

Park Commission Meeting Borough of Fox Chapel

Monday, April 13, 2026
9:00-11:00 AM

Hybrid Zoom Meeting (In-Person Attendance Encouraged!)

LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84616172931?pwd=SMLwfQi50meMTd2u9YpyoQaCNlyFMa.1>

Or Join by Telephone:

Phone: (+1) 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 846 1617 2931

Passcode: 804253

(Oversized text for cellphone legibility)

Agenda v1.0

1. Welcome/Opening – Wes
2. Sign-In: Commission Members and Guests
3. Minutes of Last Meeting
4. Public/Residents Questions/Comments/Discussion
5. Park Public Safety
 - a. Parking/Dogs Enforcement – Brief Update - Fox Chapel Police Department – Ellis(?)
 - b. Dog Rules/Ordinances Ad Hoc Committee - Wes
 - i. FCASD Non-Resident fee increase implemented
 - ii. Rules Communications Flyer
 - c. Proposed Crosswalk at Beechwood Farms – Any Update? - Wes
 - d. Intersection of Field Club x Hemlock Hollow Roads - Wes
 - i. 4-way Stop vs. Advance Signage – Suggest Signage on Hemlock Hollow Road
6. Public Works – Larry
 - a. McCahill Park
 - i. Nets Down for Winter or Kept up?
 - ii. Squeegee, “Slippery When Wet” and/or “No Winter Maintenance” Signage?
 - b. Trillium Trail Park Deer Exclusion Fencing – Rework Update
 - c. Riding Meadow Park - Overgrowth – DLC trucks, Goats?
 - d. Hardie Valley Park
 - i. Park Construction Project Status
 - e. Sewer Work and Restoration – Next Phase – Update?
 - f. Park Signage Program – Implementation of First Stage – Larger “Entrance” Signs
 - i. Cross in Salamander Park
7. McCahill Park – Other Topics - Wes
 - a. Any Court Rules Need to be Changed?)
8. Delafield Connector Trail - Wes
 - a. Trail Walked/Marked with AGC Ranger
 - b. Boy Scouts will likely Volunteer
 - c. PW Has begun clearing lower areas
9. Salamander Migration Watch - Wes
 - a. Installed gate – began nightly closures March 5, Volunteers on “likely” nights
 - b. Volunteers explained why controlled access, 2027 organized tour plans
 - c. Those Sneaky Little Devils!
10. Summer Intern – aka “Seasonal Parks Program Coordinator”
 - a. Status – Wes
11. Remarkable Tree Contest (from Shawn) - Wes
 - a. Franklin Park Enjoys, Should We Add This Community Event ?

12. Volunteer Events
 - a. Clean-Up Day – Saturday, March 21 - Wes
 - b. 2nd Grade School Tree Planting in Salamander Park – through April 17 - Melinda
 - c. FCASD High School Volunteer Fair – Friday, April 17 - Melinda
 - d. Garlic Pull – Saturday, May 2 (weekend before Mother’s Day) – Wes
 - e. Volunteer Hours Tally - Melinda
13. Community Events (Usually Involving Volunteers)
 - a. Fox Chapel Easter Egg Hunt – March 28 - McCahill Park - Wes
 - b. Wild Ones Hosts Salamander Park Tour – April 25 at 11 AM - Melinda
 - c. FoxTrot 1K/5K Trail Run – McCahill Park - August 30 - Jeff
14. Bird Town, Pennsylvania Program – Update and Planned Activities – Carrie/Melinda
 - a. Bluebird Boxes for Education
15. Fox Chapel Area Rotary - Wes
 - a. Volunteers from Rotary?
 - b. Talk re. Planting/Invasives? Summer Intern?
16. Final Tally from 10 Million Trees Program – Melinda
 - a. Tree Management Program – perhaps with Intern?
17. 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 – Still Need Contact
18. Shady Side Academy Project Update – Wes
 - a. SSA is Good Neighbor and Community Partner
19. Fox Chapel Parks Conservancy – Update re. CFA migration to Nonprofit Partners, Inc. - Wes
20. WWP Appointed to Borough Council - Wes
 - a. Implications for Park Commission
21. Planning and Priorities
 - a. Park Plan Proposal – Update 2006 Plan – Wes
 - b. Priority Management Program (reflecting Comprehensive Plan elements) – Jeff C.
22. 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
23. Upcoming Meetings/Events – Wes
 - a. Garlic Pull Day – Saturday, May 5, 2026, 9:00 –11:00 AM
 - b. Next statutory Park Commission Meeting – Monday, June 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM
 - c. FoxTrot 1K/5K event – August 30, 2026 – McCahill Park
24. Adjournment
25. Thank You for Your Support of Fox Chapel Parks!