

# Parks & Recreation Board

## Our Vision:

*To create a vibrant and prosperous city that is the region's commercial and employment hub and the residential community of choice, marked by safe and pleasant neighborhoods, and diverse recreational, entertainment and enrichment opportunities.*



## Meeting Agenda

City of Hermitage Municipal Building

800 North Hermitage Road, Hermitage, PA

January 14th, 2026

5:00 pm

- I. General
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Public Comments
  - c. Consideration of Approval of Minutes for November 6th, 2023
- II. Business Meeting
  - a. Earth Day
  - b. Arts Festival
  - c. 2026 Events & Dates
  - d. Summer Camp/Rec
  - e. 2026 Travel Updates
  - f. Park Updates
- III. Director's Report

## 2026 Meetings:

January 14<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>- 5:00 pm

## **MINUTES**

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

**November 12, 2025**

Jessica Gotch, Parks & Recreation Director, began the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

#### **Board members in attendance:**

Kara Montgomery  
Tiffany Boyle  
Zach Sarver  
Rob Zullo  
Terry Shernisky  
John Moroco, BOC Representative

#### **Board members not in attendance:**

Ryan Lockhart  
Bethany Becker  
Jessica Gibb  
Kelly Kepner  
Gianna Flemming, Student Ad Hoc  
Louis Squatrito, BOC Representative

#### **Staff members in attendance:**

Jessica Gotch  
Cathleen Weaver  
Gary Gulla, Assistant City Manager

#### **Public Guests in attendance:**

None

## **GENERAL**

Kara Montgomery opened the meeting with roll call and a call for public comments. With no public comments received, she requested to waive the reading of September 10, 2025, meeting minutes and proceed with approval. The minutes were accepted by Terry Shernisky, with a second by John Moroco. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

- **Holiday Light Parade**

Volunteer positions and times were decided and assigned. Arrangements were determined for the pick-up of the coffee and hot chocolate. Seventy-seven participants are confirmed for this year's parade. This year's Grand Marshal is David George from Joy Cone Company. Delahunty Middle School has been added as a second tear-down location for parade floats this year. Garbage receptacles and porta-johns will be placed at each tear down location.

- **Winter Solstice**

Winter solstice is Sunday December 21, 2025, 4:30-7:30 pm. Jane Gregg and Mark Dewalt are the musical entertainment. Big Rail Brewery, Unstable Eats and the Maennechor Club will be the food vendors. The horses will be there for wagon rides and there will be the traditional burning of the Yule Log.

- **2026 Travel**

The Nashville trip has about twenty seats open, and boosted marketing posts will be made after the holidays. Discover America's Cowboy Country has about eighteen registered seats and approximately eight additional openings. There will be a New York City express trip in December 2026.

- **Earth Day**

The event will be on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Possible workshops include Native Plants and Beekeeping. Ruby Mountain Music and The Boom Rockets will be this year's musical entertainment. The Open Kitchen food truck will be joining the event this year, and a second option has not yet been secured. Several potential options were discussed. The very anticipated Art Contest will be returning this year. April Clause, herpetologist, will return with reptiles again this year; her presentation is popular with children.

- **Director's Report**

A new backstop was installed at the 8U infield at the Hermitage Athletic Complex, funded by the Hermitage Girls Softball Association. Field aerification has been completed at Rodney White Park, and the Hermitage Athletic Complex had new cameras and a key fob system installed. Lighting has been approved for the girls' softball fields. The new concession stand and pavilion will be developed with assistance from grants and other funding. The restrooms have been winterized at Hermitage Athletic Complex and Whispering Pines Park. An evaluation of the Baker Avenue Field was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Weaver

## 2026 City Events & Programs

### **March**

Nashville: March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

### **April**

Earth Day: April 25<sup>th</sup>

### **May**

Popsicles in the Park: May 29th

Geneva Wine Tour: May 30<sup>th</sup>

### **June**

Summer Rec: starts June 8<sup>th</sup>

Summer Camp: starts June 8<sup>th</sup>

### **July**

Night Market: July 9th

Summer Rec: ends July 17

Summer Camp: ends July 17

Arts Festival: July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

### **August**

Night Market: August 13

### **September**

Fall Ball Starts: September 13th

Discover America's Cowboy Country: September 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>

Night Market/Corn Roast: September 17<sup>th</sup>

### **October**

Fall Ball Ends: October 25th

### **November**

Holiday Light Parade: November 21

### **December**

NYC Bus Trip: December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Winter Solstice: December 21