Haverford Township - Park and Recreation Board

Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Room B, 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown Pa., 19083

Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call – Chris Bobbitt, Michelle Alvare, Sebastien Gressier, Marc Merdinger, Steve Laughlin, Melissa Raffel, Paul Davit, Gail Farrally Semerad

Public Forum – Girl Scout troop 5432 came to ask for permission to paint a mural on the snack bar at Haver4ford Reserve. They are doing this as part of their Bronze award project. The girls presented a few concepts and said they would come back with a final idea.

Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2026 Michelle Alvare made a motion to accept the minutes, Gail Farrally Semerad seconded it. Motion passed 8-0.

Park Maintenance Report – April, Maintenance report
Completed-
- Wrapped up park inspections
- Installed 7 memorial benches
- Rebuilt pitchers mound on Elwell 90 and Westgate 90
- Repaired vandalism damage at Vets
- Opened all park restrooms & made repairs
- Replaced tennis net for Westgate
- Started inspection repairs
- Started weekly restroom maintenance
- Cleared property line bordering Lynnwood Park
- Replaced trashcans in Normandy
- Replaced some basketball nets
- Repaired water heater in Vets
- Placed seasonal trash bins in parks
- Cleared tree from foot trail in Gest Tract
- Removed debris piles following community clean up- Preston, Polo, Pennsy
- Started opening park drinking fountains
- Started regular cutting schedule
- Filled sinkhole near McDonald Field
- Continue routine baseball maintenance
- Started interviews for summer staff

Scheduled-
- Complete inspection repairs
- Start Polo installation

- Install signage for Darby Creek
- Continue cut schedule
- Continue Baseball maintenance
- First round of hedge trimming

Director's Report -

Brookline Park update – Coming to the end of the grading and equipment installation. Fence work almost complete. Tree planting will begin in April. Restoration and painting of basketball court will start when weather warms up. Looking to have a ribbon cutting on Phase 1 in early June. Next phase will begin in the second half of this year. Will include parking along Sagamore.

Paddock pickle ball – Fence and net repairs are complete. Courts have been reopened. We are working with insurance adjuster to determine what will be covered.

Darby Creek trail – Construction on phase 3 and intersection work at Burmont and Glendale has begun.
Work expected to be completed August. Ribbon cutting early September.

Pennsy Trail – Working on closeout with Delaware County Conservation District. Hoping to begin planting plan and install rain gardens.

Polo update – We met with planner to review his first draft for Polo,
Plan should be completed some time late April or May. The planner will present their plan to the Polo Focus group once it is complete. Installation of play equipment will be in May. Basketball court resurfacing scheduled for late spring early summer.

Karakung – Roadway improvements update. Met with Jay Field and Jamie Jilozian about expanding driveway.
Discussed options and SWM needs. HTLL will come back with proposals for consideration.

CREC Deck Replacement – Rebuilding the deck is underway. Expected completion late May.

Staffing – We are finishing up the staffing for summer. We will have 120 seasonal with 70 returning from last year. We will be welcoming a new programmer – Kaitlyn Delaney. Kaitlyn will start in May.
Park Maintenance is still looking to fill a few seasonal positions.

Park Tour – Tuesday May 26, Suggested sites to visit - Polo, Brookline, Darby Creek trail

Commissioners' Agenda for May will include the LED lighting replacement on the turf field at Haverford Reserve and the Polo Basketball court resurfacing.

Michelle made amotion to adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded by Paul Davit. Motion was unanimous.