Haverford Township - Park and Recreation Board

Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call – Chris Bobbitt, Michele Alvare, Steve Laughlin, Melissa Raffel, Steve Young, Marc Merdinger, Gail Farally-Semerad, Paul Davitt, Sebastien Gressier

Public Forum – Samantha Robinson with Girls Scout troop 5432 presented their final plans for painting a mural at the snack bar at Haverford Reserve. The Park Board approved their plan.

Approval of Minutes from May 2026. Michele Alvare made a motion to approve the minutes, Melissa Raffel seconded it. Vote was unanimous

Park Maintenance Report – June 2026 Maintenance Report-
Completed work-

- Repaired tire swing in Freedom Park
- Completed hedge trimming
- Continue weekly restroom cleaning
- Repaired misters in Freedom Park
- Power washed all Pavilions
- Painted interior of Normandy House
- Continue to water township plantings and flowerpots
- Repaired hanging hopping pods in Freedom Park
- Installed 5 informational trail signs on Pennsy & Darby Creek trails
- Cut back growth all along the Pennsy Trail
- Cleaned the preschool building at Merry Plc
- Removed downed limbs from winds in parks
- Cleaned up growth under park signs with planters
- Replaced center straps on the Paddock and Grasslyn tennis nets
- Replaced tennis net at Highland Park
- Weeded the beds around the Merry Plc gazebo
- Replace toilet paper dispenser in Merwood restroom
- Repaired toilet in Reserves men’s room
- Repaired guardrail in Grasslyn park
- Repaired swings in Paddock
- Repaired broken table in Merwood Park
- Built & installed new doors for shop shed
- Repaired table in Westgate pavilion

- Repaired gate to Paddock pickleball
- Woodchipped around pickle ball entrance at Paddock
- Repaired fountain in Merwood
- Painted table in Vets pavilion
- Hung windscreens in Grassilyn & Paddock tennis courts

Scheduled-

- Start painting projects in parks. Benches, Tables, sheds. pavilions
- Continue playground surfacing
- Start install of remaining equipment for Polo
- Help conservation team as needed
- Clean up along Darby Creek Trail
- Add rubberized surfacing to Gaga pit in Paddock
- Add woodchips to Pennsy trail at Langhorn

Director's Report -

Brookline Park update – The Board of Commissioners approved the bid for the parking improvements along Sagamore Road. Work is expected to begin later this summer.

Darby Creek trail – Construction on phase 3 and intersection work at Burmont and Glendale is moving ahead.
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 later this summer.

Polo update – There will be a meeting of the Polo Focus Group on Monday, June 29.
The group will review the planner's schematic and make recommendations to the BOC.
Basketball court resurfacing and painting will be done later this summer.

CREC Deck Replacement – Rebuilding of the deck is nearing completion. Expect to open the deck July 6.

Turf light replacement – LED replacement will begin July 6 and is expected to take two weeks.

Old Business. – Marc Merdinger wanted to know if residents wanted to donate to the Brookline Park project if there was a way to do that.

New Business

Steve Young made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Michele Alvare seconded it. Motion was unanimous.