

West Chester Parks Special Events Commission MEETING AGENDA

April 29th, 2026

Open Meeting at _____ pm

Attendants: Keith Kurowski, Director of Parks and Recreation, Joyce Neilan-CHAIR, Jennifer O'Brien, Mike Reese- VICE CHAIR, Chantale Fieldhouse, Joshua Carter- SECRETARY, Rob Figarotta, OPEN SEAT (*Please cross off who was not present*)

Guest: Friends of Everhart Park
Friends of Marshall Square Park
Friends of Hoopes Park

Approval of Minutes –

October 2025 (Jen)

March 2026

- I. **Chairperson's report:**
- II. **Director's Report/Monthly report**
- III. **Park assignments**
 - Bayard Rustin – Mike Reese
 - Everhart Park – Jennifer O'Brien
 - Fugett Park – Chantale Fieldhouse
 - Greenfield – Josh Carter
 - Hoopes Park – Joyce Neilan
 - Horace Phippen- Jennifer O'Brien
 - John O Green (phase I and II) – Josh Carter
 - McBratnie Park – Jennifer O'Brien

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Marshall Square Park – Chantale Fieldhouse

Mosteller Park – Mike Reese

Veterans Memorial – Rob Figarotta

Barclay Park – Rob Figarotta

IV. New Business

- a. Letter of Support grant apps
 - 1. ChesCo PPP
 - a. JOG and Hoopes
 - 2. DCNR C2P2
 - a. JOG

V. Old Business

- a. America 250 updates
 - 1. WCACOG
 - a. America 250 – “A Stroll thru West Chester”
 - i. Gay St. “timeline”
 - ii. High St. “tried and true fun and game”
 - iii. Courthouse steps – Dare to Declare, speakers, entertainment, etc..
 - 2. WC Borough
 - a. Smaller activities and themes in/around the Borough

PROS Plan Implementation

Concepts/Plans/Projects relating to the Six Big Moves

- *Parks for all/Sustaining what we love*
 - o John O Green Splash Pad renovations/upgrades
 - This project comes with complications due to the PA DEP covenant that is on this parcel, but we have a plan in place to have the new splash pad operational this summer.
 - Will be resubmitting grant apps to DCED and a new application to DCNR in support of this project to support

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phase two of the project, which is everything else in the north side park minus the splash pad.

- Parks for all/Sustaining what we love
 - Hoopes Park playground renovations
 - Concepts are still be worked out
 - With the considerable amount of tree removals at the park we are reconsidering our options on the layout/design
 - Will be submitting grant apps to DCED and DCNR in support of this project.

- *Go West Chester/Investing in our community*
 - Turks Head Trail feasibility study
 - We've had informative and fact-finding conversations with SEPTA, Turks Head Trail advocacy group, ChesCo Planning Commission, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, and DelCo Planning Commission
 - The Borough will be submitting a TCDI Grant through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 - This grant has no match and no fiscal responsibility from the Borough.
 - If awarded, DVRPC oversees the selection of our consultants and handles are invoicing/payments.
 - Minimum grant award is \$100k.

Adjournment _____pm motioned by _____; seconded by _____. All were in favor.