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**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT
OCTOBER 2025**

A. Community Engagement -

- Debbie Manning was voted onto the Recreation Advisory Committee on 10/15/25 as a delegate, with a term expiring 12/31/26.

B. Programming-

- Classes successfully held since last board meeting: AARP Senior Safe Driving Course, Stained Glass Art Workshop, Senior Bingo, Community Wellness Walk and Talk, Story Songs and More, Gentle Yoga.
- Staff have started to look into programming ideas for Winter 2026.

C. Events -

- Truck Touch was held on Saturday, 10/4/25. It was great weather and good attendance from many families in our community. Kiddos explored the big rigs and emergency vehicles and supported the WMT Fire Department.
- Staff prep for Murder Mystery dinner on 11/8/25.

D. Professional Development -

- K. Paul attended the We Conserve PA Greenways and Trails Summit on 9/21-9/23 in Harrisburg, PA.

E. Other -

- Staff will be working on the next edition of the newsletter. The Winter (Jan-March) newsletter will be designed in house and will be expected to be in the residents mailboxes by the beginning of December.
- Staff have created a Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities packet and a Memorial Bench/Tree Planting donation information page.
- Staff will allow WYSD varsity girl's softball team to utilize Derry Park during the Spring 2026 season (games: March 12 – May 4). No modifications would be needed to be made to the field, other than WYSD to install a temporary fence in the outfield, bring a port-o-john, and rope off/ paint parking spots. All maintenance would be completed by WYSD. All RAC board members were in agreement to allow this.

F. Environmental Education & Outreach -

- Staff have been working with the PA Game Commission on conservation efforts. Staff have built and will be installing a Chimney Swift Tower at Little Conewago Creek, with educational signage. *This tower will provide essential nesting and roosting habitat for Chimney Swift birds, to help stabilize and potentially increase local populations. Chimney Swifts are insectivorous birds that play a vital role in controlling mosquito and other pest populations. Once abundant in natural hollow trees, these birds have adapted to using chimneys for nesting and roosting. However, with the decline of open chimneys and large hollow trees due to modern building practices and deforestation, Chimney Swifts are facing a significant habitat crisis. Their population has declined by more than 65% in the past 50 years, and they are currently listed as a species of concern in many states.*
- Staff have been working with a representative from the Blue Bird Society of PA to install blue bird boxes at Dunedin Park & Little Conewago Creek in Spring 2026. We would place them around the path and make it an official blue bird trail in our township. More to come!

Respectively submitted,

Kelsey Paul, Parks and Recreation Director