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To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Department of Parks and Recreation  
Re: In the Community update  
Date: December 12, 2017

Board of Supervisors-

The Department of Parks and Recreation has been busy getting out into the community this fall and winter.

Department Director Jason Lang spoke at the Fall Festival Conference in Wooster, Ohio on Thursday, September 28th. His session topic was applying military leadership techniques in recreation settings.

The department worked alongside WCU ENG368 students this semester on a real world” project. Jason met with two teams to discuss the playground and Play Ambassador experience who then developed marketing materials. The teams made formal presentations last Wednesday and they both did wonderful jobs!



Department Director Jason Lang was a guest judge in the District 9 DECA Regional Conference on December 5th in the Valley Forge Convention Center. Over 750 students competed in the 24 events, among them 200 East High School students.

The Department of P & R is a member of the Cheyney University Department of Hospitality and Resort Management and Recreation Advisory Board. A key goal is creating a grant writing competition for ungraduated students, who can benefit from the additional writing exposure and resume building function.



Department Director Jason Lang was a mentor in the NRPA Peer to Peer Program. He mentored Johnathan Smith, Sports Programs Coordinator for Arlington Parks and Recreation (TX). Phone meetings were held June to November for consultation and mentoring.

Department Director Jason Lang passed the National Recreation and Parks Association Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) exam in early December. The CPRE exam is the senior-level certification program for park and recreation professionals. He is now one of only four CPRE's in Pennsylvania and one-hundred across the country.