

North Coventry Township
Parks & Recreation Commission
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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Parks & Recreation Commission
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Park sites

1. Pavers were installed at the Kenilworth Park Overlook. Volunteer installation labor was supplied by 15 township residents led by Mike Trahey Sr.
2. 60.5 acres, known as the Hurchulla tract, was added to Coventry woods through the Open Space Review Board.
3. The pavilion at the Fernbrook Access of Coventry Woods was restored by the members of Shenkel Church. All supplies and labor were donated by church members. The original name, Sweinhart Pavilion, was restored.
4. The Peace Pole at the Fernbrook Access of Coventry Woods was relocated to the front of the Lodge by the Sabo Family, and landscaped by Troop 95 BSA and members of Shenkel Church.
5. The Fernbrook Lodge Campfire Circle was restored by Troop 95 BSA.
6. A new section of the Chestnut Hill Trail was completed to connect the Fernbrook Access of Coventry Woods to the Chestnut Hill Access of Coventry Woods. Volunteer labor was provided by Jay Kline and Troop 95 BSA.
7. A garden was planted at Anderson Field in River Bend Park. The plants were donated by Jay Kline, the edging by Recycling Services, and installation labor by the Royal Rangers from Calvary Christian Center.

Programs & facility use

1. The Coventry Woods Festival was held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the North Coventry Parks & Recreation Commission and as ribbon cutting for the opening of the Fernbrook Access of Coventry Woods. An estimated 750 were in attendance for the event.
2. A community bon fire was held at the Fernbrook Access of Coventry Woods. Estimated attendance was 125.
3. A six week tennis clinic was held at Kenilworth Park. 9 students participated, producing \$130.00 profit. The program was directed by Justin DePietropaolo.
4. The Kenilworth Park Day Camp was conducted for 6 weeks for 40 children, with an income of \$4899.00 and profits of \$460.00. Colleen Skelton coordinated the program.
5. Park pavilions were reserved 16 times during the 2009 season. (Kenilworth 8, Swienhart 7, River Bend 1) The rental fee was waived for 5 of the reservations for community service. Rental income was \$420.00.
6. The athletic fields at Kenilworth Park and River Bend Park were used by nine different organizations, producing income of \$5390.00.
7. The Kenilworth Park Community Building was rented by the Tae Kwon Do Academy throughout the year, providing a recreation and fitness program for approximately 25 local residents. Rental income generated \$1980.00.
8. Kenilworth Park hosted the annual Boy Scout Easter Egg Hunt. An estimated 150 people attended.
9. The 7th annual Butterfly Garden planting was held at Kenilworth Park as a joint cooperative venture between the NCPR Commission and the North Coventry Elementary 1st grade class. During this event approximately 100 students planted butterfly attracting plants in the Butterfly Garden that they grew as part of their science curriculum.
10. Two environmental monitorings were conducted within the North Coventry park system. Nest box monitoring was conducted at Kenilworth, River Bend, Fernbrook, Bickel Run, and Hanover Meadows. Three native species successfully nested (Bluebird, Tree Swallow, House Wren). Monitoring was conducted by Jennifer Mendez with resulting data provided to the PA Bluebird Society. Frogwatch USA was conducted at Kenilworth. Four native species were observed (Spring Peeper, American Toad, Green Frog, Gray Tree Frog). Monitoring was conducted by Jay Erb with data provided to Frogwatch USA and the United States Geological Survey.