

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**

**Committees Meeting Agenda**

**April 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenuti, 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. Announcement**

- A. Woodlawn Park Development Meeting will be held on May 12, 2025 with Sarah Leeper from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture

**IV. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only**

**V. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 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**

**IX. Other Items**

**X. Commissioner Comments**

**XI. Adjournment**

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Parks and Recreation Committee Members:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenuti, 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 Benjamin Olszewski in the absence of Commissioner and Committee Chair Anthony Benvenuti.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner Scull, Commissioner Olszewski. Absent: Commissioner and Committee Chair Benvenuti. Mrs. Kollar, Director of Parks and Recreation, via Zoom. Also present: Patrick Stasio, Township Manager, and Briana Bryant, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Announcements:**
  - A. Proclamation for National Library Week – Cathy Gilmore, Library Executive Director, explained:
    - Recognizes the various ways the Library provides for everyone in the community, which includes childhood development, educational programs, technology assistance, connections to events, audiobooks, or the ability to stop in and print a document. More than 10,500 residents save on costs by borrowing materials.
    - The Committee agreed to present at the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- IV. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2025:**

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.
- VI. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
  - A. **Parks and Recreation Monthly Reports** – Mrs. Kollar reviewed the following:
    - The Township was awarded the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$1.25 million for work at Woodlawn Park. Met with Simone Collins and Gilmore Associates to update the plan.
    - Applied for the MontCo 2040 Trail Engineering Grant for work on the PECO Powerline Trail. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant application deadline is in two weeks.
    - SEPTA is working on a Memorandum of Understanding to present to the Township and move forward with construction of a skate park at Veterans Memorial Park.
    - A proposal was received by the Farmstead Alliance for design and restoration services at Farmstead Park's Spring House.
    - Bowman, Traffic Engineer, is working on permits and agreements with PECO, Comcast and Verizon for the removal of utility poles in the area of Bonnet Lane.
    - Will remove 18 tree stumps identified in the Township's community parks.
    - Masons Mill Park storage shed has been restored with new siding and secured locks.
    - Safety fencing and drainage areas were repaired around Safety Town.
    - Willow Tree Service performed pruning and maintenance of trees in the downtown area.
    - Upper Moreland Shade Tree Committee will meet with local municipality shade tree commissions at the Abington Library to share information and discuss topics in association with the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).
    - Assisting with the Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Masons Mill Park.
    - Registration for Supervised Playground Programs is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.



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- Commissioner Olszewski commented that Habitat Heroes were successful events and will continue at Farmstead Park, Pileggi Park and Fair Oaks Park.

**B. Library Board of Trustees Report** – Diana Walton, Trustee, reviewed the following items:

- Asked the Committee to share with constituents the April Library Newsletter and Happenings.
- The Seed Library is now open at the Upper Moreland Free Public Library, to encourage the public to grow native and edible plants.
- On the Beanstack reading platform app and website, users can create a free account to keep a log of their reading, earn digital badges and participate in challenges sponsored by the Library. Beanstack does not sell user information or post advertisements.
- The Library was opened in 1959 and is celebrating its 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments and activities are planned for visitors that day.

**VII. Old Business** – Nothing to report.

**VIII. New Business:**

- A. Farmstead Park Spring House Engineering Recommendation – Mrs. Kollar discussed the following:
- Recommending Mark B. Thompson & Associates, to be the design team leader who will provide structural engineering and architectural historic preservation of the Spring House building at an anticipated cost of \$15,000. Funding will be allocated from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development Local Share Account (DCED LSA) Grant award.
  - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- B. DCED Grant application for \$250,000 - Woodlawn Park – Mr. Stasio discussed the following:
- There is a \$250,000 match; however, the funding set aside by the Township for this project will cover the match, resulting in no additional cost.
  - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve at the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**IX. Other Parks and Recreation Items** – Mr. Stasio announced the following:

- Alan Sentman, Farmstead Alliance President, was nominated by Mrs. Kollar to receive the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Volunteer of the Year Award, which will be presented at a ceremony on Tuesday evening.
- Commended Mr. Sentman for his energy and dedication to secure funding and volunteering that progresses the restoration of the historic park.
- The Committee congratulated Mr. Sentman.

**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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

To: Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners  
From: Katie Kollar, Parks and Recreation Director  
RE: March 2025 Park and Recreation Report  
Date: 4/11/25



The Department of Parks and Recreation consists of four full-time administrative staff and six full-time maintenance workers, as well as dozens of part-time instructors, seasonal employees. 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.

- I held several interviews and followed the re-hiring procedure for seasonal employees / returners.
- Submitted the application for the DCNR Non-Motorized Trail grant to help fund the PECO powerline trail project.
- I attended session two and three of a series of grant workshops on 4/5/25 & 4/26/25.
- Held a Park Attendant Orientation on 3/23/25 and scheduled Park Attendants for April
- Collaborated with Keystone Softball to offer Men's/Coed leagues at Masons Mill in the spring, met with commissioner and teams on 3/12/25 and 3/13/25.
- Scheduled Port O Pots to be delivered to parks throughout the township
- Attended PRPS Annual Conference from 3/16 – 3/19/2025
- Attended the PRPS Awards Banquet on 3/19 where I witnessed Alan Sentman, Farmstead Alliance accept the Community Champion Award for PA for 2025. Congratulations
- Attended the PRPS Awards Banquet on 3/19 where I accepted an Excellence in Recreation and Parks award for Chairing the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Senior Games.
- Continued to work with an Eagle Scout to discuss a blue bird box project for Spring 2025
- Attended the Montgomery County Cross County Trail public meeting on 3/27/25
- I communicated with DCNR regarding their non-motorized trail grant.
- Held the initial phone call with the Land and Water Conservation Fund representative regarding the \$1.25 Million grant towards Woodlawn Park on 3/27/25.
- Simone McGrath began with our department on 3/3/25.
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#### **Departmental Projects:**

1. **Woodlawn Park** – Held a face to face with Simone Collins / Gilmore Associates to finalize plans and prepare them for the engineers on 3/13/25.
2. **PECO Power Line Trail** – Applied for DCNR Non-motorized Trail Grant. Was notified that we were approved to apply for a 'design only' grant.
3. **Veteran's Memorial Park (SEPTA)** – followed up and SEPTA is drafting an MOU for UMT.
4. **Farmstead Spring House Restoration** – Received approval from BOC so I contacted Mark B Thompson Associates to draft plans for the springhouse restoration.
5. **Bonnet Lane** – Bowman is obtaining permits / agreements with PECO, Comcast and Verizon.



**KK Committees / Meetings:**

1. **Shade Tree** – Held our meeting on 3/11/25. STIC (collaboration among neighboring municipalities) UM coordinated a meeting on March 25, 7 neighboring municipalities were present; Arbor Day Celebration on 4/26 at Masons Mill Park
2. **PRAC** – Held our meeting on 3/11/25
3. **Montgomery County Senior Games** – Planning meeting on 3/12/25; meeting at Jeffersonville on 3/27/25 to discuss event logistics
4. **PA Recreation and Park Society – Membership Committee** – Attended a virtual meeting on 3/6/25 for a meet and greet with new conference attendees.
5. **Farmstead Alliance** – met with committee on 3/26/25
6. **HR** – involved training on 3/11/25
7. **Semiquincentennial Celebration - 2026** – early planning stages

**Seasonal Employees:**

1. Park Attendants - All Positions are filled at this time
2. Seasonal Maintenance – All Positions are filled at this time
3. Summer Program Staff - Deadline for returning staff was 2/21/25; Interviews were held and process will conclude by 4/25/25.

**Parks Maintenance (Joe Reilly, Parks Foreman):**

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 spring vegetation maintenance, park preparation, 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 March include:

- Masons Mill Park – completed the renovations of storage shed. Tree work as needed. Prepared courts for play. Prepared fields for play. Repaired and inserted the fountain/aerator into the pond.
- Pileggi Park – building maintenance as needed.
- Farmstead Park – Tended to the new plantings per maintenance plan.
- Veterans Park – regular maintenance
- Buehler Park - rotated vehicles for maintenance inspection so that we are ready for Spring

**March concerns listed below:**

3/3/2025	MM - tree behind softball field is uprooted and leaning on another tree	3/5 - Willow Removed Tree
3/4/2025	Fair Oaks - Wires hanging down into residents yard - Stump on rightaway needs removal.	3/4 - UMPR team went out and determined the wires hanging were cables: Resident was contacted with phone numbers to Cable providers. - Stump is currently on removal list.
3/5/2025	Tree from public property is possibly on his property	3/5 - UMPR team went out to look at the problem, KK communicated with homeowner, we will need to investigate property lines; 3/6 Parks Crew on site to find property marker; 3/7 property marker was removed; determination can not be made; 3/12 KK scheduled Willow to go to the site to give a quote and notified home owner; scheduled for mid-April
3/5/2025	Monument Ave - tree has broken and is leaning on another tree, possibility of going into wires	3/6 - Parks crew brought down tree, cut it up and removed it
3/5/2025	Grafitti on the bridge and box	3/6/2025 - Parks Crew cleaned up grafitti and trash in the area
3/6/2025	Blair Mill Park - fence was damaged by recent wind storms and falling limbs	3/4 - UMPR Team fixed the fencing
3/6/2025	Swale at the end of Hatboro Road is clogged	3/7 - KK and JR met at the location and Parks Crew will clear out the area: cleaned
3/27/2025	Mill Creek Dog Park - Missing pin on latch of large dog gate and wooden fence on small dog side needs repair	3/28 - JR confirmed the latch is fixed

**Special Events (Jen Hartigan, Recreation Program Coordinator):**

1. Shade Tree Information Collaboration (STIC) – March 25 at the Abington Library – A meeting of local Shade Tree groups to discuss and share important shade tree topics.
2. EAC Earth Day/Arbor Day – April 26 at Masons Mill – Join the EAC and other participating groups to learn about rain gardens, native plants, trees and more! The Shade Tree Committee will be in attendance as well with information and a craft for families.
3. Habitat Heroes Events -Pileggi Park, Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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
2. **Golden Age Club (200 members to date for 2025):** More new members have joined the GAC thanks to UMPR outreach and GAC Member word of mouth. In March, the GAC held an Executive Board meeting a General Meeting. Took Trip suggestions and we are offering a variety of new trips and tours for our members. We also appointed two new board members.



3. **Spring Programs** – Spring program registration opened on Monday 3/3 at 9am and went smoothly. Many families were happy to register for their favorite Spring programs and get back outside this Spring!
4. **Summer Programs** – The Supervised Playground and Teen Trex trip calendars were finalized and advertised. Sports and Specialty camps have been planned, with a new addition this summer of Cheerleading Camp that will be offered at Pileggi Park. Summer Camps and Programs registration opened Monday 3/24 at 9am. Many sites were at full capacity at 9:05am. We are limited on space and bussing for our summer programs. We offer 6 sites. Each site has a maximum of 50 participants, with the exception of 6-8 Grade, which has a capacity of 80 participants. We strive to offer an affordable, safe and quality program for the residents of our town.

Activity	Regs
Adult - UMPD Citizen's Police Academy - Adult - Citizens Police Academy Spring 2025 03/19/2025 - 04/30/2025 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	13
Adult Craft Programs - A Charcuterie Event with "Too Board Sisters" 04/02/2025 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	17
Adult Fitness Programs - Karate, Adult Class Spring Session 03/31/2025 - 05/21/2025 MULTI	6
Adult Fitness Programs - Karate, Adult Class Winter Session 01/13/2025 - 03/12/2025 MULTI	6
Adult Fitness Programs - Yoga, Adult Class Spring Session - Tuesdays 03/25/2025 - 05/13/2025 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	17
Adult Fitness Programs - Yoga, Adult Class Winter Session - Tuesdays 01/14/2025 - 03/04/2025 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	20
Adult Pickleball Leagues - Masons Mill Mixer Pickleball League (Mixed Doubles) 04/07/2025 - 06/02/2025 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	46
FREE Seminar - Know Your Medicare Options - Know Your Medicare Options Seminar - MAY 2025 05/08/2025 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM	4
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Sight and Sound Theater - Noah 04/01/2025 10:00 AM - 07:30 PM	45
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Mystery Trip 09/16/2025 07:30 AM - 08:30 PM	26
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Pine's Dinner Theater - "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" 05/14/2025 10:15 AM - 06:00 PM	47
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Tropicana - Smokey Robinson 06/30/2025 09:15 AM - 06:30 PM	26
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - National Constitution Center & Moshulu Luncheon 06/18/2025 09:00 AM - 03:30 PM	38
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Tropicana - Country Jukebox 09/29/2025 09:15 AM - 06:30 PM	13
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - Tropicana - Blockbuster Broadway 11/17/2025 09:15 AM - 06:30 PM	3
GAC - Golden Age Club Trips - GAC - American Music Theater - Christmas Show 12/02/2025 09:30 AM - 07:30 PM	42



GAC - Shore Club - St. Patrick's Festival - GAC - The Shore Club - St. Patrick's Festival 03/14/2025 09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	38
GAC - Spring Thaw Luncheon - GAC - 2025 Spring Thaw Luncheon 04/22/2025 11:00 AM - 02:00 PM	64
GAC - Summer Picnic - GAC - 25 Summer Picnic 06/05/2025 12:00 PM - 02:30 PM	16
Preschool Age: WEE Programs with Dolton Sports - WEE Kick Soccer (ages 4-5) 04/14/2025 - 05/12/2025 05:00 PM - 05:45 PM	10
Preschool Age: WEE Programs with Dolton Sports - WEE Play Multi-Sports (ages 3-5) 04/17/2025 - 05/15/2025 04:00 PM - 04:45 PM	16
Preschool Age: WEE Programs with Dolton Sports - WEE Hit T-Ball (ages 3-4) 04/18/2025 - 05/16/2025 04:00 PM - 04:45 PM	17
Preschool Age: WEE Programs with Dolton Sports - WEE Hit T-Ball (ages 4-5) 04/18/2025 - 05/16/2025 05:00 PM - 05:45 PM	17
School Age : Dramarama - Dramarama Junior: Theater for Grades K- 2nd 03/11/2025 - 04/29/2025 02:50 PM - 05:00 PM	20
School Age : Dramarama - Dramarama: Theater for Grades 3rd-5th 01/29/2025 - 04/30/2025 02:50 PM - 05:00 PM	51
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades 3 - 5 01/08/2025 - 03/12/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	10
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades 3-5 03/19/2025 - 05/28/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	8
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades K-2 03/19/2025 - 05/28/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	15
School Age : Drawing with Young Rembrandts - After School Drawing with Young Rembrandts, Grades K - 2 01/08/2025 - 03/12/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	16
School Age : School's Out Day - School's Out: With Dolton Sports - April 17th 04/17/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	17
School Age : School's Out Day - School's Out: With Dolton Sports - May 20th 05/20/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	3
School Age : School's Out Day - School's Out: With Dolton Sports - March 14th 03/14/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	20
School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Monday: Basketball 01/27/2025 - 03/10/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	33
School Age 4th - 5th Grade :Free Intramural Program: 2025 - Thursday: Color Guard 01/30/2025 - 03/06/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	20
School Age: K - 12th Grade: Karate - Karate, Youth Spring 04/07/2025 - 05/19/2025 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	14
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	12



School Age: Minds in Motion: Science Program - After School Science Program With Minds in Motion (K-5): Future Architects 03/25/2025 - 05/06/2025 02:50 PM - 03:50 PM	8
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	11
School Age: Sports Programs - Youth Basketball with Dolton Sports 04/15/2025 - 05/13/2025 05:00 PM - 06:15 PM	19
School Age: Sports Programs - Youth Field Hockey 04/23/2025 - 05/28/2025 05:00 PM - 06:15 PM	14
School Age: Sports Programs - Youth Multi Sports with Dolton Sports 04/17/2025 - 05/15/2025 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM	9
Summer Specialty Camps - Dramarama Theater Camp - Junior (Grades 1-2) 07/14/2025 - 07/18/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	3
Summer Specialty Camps - Young Rembrandts Drawing Workshop: ANIMAL CARTOON 08/04/2025 - 08/08/2025 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM	3
Summer Specialty Camps - Dramarama Theater Camp - Senior (Grades 6-9) 07/28/2025 - 08/01/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	11
Summer Specialty Camps - Minds In Motion - Sky High Engineering Science Camp 07/21/2025 - 07/25/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	3
Summer Specialty Camps - UMPD. Jr. Police Academy 07/30/2025 - 07/31/2025 08:00 AM - 04:00 PM	41
Summer Specialty Camps - Dramarama Theater Camp (Grades 3-5) 06/23/2025 - 06/27/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	20
Summer Sports Camps - Coed Baseball / Softball Camp with Dolton Sports 07/28/2025 - 08/01/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	2
Summer Sports Camps - Basketball Camp with Dolton Sports 08/11/2025 - 08/14/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	2
Summer Sports Camps - Coed Multi-Sport Camp with Dolton Sports 06/16/2025 - 06/20/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	9
Summer Sports Camps - Cheerleading Camp 07/14/2025 - 07/18/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	2
Summer Sports Camps - Coed Soccer Camp with Dolton Sports 06/23/2025 - 06/27/2025 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	1
Summer Sports Camps - Field Hockey Camp 07/07/2025 - 07/11/2025 09:30 AM - 02:30 PM	10
Summer Sports Camps - Junior Field Hockey Camp 07/07/2025 - 07/10/2025 09:30 AM - 11:30 AM	1
Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 1 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	41
Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 2 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	50
Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 3 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	50
Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 4 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	50



Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 5 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	46
Summer Supervised Playground Program - Supervised Playground - 8 weeks - Grade 6-8 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	80
Summer Supervised Playground Program - EXTENDED CARE ~ 1ST 4 WEEKS (ADD ON) 06/16/2025 - 07/11/2025 07:30 AM - 05:30 PM	3
Teen - American Red Cross Babysitting - American Red Cross Babysitting 05/20/2025 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	3
Teen - Counselor In Training Program (Supervised Playground) - Counselor In Training (CIT) Candidate 2025 06/16/2025 - 08/08/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	7
Teen - Summer Teen Trex Program - Week 1 - Hershey Park, Penn Cinema w/ Lunch, Tilted 10 06/24/2025 - 06/26/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	4
Teen - Summer Teen Trex Program - Week 2 - Bury The Hatchet, Great Adventure, Dave & Busters 07/08/2025 - 07/10/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	13
Teen - Summer Teen Trex Program - Week 3 - Top Golf, Penn Cinema w/ Lunch, Paintball 07/22/2025 - 07/24/2025 08:30 AM - 04:30 PM	7
Upper Moreland Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Green Talk and Tree Giveaway - GOING GREEN! Upper Moreland Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Talk and Tree Giveaway 05/10/2025 01:30 PM - 02:30 PM	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1330</b>

**Congratulations to Alan Sentman, 2025 PRPS Community Champion, shown with  
Nick Scull, UMT Commissioner**





## **Meeting Minutes**

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

**Absent:** Diane Walton, Megan Friedmann, Ben Olsewski and Anthony Benvenuti

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Moureen Wenik at 6:31 pm
- II. **Business of Visitors**
  - Friends of UMFPL (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
    - The 2025 Annual Appeal is scheduled to be mailed to just over 6000 residences with an April 7 arrival date
- III. **President's Remarks** (Moureen Wenik)
  - Diane Walton has volunteered for the March 17, 2025 UMT Parks and Recreation committee commissioner meeting
- 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 February 12, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
  - Accept the Director's Report for March 2025
  - Approve the November 2024 Financial Statements
- V. **Treasurer's Report** (Jay Silverman) [**Motion #2**] **Payment of February bills in the amount of \$23,084.73 was unanimously approved by a Jay Silverman / Marianne Watson motion**
- VI. **Director's Report Highlights** (Cathy Gilmore-Clough)
  - Institute for Friends and Trustees at the library Saturday, March 15, 9:15-2:15
  - New digital resource, AtoZ World Food, was added March 2, 2025 providing recipe and ingredient information from countries across the globe
  - The annual report was submitted to Office of Commonwealth Libraries for review. Once approved, a copy will be available to Trustees for review.
  - The National Library Week proclamation is on the UMT Board of Commissioners Parks and Recreation Committee agenda for the March 17 meeting.
  - Montgomery County is welcoming Eric Klinenberg, author of *Palaces for the People: how social infrastructure can help fight inequality, polarization and the decline of civic life* to speak at Upper Dublin library Friday, April 4 at 7 pm with a reception before the talk. An invite will be forwarded to library stakeholders in the near future.
- VII. **Committee Actions**

Advocacy Committee Discussion (TBD)\*

  - State and Federal library funding were discussed

Board Development Committee (Marianne Watson)

- Board and Friends recruitment was discussed

#### Facility Committee (*Marian Mee*)

- Facility committee met on February 25 to review the building checklist that was included in the board meeting documents and identify the key points to bring to the attention of UMT staff
  - Condition of bricks and masonry on the front patio
  - The drain grate and re-painting of the symbol in the accessible parking space

#### Finance Committee (*Tony Giannetti*)

- **[Motion 3] To withdraw the Hatboro Federal CD 4208 maturing April 3, 2025 and open a new CD maturing in January 2026, at or above 3% was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Jay Silverman motion**

#### Policy and Bylaws Committee (*Moureen Wenik*)

- **[Motion 4] To approve the new Technology and Internet Use Policy was unanimously approved by a Tony Giannetti / Marianne Watson motion**
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 4:30pm to discuss a revised Patron Services Policy that combines several existing policies

#### Strategic Plan Action Committee (*Cathy Gilmore-Clough*)

- Strategic Plan committee met March 11 to and the following were discussed
  - Website improvements goal is impacted by regulations from the DOJ requiring accessible websites. Library staff will be working on simplifying and streamlining the website in 2025 in preparation for a professional redesign planned for 2026 that will include required accessible features.
  - Digital Cards: MCLINC is offering online registration for library cards via the digital catalog. The process developed by MCLINC is more onerous than our existing process for accepting emailed applications, so we will continue our current practice for the time being
  - Public Awareness: we will be asking the Friends to sponsor regular postcard mailings to new homeowners/renters identified using Data Axle Reference Solutions, a digital resource offered by the library.

### VIII. Old Business

- PNC is ready to update signers on the two accounts the library has with them. Cathy will deliver additional paperwork Thursday, March 13. Signers can visit at your earliest convenience to add sign documentation, and once all have been in, the bank will process the paperwork.

### IX. New Business

### X. Adjournment: With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

\*All trustees are encouraged to participate

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Giannetti / cgc

*Approved by Board of Trustees April 9, 2025*





# Library Happenings

## APR 2025

### Little Tykes

#### Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays in April, 10am

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

#### Baby Story Time

Fridays, April 4, 11, and 18, 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, April 1

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

### School-Age Kids

#### Write a Letter to Your Favorite Character

Saturday, March 1 - Wednesday, April 30

Pick up stationary in the Children's Room or use your own to write a letter to your favorite character! Be creative and yours may be answered.

#### Reading with Fuzzy Friends

Saturday, April 12, 10:30–11:30am

Practice reading skills with a sweet, furry friend.  
Register at: [uppermorelandlibrary.org/register](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/register)

#### Story Time and a Craft

Saturday, April 26, 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

Sunday, April 27, 1:30pm

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

#### Book Club for Grades 4-7

Sunday, April 27, 1:30pm

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

#### Young Artists: Stained Glass Earth

Available Starting Monday, April 7

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

#### Elementary Experimenters: Magic Moving Ball

Available starting Saturday, April 15

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

#### Craft Night: Nature Pinch Pots

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30pm

Join Ms. Virginia in the Children's Room to make beautiful clay bowls you can use or display.

#### Lego Club

Fridays, April 4 and 18, 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for fun projects with LEGO bricks.

### Teens

#### Teen/Tween Chess Club

Mondays, 4pm

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

#### Flower Bookmark Craft Night

Thursday, April 17, 6:30-7:30pm

Design your own laminated bookmarks with recycled book pages, pressed flowers, and more!  
Sign up at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

#### NEW—Teen Writers Club

Every fourth Wednesday, April 23, 3:30pm

Come eat snacks, brainstorm with friends, and share your work. Register at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

#### Teen Volunteer Meeting

Every fourth Thursday, April 24, 3:30pm

Come get your volunteer hours at the library. Meets once a month, check our calendar for future dates.

**Closed Sunday, April, 20**







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# Library Happenings

## For Adults

State Sen. Maria Collett's Office Services:

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

State Rep. Nancy Guenst's Office Services:

Friday, Apr 25, 10:30am-12:30pm

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

### Community Connection Film Series "Free For All: Inside the Public Library"

Sunday, April 7, 1:30pm

Join us for the movies and stay for a facilitated discussion.

### Adult Craft Kits:

Available Monday, April 7

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

### Tech Help Drop-In Hour

Tuesday, April 8, 2pm

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

### Senior Social Hour

Friday, April 11, 3pm

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

### Build a Better Salad

Tuesday, April 22, 6pm

Learn how to make your own salad dressing with nutritionist Jena Wood. All supplies provided, registration required.

### Writers Group

Saturday, April 26, 11am

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

### Community Connection Film Series - Instant Family

Sunday, April 27, 1:30pm

Join us for the movie stay for a facilitated discussion with a foster care expert

### Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom. Sign up at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

### Book Discussion: "Paradise Under Glass" by Ruth Kassinger

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30pm

Join us on Zoom. Sign up at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/events](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/events)

### Virtual Author Talk Series

Register: [libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary](http://libraryc.org/UpperMorelandLibrary)

**Jodi Picoult** – Step into Spring with us as we chat with the highly acclaimed the New York Times bestselling author about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name*. **Wednesday, April 2, 7pm**

**Matthew Fleming** – The Smithsonian Horticulturalist guides us through the secret world of trees. **Tuesday, April 8, 2pm**

**Gregg Hurwitz** – Do you love action-packed adventure? Are you ready for the thrill? You're invited to a riveting conversation with the bestselling author! **Thursday, April 24, 7pm**

## All Ages

### Library Love Challenge

April 1-30

Show your love for the library by logging your reading & completing virtual activities in Beanstack. Complete the challenge and receive a heart shaped bookmark or chocolate heart.

### Upper Moreland Library Birthday Party!

Friday, April 25

Stop by the library to celebrate our 66th birthday with a sweet treat (while supplies last)

### Make Us Laugh Contest

April 1-20th, winners announced April 30th

Tell us your best joke or funny story - must be original and max length 2 sentences. Submit your entry at [uppermorelandlibrary.org/event](http://uppermorelandlibrary.org/event)



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