

## South Fayette Township

### Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

January 6, 2026

1. Call to Order - 6:00 PM by Jason Mount
2. Roll Call:  
Deb Whitewood, Barb Senatore, Jason Mount, Venkat, Ron Miller, Paula Willis
3. Approval of minutes  
Motion - Barb; Second Ron. All in favor and the motion passes.
4. Persons Requesting Time  
Dan Deutschendorf from the SF Soccer Association
5. Director's Report
  - A. Joy Thru Fairview was a success. The reduced amount of cars cut down on the traffic. Community members appreciated the lights being on into January. Paula received a letter of appreciation from a Peter's Township resident.
  - B. Paula will distribute the PR Dept. Annual Report next month.
  - C. The department is gearing up for summer/spring season, activities and events.
  - D. Fairview Ballfield Complex – on track to finish in spring. Pouring concrete for sidewalks.
  - E. The Board of Commissioners (BOC) passed a capital budget that included lights and scoreboards for the Fairview Ballfield Complex, as well as shade umbrellas at the Splash Pad.
  - F. Multi-purpose turfed fields...will discuss further in new business.
  - G. Trails Thru Fairview - ongoing. At this point, this project is completely funded through grants!
6. Old Business
  - A. Community Center - No money was earmarked in the township's 2026 capital budget for planning of community center. We will need to regroup on this topic and possibly develop a steering committee to further this agenda.
  - B. Millers Run property – Paula to participate in an upcoming collective meeting to further discuss specifics of this project.
  - C. Tennis Courts – the board discussed that although the discussion held last month was informative, at this point a new tennis court project is further out on our radar. A tennis court complex is expensive and although it is nice to know that USTA is interested in helping to fund such a project, at this time our township is not prepared for the storm water, parking, infrastructure and conservation issues that such a project will present.
7. New Business
  - A. Fairview Multi-Purpose Field Project – The township has hard numbers and one contractor bid came in under it, so moving forward. Hope to have contract to BOC for next meeting. Hoping to have shovel in ground in March and usable by Community Day in August. At this point we are waiting for contract approval from the Conservation District.

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8. Open Discussion

- A. Fairview Turf Multi-purpose Fields - **Dan Deutschendorf** from the SF Soccer Association raised a concern that football, cheerleading and soccer all start in early August and that a completion time of Community Day towards the end of August will really affect these sports.

**Paula** explained that the Conservation District knows that we are under a time constraint, but it is in their hands right now.

- B. There was much discussion between Dan, Paula and various board members regarding the need for equipment to be moved, contacting Mark Keener at the SF School District to use their fields, possibly renting space from Southpoint for Soccer, etc. The consensus was to keep all options open and see where we are in the summer.

Further, **Dan Deutschendorf** raised the concern that lining the turf fields for all of the sports would make the fields too visually busy. Jason shared computer renderings of designs that Dan had shared.

**Paula** explained that the grant application was written as multi-purpose fields, so we need to follow through with that design. Paula also indicated that we need to wait for feedback from all of the SF sports organizations.

**Dan Deutschendorf** indicated that he would prefer that one field be kept separate for soccer as he doesn't want to be in competition with other sports for field time.

**Paula** responded that as the township grows, we need to prepare for the future of more children participating in more sports. Therefore, we need more multi-purpose fields that can accommodate a variety of sports. Paula will be reviewing the proposed line renderings with all of the SF sports organizations in the spring and final decisions will be made at that time.

- C. Paula presented the PR Board with the Park Project Priority list that we have been following as a road map. We are working on projects 12 & 13 of 20.

9. Adjournment

Jason motion, Deb second - 6:45 PM

Next meeting – 2/3/26 - 6 PM - Municipal Building

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Whitewood

January 7, 2026