

Tredyffrin Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting March 12, 2025

Participants:

Park Board Members: Diane Van Mol, Kris Robie, Jami Godfrey, Raffi Terzian, Patty Copeland, and

Tredyffrin Staff: Officer Joseph Butler, Colleen Cappello, and Darin Fitzgerald

- 1. Call to Order at 7:01 PM
- 2. Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 3. Reports
 - a. Police report
 - i. 1/12/25 Wilson Farm Park: Teenagers were observed ice fishing. After speaking with the officers, they applogized and cleared the area
 - ii. 1/12 /25—Wilson Farm Park: Children were witnessed on the frozen park. The children vacated the premises before officers could respond
 - iii. 1/18/25 Wilson Farm Park: A male subject was observed walking on the frozen pond. The subject was not there upon response
 - iv. 1/27/25 Mill Road: An unleashed dog bit another dog on a leash. Information between parties was exchanged. The unleashed dog owner covered veterinary expenses and received a citation
 - v. 2/7/25 Wilson Farm Park: Report of a subject walking their dog off-leash. Officers contacted the reporting party and advised on how to make a proper police report including obtaining pictures that could lead to identification, etc.
 - vi. 2/15/25 Wilson Farm Park: Officers responded to a report of an assault over an unleashed dog. Unleashed dog owner pushed another dog owner into a fence, which caused damage to the fence. Unleashed dog owner received a citation for harassment. Public Works was contacted and requested to provide the cost of restitution, which was \$434.77
 - vii. 2/21/25 Teegarden: A loose dog was captured by officers. The chip was read and the dog was returned to their owner
 - viii. 3/2/25 Wilson Farm Park: A report of a suspicious vehicle driving around the parking lot. The vehicle was not present and registration details were not obtained by the reporting party.
 - b. Deer Management report
 - i. Deer hunting season has concluded. Final counts will be provided soon. The season runs from September until mid-January
 - c. Public Works report

- i. All pavilions are open, except for the water fountains at Wilson Farm Park
- ii. The concession and picnic stands have been freshly painted
- iii. Spring clean-up is underway
- iv. Wilson Farm Park and Mill Road will be completed by the end of the week
- v. New heaters in the concession and picnic pavilion were added
- vi. Strafford tennis courts have a new windscreen and will have horseshoe cuts to relieve some pressure
- vii. Picket Post: There is a possibility of adding a community garden where the pool is if the Township moves ahead with obtaining ownership and management. The barn has already been removed.
- viii. Public Works met with the Thunder softball team. Another softball field will be added to Mill Road and will be available during the fall season. The Township has decided to fund the park. Standard rental policies will be implemented for use.
- ix. Paoli Fire Department will be at Mill Road Park from 3/25 to 3/28 for training. The park will be closed to accommodate this training.
- d. Parks and Recreation report
 - i. Field rental has been completed for the Spring season, which starts on Saturday, 3/15.
 - ii. Egg Hunt is scheduled for 4/12 from 10-12 PM. The rain date is 4/13. Volunteers are needed. There are 15,000 eggs to be found, as well as a DJ, and face-painting.
 - iii. Summer Day Camp: All counselors have been hired. Registration has started.
 - iv. Currently working on finalizing vendors for the Fourth of July and Community Day, (October 4th), events.
 - v. Vendors have been secured for all summer concerts and movie night events

4. Old Business

- a. List of Volunteer Projects in the Park
 - i. Board members to submit at least one idea so that we can compile a list of approved projects. Possible options include:
 - (1) Community Boards
 - (2) Sprucing up playground
 - (3) Reflectors on stop signs
 - ii. Colleen to provide the board with a list of previously Parks and Recreation approved projects

5. New Business

- a. Field Rental Policy Review
 - i. The policy and additional details including price can be found on the Township website: https://www.tredyffrin.org/field-usage-permitting
 - ii. Some teams have lease agreements that also include field maintenance
 - iii. Fields can be rented as a one-off opportunity or for several blocks of time
- b. National Fitness Campaign (NFC) Scott Kleiman
 - i. National Fitness Campaign is a corporate and privately sponsored organization whose mission is to have a fitness court within ten minutes of every American in 2030
 - ii. https://www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com
 - iii. NFC works with high schools, not elementary schools or middle schools
 - iv. The courts are low to no-maintenance
 - v. There is also a corresponding app that participants can use for workouts
 - vi. Local locations include Conshohocken and Lower Gwynedd
 - vii. NFC contracts with companies to install the equipment
 - viii. The Fitness Courts are ADA-compliant

- ix. The area required would be 38 x 38, which is the size of a tennis court
- x. NFC would review heat maps, population density, and what is already accessible before meeting with representations from the Township to move forward
- xi. Recommended locations will exclude Wilson Farm Park due to the already defined five-year plan and Teegarden as it is a PECO property
- xii. Information is on the website to connect with someone from our region
- xiii. Mr. Kleinman will connect with the regional director to discuss the next steps if NFC is interested and report back to the Board
- c. Request for Steps at Teegarden Park
 - i. Near the Coldstream Drive side of the park and walking toward the football field, natural wear and tear across the grass has caused a steep area that requires steps or additional support for crossing the park, especially when rain occurs
 - ii. Public Works will review the area
 - iii. Possible considerations for resolution could be to include pressure-treated 4x4s or plastic railroad ties as an impervious surface may be challenging to incorporate
- d. 2024 Annual Report
 - i. The report has been completed and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors
- 6. Liaisons
 - a. Deer Report Jami Godfrey
 - i. See above
 - b. Park Foundation Patty Copeland
 - i. Will attend the next quarterly meeting
 - c. EAC Kris Robie
 - i. No report available
- 7. Date of next meeting April 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM
- 8. Adjournment at 7:52 PM

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 12/27/2024 issue of Daily Local and the 1/5/2025 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meeting dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2024 and were printed in the Township's newsletter on 1/31/2025. The agenda was posted on the Township website on 03/06/2025 and at the main entrance to the Township Building on 03/11/2025. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.