UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP Parks & Rec
January 27, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge to the Flag

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

- Public Comment Period

MEETING MINUTES

- Approval of the December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

- New Business

- Elect Chairman, Vice Chairman
    - Do we need a secretary? If so, what is their role?

- Welcome new members
    - Introductions
        i. Name
        ii. Where you live
        iii. Employed? Retired?
        iv. What else do you want us to know about you?
    - Volunteer Board Member Handbook
    - Announce regularly scheduled meeting date/time for the year (3rd Tuesday, 7pm)

- Township parks
    - Speelhoffer Dog park
    - Bob Wayland Memorial Park

- Frederick Friendship Park

- Relevant history of P&R Board since 2024
  - Four out of 5 members who had been on the Board for many years suddenly resigned
  - Only one member (Tracy, who had served on the board 1 year only) carried over to 2025
  - In 2025 the Open Space Committee members and the remaining P&R Board member (Tracy) were combined to form the new P&R Board
  - In 2026, the Open Space committee is now separate from the P&R Board
  - Three different township managers 2024 – 2026

- Accomplishments of 2025
  - Community Day (the planning of which consumed most of our meetings)
  - Assisted with Lower Frederick "Movie on the Mountain"
  - Emergency locators / location markers placed within Bob Wayland Memorial Park established trail(s)
  - Open Space Referendum passed
  - Collaborated with Public Works regarding potential parks projects
  - Recommended native plants for a meadow in the part of Wayland Park that is not farmed for hay
  - Began some "brainstorming" about changing Community Day theme

- Goals for 2026
  - Aaron's ideas
    i. Events for the Year Calendar (Community Day, Christmas Tree Lighting, etc)
    ii. Grants to pursue
    iii. Sports Courts
  - Tracy's ideas:
    i. More parks improvements (need to find out what grants are available)
    ii. Monitor progress of Montgomery County's Sunrise Trail – Swamp Creek Greenway feasibility study (from 2018!) results and timeline
    iii. Recreational oriented additions to township property – if grant funds exist
        1. Combo pickleball and basketball court(s)
    iv. Perhaps "low maintenance" events
        1. "Summer Sundays Sip & Stroll"
    v. Reduce the burdens associated with Community Day
        1. New format?
        2. Take away some aspects (Raffle items? Non-food vendors? Shred truck? Political figures? DJ vs band)

- Community Day decisions to be made soon vs. what can wait
  - Continue with end of September date and time?

- Theme?
- What to add vs what to eliminate?
- Reasonable deadline for making the above decisions?
- Tracy created a “Community Day Basics” PowerPoint, for those who are interested

- Old Business
  - None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission Board – 2/19/2026 at 7:00PM
Parks & Rec Board – 2/17/2026 at 7:00 pm
Open Space – 01/29/2026 at 7:00PM
BOS Workshop Meeting – 2/04/2026
BOS Business Meeting – 02/11/2026 at 7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-None

Adjournment