

Park Commission Meeting

Borough of Fox Chapel

Monday, December 8, 2025
9:00-11:00 AM

Hybrid Zoom Meeting (In-Person Attendance Encouraged!)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88285746823?pwd=VD3GSCq27uzFKjsKvUKBF6TaK9NtsB.1>

Or Join by Telephone:

Phone: (+1) 646 931 3860

Meeting ID: 882 8574 6823

Passcode: 852988

Agenda v1.0

1. Welcome/Opening – Wes
2. Sign-In: Commission Members and Guests
3. Special Guest - Dr. Iulia Vann, Director, Allegheny County Health Department
 - a. Live Well Fox Chapel Program Recognition – Dr. Vann
 - b. Program Highlights – Wes
 - c. Salute to Shawn!
4. Minutes of Last Meeting
5. Public/Residents Questions/Comments/Discussion
6. Park Public Safety
 - a. Parking/Dogs Enforcement – Brief Update - Fox Chapel Police Department
 - b. Dog Rules/Ordinances Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. Dog Committee Met and Recommended
 1. FCASD Non-Resident fee increase (Council Passed)
 2. Rules Communications Flyer
 - c. Proposed Crosswalk at Beechwood Farms – Any Update?
 - d. Intersection of Field Club x Hemlock Hollow Roads
 - i. 4-way Stop vs. Advance Signage – Suggest Signage on Hemlock Hollow Road
7. Public Works – Larry
 - a. McCahill Park (+ 8. below)
 - i. Walking Trail – Some early canine violators! – Signage/Enforcement?
 - ii. Nets Down schedule?
 - iii. Ice Skating
 - iv. Squeegee, “Slippery When Wet” and/or “No Winter Maintenance” Signage?
 - b. Trillium Trail Park Deer Exclusion Fencing – Rework Schedule
 - c. Riding Meadow Park - Overgrowth – DLC trucks, Goats?
 - d. Hardie Valley Park
 - i. Cat Trail – Barriers, Signage
 - ii. Park Construction Project Status
 - e. Sewer Work and Restoration – Next Phase – Any Parks Affected?
 - f. Park Signage Program – Implementation of First Stage?
8. McCahill Park – Other Topics
 - a. Pickleball Noise Complaint
 - b. Pickleball Requested Lighting – N.B.: Current Park Rules – Open Dawn to Dusk
 - c. Any Court Rules Need to be Changed?)
9. Delafield Connector Trail
 - a. Incorporate Best Practices from Trail Design Webinar
 - b. Allegheny County Ranger may help us design Delafield Connector Trail

- c. Collaboration with O'Hara Township & VA Hospital
- d. Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy will subsidize project
- e. Walk the Trail with Ranger Once Leaves Down – They are Mostly Down Now!
 - i. Schedule Walk with Ranger
- 10. Summer Intern – Need to focus Job Description into priority, achievable outcome
 - a. Posting Date
- 11. Community Volunteer Days – Proposed Now for Winter Newsletter
 - a. Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 21 (weekend before 2-week FCASD Spring Break, avoids Easter, Trout Season Opening Day)
 - b. Garlic Pull – Saturday, May 2 (weekend before Mother's Day)
- 12. Bird Town, Pennsylvania Program – Update and Planned Activities – Carrie
 - a. \$1,000 Grant to Support Programs
- 13. Final Order from 10 Million Trees Program – Update – Melinda
 - a. Tree Management Program
- 14. DLC Use of Herbicide on Rights-of-Way in FCB Parks – Wes
 - a. Park Commission letter to request post-spray signage in trail/dog areas – Need Contact
- 15. Shady Side Academy Project Update – Wes
 - a. SSA is Good Neighbor and Community Partner
- 16. Planning and Priorities
 - a. Park Plan Proposal – Update 2006 Plan – Wes
 - i. Jim Pashek Seeking Resources for Commission Review
 - ii. Commission Should Focus on Expectations
 - iii. Then Discussion Meeting with Jim Pashek
 - b. Priority Management Program (reflecting Comprehensive Plan elements) – Jeff C.
- 17. Park Steward Reports from Walks Taken (*Time Permitting*)
 - a. Hidden Falls Park – Jeff B.
 - b. Hardie Valley Park – Carrie
 - c. Riding Meadow Park – Susan, Nick
 - d. Trillium Trail Park and Hill-n-Dale – Melinda
 - e. Scott Park and trail bridges – Jeff C.
 - f. McCahill Park and the Oaks – Steve
 - g. Salamander and Fay Parks – Wes
- 18. Upcoming Meetings/Events – Wes
 - a. Fox Chapel Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00 -11:00 AM
 - b. Next statutory Park Commission Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM
 - c. Garlic Pull Day – Saturday, May 5, 2026, 9:00 –11:00 AM
- 19. Adjournment
- 20. Thank You for Your Support of Fox Chapel Parks!