

6Lower Gwynedd Township

Parks & Recreation Board

May 16, 2026

Minutes

**Members in Attendance:** Kathy Morris and Natalie Cormier

**Members on Zoom:** Mike Brockway and Kelly Swope

Kayla Smith and Janine Martin, Board of Supervisors, in attendance

### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

### 2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### 3. **Consideration of April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

The April 20, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### 4. **Update on Park Review**

The Board of Supervisors approved the Traffic Garden project at Pen Ambler Park. Public Works will repair cracks in the pathway, address tree root issues, and widen the path prior to installation. Work is expected to begin soon, and Ms. High will provide updates on the project's progress.

The Board discussed the importance of park and trail maintenance, as well as the challenges the Township faces in managing these amenities. Mr. Zollers proposed creating a rating system for trails and parks. The Board agreed that implementing a standardized evaluation system during park and trail reviews would help identify maintenance needs and prioritize improvements.

The group reviewed the recent completion of Ingersoll Park's baseball field and discussed plans for a new playground project at the former school site, which will include educational elements about the area's history.

### 5. **Summer Concert Series**

Ms. Cormier volunteered to introduce the band at the May concert. The remaining Board members selected concert dates during which they will introduce the performing bands. Ms. High will serve as a backup if needed.

#### **6. Program Director Update**

Ms. Smith provided updates on various community programs and partnerships, including collaborations with Wiss Pals, Wissahickon Trails, and local preschools.

The Board discussed the importance of partnerships with local businesses and organizations in supporting community events. The Township has recently partnered with the YMCA to host a Family Field Day in October 2026. Event details are still being finalized.

#### **7. Supervisor Update**

An update was provided regarding the replacement of trees at the Texaco property. The existing trees need to be replaced due to inadequate watering and poor establishment.

The Board discussed the importance of planting native trees and the challenges associated with maintaining them. Mr. Brockway suggested utilizing a more natural planting pattern and incorporating a greater variety of tree species. Ms. Martin expressed that both Mr. Zollers and the Parks & Recreation Board should be involved in the selection of replacement trees. Mr. Brockway volunteered to help assist in the selection of the trees. Ms. Martin will put him directly in touch with Mr. Zollers.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.