

Chester County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Building

Conference Room at 6:00 PM

April 14, 2025

Commission Members Present: Laura Roberts, Kerry Wright , Hiawatha Clifton, Justin Temple, Toni Perrigan, David Lofton, Thomas Jordan

Chester County Staff Present: Adam Bedard

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Justin with the pledge and invocation given by Thomas.

Toni made a motion to approve the minutes. Hiawatha seconded. Approved.

- Adam shared that because parks have been without a maintenance person for approximately six weeks, he has had to spend a lot of time on the fields. Field 4 at Dawson Drive has been graded and looks good but ground along foul lines and backstop is very soft because the water is not draining correctly. There was discussion about how to fix this issue. Adam said that he would take a look at it during Spring Break. Thomas pointed out that parking is an issue and it is a safety concern. Until we have a formal plan, there is nothing we can do. Field 2 has a sewer issue that is being worked on. Hiawatha pointed out that the John Keziah Memorial Park in Blackstock and the Pine Springs Park in Carlisle need attention. There are ants at both parks and the playgrounds have grass areas that need attention. David proposed the idea of hiring someone to spray for ants.
- Lights are being put up at the Rodman Complex and should be completed within the next two weeks.
- Some of the baseball games have been rescheduled due to bad weather.
- There was a lot of discussion about strategic planning. We will begin to focus on how we want that plan to look. There are a lot of questions that need to be answered as well as needed research. Adam recommended that we look at some strategic plans from other counties. We will begin to work on a mission statement and decide on what and how to present to the council. Once Jeremy Ward completes the planning-zoning strategic plan, hopefully he can work with us. Adam pointed out that we should have this ready before February 2026. Hiawatha made a motion to table Chester County Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan discussion. Thomas seconded. Approved.

- The meeting calendar for the remainder of 2025 was shared:

June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and no meeting in December

Toni made a motion to accept this calendar. Hiawatha seconded. Approved.

Laura made a motion to adjourn. Toni seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Roberts