

Recreation and Parks Virtual Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

Attendance: Chairman Mike Riegel, Ryan McCulley, Bradley Lindgren, Sara McIlvaine, Scott Rieland

Town Staff: Nancy Hernandez, Drew Heartley

Council Liaison: Tim Washabaugh (not present)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

November Minutes presented, Mike made a motion to accept, Ryan seconded / all in favor to approve.

Guest(s) Presentation:

- Girl Scouts from Troop 1629 and Troop 1990 “Silver Award Project”
 - Geocaching/Geocode boxes in Mt Airy Parks
 - Locations to be worked out with Public Works / Town Staff
 - Finished by end of 2025-2026 school year
 - Three topics proposed
 - Environmental perspective
 - Town History
 - Disability Inclusion Box

Mike made a motion, Ryan seconded / all in favor of approving with the locations to be worked out with town staff

Chairman’s Report: Mike Shared information on the following:

- New Recreation and Park’s member – Bradley Lingren
- Town Council Meetings (December / January)
 - Moving forward with Town Emergency System (2027)
- Planning Commission Meeting

Councilman Report: Council liaison N/A

Staff Report:

Mike shared the Staff Reports and Event Calendar provided by Nancy

- 2025 Review of Park Activities
 - Events in Parks
 - Park Facility reservations
 - Caboose visits
 - Number of Cleanup activities
- 2026 Event Schedule
 - Celebration of the 250th USA Birthday
 - Chocolate Crawl 2/7
 - Box & Bags Bingo 3/7
 - Frederick Acoustic Disaster Relief 2/28
- Other events/items can be found on the Town’s calendar

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

New Business:

- Budget Priority List review
 - Reviewed the items on the list and discussed new ones
 - Mike requested that we share our recommendations by early February
 - Discussed the need to revise the Recreation and Parks review process
 - Create a framework for prioritizing the budget items
 - Maintenance items
 - New amenities

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:55 as Scott made a motion to adjourn Mike seconded / all in favor to adjourn.

The next meeting will be virtual on February 19, 2026, at 7:00PM via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Rieland