Site Plan Committee:** Preferred Design Decision
- **Recreation Center Advisory Committee:** Revised design selection.

6. Old Business (*All*)

No report.

7. New Business (*All*)

Springfield Township Skateboard Association Update: In 2021, the STSA presented the Skateboard Park project to the PRAC, receiving full support. The STSA then presented the \$500,000 design to the Board of Commissioners who were also in support and instructed STSA to raise half of the funds (\$250,000) and return to the BOC for a follow-up conversation. The STSA organizers are having difficulty raising additional funds without a dedicated space approved by the PRAC and BOC. The project is proposed for the current playground site at Laurel Beech Park which is scheduled to be remodeled during the Recreation Center Master Site Plan project. After discussion, the PRAC suggested the STSA return for the November meeting with a presentation, update and firm request. This will also allow the Township time to send notices to neighboring properties within 500 feet of the proposed project site.

Little League Land Use Agreement Reminder – November Discussion: The Land Use Agreement expires on December 31. The PRAC reviewed neighbor concerns from the past year including parking, noise, and maintenance on Sunday. Little League elections occur in December with the new board beginning in January. The Committee discussed potentially changing the agreement signing to coincide with the installation of the new Little League Board to better establish communication channels with the new leadership rather than with the exiting leadership.

8. General Public Comment (*All*)

A neighbor of Laurel Beech Park expressed the importance of community feedback and thanked the Committee for notifying neighbors of large projects.

9. School District Report (*N. DiFranco*)

The Middle School project is on schedule and is scheduled to finish construction around December 2026.

10. Commissioners' Report (*S. Ratsavong*)

During the September meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board appointed three new students to advisory committees. Grace D'Amico and Kedar Moore will serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Elliot Midha will serve on the Recreation Center Advisory Committee.

11. Call for Adjournment (*E. Baiada*)

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:30 pm