

Citizen's Advisory Committee, Recreation Dept.
Meeting Minutes
Date: November 6th, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM – 6:59 PM EST
Venue: Wick Recreation Area, Community Room



People Present

Corey Buck (Recreation Manager)

Thomas Harrington (Recreation Coordinator)

Jacob Fairfield (Recreation Receptionist, Minutes)

K. Anthony Hayek

Alexander Calder

Joel Montaz

Robert Thomas

Conflicts of Interest - N/A

Corrections of minutes from previous meetings – N/A

Actions taken relating to previous meeting - N/A

Items on the agenda –

1. Annual Goals (looking ahead to 2026)
2. 2026 Program Offerings, Events, and Opportunities
3. Member Reports (assigned from previous meetings)
 - a. Committee member's suggestions for 2026 recreational program opportunities

Items to be discussed and/or decided, plus decisions made

The annual goals and current planned programs and events for 2026 were discussed following a discussion regarding member suggestions for new recreational program opportunities. Below are the suggestions from each committee member. The Recreation Manager appropriately addressed all suggestions from each member, and no immediate decisions were made to move forward in planning/implementing their suggestions.

K. Anthony Hayek- Interested in having a place for horseshoes, croquets, and bocci to play at the Wick Recreation Area. He suggested playing these games near the volleyball courts. He believes that having horseshoes and other similar games available could also help with room rentals as it gives more things to do for renters.

Alexander Calder- Interested in various mountain bike trails around the Canfield area. He is personally working on a bike track project and is looking for more support from MetroParks. His goal is to seek various spur trails that can branch off the main MetroParks bikeway to a nearby mountain bike trail. He believes that branching the MetroParks Bikeway to a nearby mountain bike trail can help promote biking in the park and give more

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opportunities for off-road biking in the community. Separately, a permanent mini-golf course could help with promoting golf for kids/families more than Par 3 could by itself.

Joel Montaz- Interested in more stuff for kids at Wick Recreation Area: mini-golf, slip & slide on the hill, field days/summer camps with various activities for kids. He suggested hosting events that bring more awareness to golf & recreation programs such as craft and food truck events. Joel is also interested in fitness events and partnerships with other fitness instructors (e.g. Zumba). He said that the Outer Spatial App could use more themed events with the trails (e.g. “visit certain trails to help support mental awareness”).

Robert Thomas- Interested in the Mill Creek MetroParks Bikeway, specifically making safety improvements to the road crossing sections (e.g. flashing lights, new paint on the roads, etc.). He suggests having pickleball courts due to their popularity. He suggested hosting various arts and crafts events along the MetroParks Bikeway and in other locations in the park (e.g. Judge Morely Pavilion). He suggests hosting concerts at the Morely Pavilion again and also hosting an organized park-wide bike race. He also suggested that a mini-golf course at the Wick Recreation Area would engage kids and families who are not interested in Par 3 Golf. He wants to improve nature trails, which the Recreation Manager referred him to the Operation Department. He addressed concerns with the condition of McKelvey Lake and how to clean it up, at which the Recreation Manager stated that this is not a property or concern of Mill Creek MetroParks.

The following questions/comments were asked by the present committee members:

Robert Thomas - Are there fees for every program / league? The fees may push people away. Resident discounts should be in place to make programs and services more appealing. The Recreation Manager stated that all recreation programs and services are fee-based, and that we offer a discounted rate for residents and senior/juniors for all programs and services.

Date, Time, and Venue of next meeting - Spring 2026; Time, Date, & Location are TBD