

Park Commission Meeting Borough of Fox Chapel

Monday, December 9, 2024
9:00-11:00 AM

Hybrid Zoom Meeting (In-Person Attendance Encouraged!)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84984258638?pwd=nPd3k0HfVs7B4Qlurhax0hSDQsaTRz.1>

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Agenda v1.1

1. Welcome/Opening – Wes
2. Sign-In: Commission Members and Guests
3. Minutes of Last Meeting
4. Public/Residents Questions/Comments/Discussion

(Please note following sequence may change upon Victor White's Arrival – See Item 6. below)

5. Park Public Safety
 - a. Parking/Dogs Enforcement – Brief Update - Fox Chapel Police Department
 - b. Dog Rules/Ordinances Ad Hoc Committee – No activity
6. Eagle Scout Project – Targeting Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)
 - a. Update by Scout Victor White – ~9:15 AM (During School Period)
7. Public Works report – Larry
 - a. McCahill Park – Construction Schedule Update – Larry/Gary
 - b. Staff Report Highlights
 - i. Trail Inventory
 - c. Parkland Requests to PW - Wes
8. Pickleball Rules – 2 drafts available. Need Commission Input – Wes
 - a. Finalize Court rules (Mesh with Playing Rules)
 - b. Multi-Sport Issues – First Come/First Serve, nets/stumps
 - c. Pickleball Players + Commission working group?
9. FoxTrot Trail Run – Proceeds via Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy to Borough to fund Western PA Conservancy for Planting Support and Plants in McCahill Park – Wes
10. Light Up Night Recap – Wednesday, December 4 – Borough Campus – FCPC supplied Hot Chocolate
 - a. Mandy's Beanie Worked! - Wes
11. Bird Town, Pennsylvania Program – Update and Planned Activities - Carrie, Jeff B.
12. 10 Million Trees Project Update – Melinda
 - a. Fall activity and Spring plans
 - b. Reminder: Sunset of Program in Fall, 2025
13. Delafield Connector Trail – Walk-Through – Saturday, November 16 – Wes
14. Signage – Proposal with Borough-based Consultant, standardize with O'Hara – Wes/Gary
 - a. Comprehensive Plan Recommendation
15. Salamander Park – Vernal Pool Inquiry – PA Natural Heritage Program – Thoughts?
16. Other Volunteer Events and Activities
 - a. McCahill Planting of Trees outside of construction zone – Susan
 - i. Balance in Spring or when ground warms (thaws) for multiple days
17. Planning and Priorities
 - a. Park Plan Proposal – Update 2006 Plan – Wes et al.
 - i. Professionally assisted vs. DIY

- ii. Solicit proposals for information and budgetary quotes?
 - 1. Funding via grants, etc.? (Note fiscal calendars!)
 - iii. Offline Working Group Discussion with 202x Target
 - b. Priority Management Program (reflecting Comprehensive Plan elements) – Jeff C.
 - c. Team-Up Commission Calendar – Anyone use yet? - Wes
18. 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
 - i. Tree Falls in upper park (photos)
 - e. Scott Park and trail bridges – Jeff C.
 - f. McCahill Park and the Oaks – Steve
 - g. Salamander and Fay Parks – Wes
19. Upcoming Meetings/Events (recap + new) – Wes
- a. Planting in McCahill Park – 2 or 3 events, including in Construction Zone, weather/season depending (2 with W. PA Conservancy)
 - b. Next statutory Park Commission Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - c. Annual Clean-Up Day (Roadsides) – Usually early to mid-April - tbd
 - d. Annual Garlic Pull (Parklands) – Usually late April to mid-May - tbd
20. Adjournment
21. Thank You for Your Support of Fox Chapel Parks!