

# Margie Earnest

Director  
Manheim Township Recreation and Park Planning  
Department

## Education and Training:

BS – Recreation and Leisure Administration – York College of Pennsylvania (1998);  
MS – Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management (Natural Resource Mgmt. Concentration) – Clemson University (2014)

## Experience:

Recreation Planner for both the Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego –both agencies under United States Department of Defense; Recreation Director for both the Town of Quartsite and Eastern York Area Recreation Commission; Community Resource Coordinator for York County Parks; Director of Recreation and Park Planning for Manheim Township, Lancaster, PA (2008 – present.)

## Honors, Certification:

Professional: Current – Certified Park and Recreation Professional; Academic: Sylvia Newcomb Award; Departmental Honors  
Previous – Certified Playground Safety Inspector

## Professional accomplishments, organizations:

NRPA member since 1997, Congress Educational Speaker, 2011; Legislative Forum volunteer; York College of Pennsylvania Recreation and Leisure Administration Advisory Committee, 1998 - present, Faculty Search Committee (as needed); Landis Valley Farm Museum Board of Director's, 2009 – 2013, Secretary, 2012 – 2013; DCNR – Green and Playful Parks Committee, 2010 – 2013; Overlook Community Foundation Board member 2010 – 2015 (dissolved); Marketing Committee member, York County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 1998 – 2003.

## PRPS:

PRPS member since 1997; Director-at-Large 2014 – present; PRPS Board member, 2006 – 2008; D-2 Board member 2006 – 2015; President 2006 – 2008; Secretary 2015 – present; Inaugural and continuous member of Governmental Affairs Committee; Conference – Past Socials Committee; Past Educational Sessions Committees; Conference Educational session presenter; Past workshop and conference registration volunteer and room host.

## Hobbies and other interests:

Anything outdoors! Fishing, camping, hiking, biking, photography, bird-watching. I love spending time with our five grandchildren and teaching them to be nature-lovers

as well. It is my hope that our five acres of woodlands will become their favorite playground. I also love learning and appreciated my time working towards and attaining my Master of Science degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management.

## Platform Statement:

It is my goal and personal conviction to work with my colleagues and professional associates in PRPS to make the Society an advocate for parks and recreation services for the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I believe the Society is the vehicle to promote professional development of its members on behalf of all citizens and that recreation and park opportunities are very important services that enhance the quality of life for our residents. I would also like to work through the board to encourage others to run for the PRPS board. I feel members should serve no more than two consecutive terms.

# Karen Hegedus

Recreation Superintendent  
Lower Providence Township

## Education and Training:

Bachelor of Science Degree, Recreation and Leisure Services Management, East Stroudsburg University

## Experience:

Recreation Superintendent, Lower Providence Township  
Parks & Recreation Director, Limerick Township  
Recreation Program Coordinator, Upper Dublin Township  
Recreation Program Coordinator, Plymouth Township

## Honors, Certification:

PRPS Outstanding New Professional Award 2002  
PRPS Presidential Citation 2015

## Professional accomplishments, organizations:

PRPS member since 1993  
2011-2013 Community Branch President-Elect  
2013-2015 Community Branch President  
2015-2017 Community Branch Past President  
2015 Conference Co-Chair  
2013 Conference Exhibits Committee  
2009 Conference Exhibits Committee  
1994 Conference Registration Committee

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2013-2015 Community Branch President  
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2015 Conference Co-Chair

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**Hobbies and other interests:**

Family, coaching volleyball, sports

## Audrey Logar

Camp Hill Recreation Director  
Camp Hill Recreation

**Education and Training:**

Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS Degree

**Experience:**

- A. Volunteered with Girl Scouts (12 years), Softball Coach (6 years), Field Hockey Boosters (4 years)
- B. Active Member of PRPS since 1998
- C. Attend Conference and Membership Meetings
- D. Volunteer to work on the Registration Committee and Co-Chair the committee for many years
- E. Member of the Community Branch of PRPS
- F. President Elect of the Community Branch 2003-2005
- G. President of the Community Branch 2005-2007
- H. Member of the PRPS Awards Committee 2006-present
- I. Co-Chair for the PRPS 2009 Conference
- J. Director at Large 2008 – present

**Honors, Certification:**

Excellence in Programming from PRPS in March of 2000, 2001 and 2005. Outstanding New Professional Award from PRPS in March 2007. Siebert Park Day Camp which I run in Camp Hill Borough, received Best Summer Camp Award from Central Penn Parent in 2015, Serve Safe Certification in 2015.

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- J. Co-Chaired the project for Don's Snack Shack at the Camp Hill Pool 2013-2014
- K. On the committee for the new Stadium in Camp Hill Borough 2012-2014
- L. On the Bike Friendly Community Committee 2015

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Director at Large 2008-present

**Hobbies and other interests:**

Spending time with my husband and kids when they are home from college. Vacationing in the Finger Lakes in New York and New England Area. Spending time with friends, kayaking and going on walks with our dog Ginger.

**Platform Statement**

I believe in PRPS and what it has to offer to its members and Pennsylvania. I am serving to do my part for this great society. PRPS has helped me grow as a professional and I want to give back to the society. It is important that we all contribute anyway we can and help to get the word out about PRPS.

## John N. Spencer

Parks & Recreation Consultant  
John N. Spencer Consulting

**Education and Training:**

- Master of Education in Leisure Studies (1998) from the Pennsylvania State University
- Bachelor of Science in Recreation & Park Management (1996) from the Pennsylvania State University
- National Recreation & Park Association's (NRPA) Park Maintenance & Management School (2009)

**Experience:**

Good guy who is willing to get his hands dirty. Computer nerd.

I am a Certified Park and Recreation Executive from the National Recreation & Park Association and was previously a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (since 1997). I have over 20 years' experience with park & recreation management, recreational event planning & facilitation, recreational-based education, and park operations. Work experience includes: Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and US Army Corps of Engineers; the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society; the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association; camp programs (YMCA, Boy Scouts, and nature centers); the Penn State Alumni Association; the Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council; and other boards & committees. Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America.

#### **Honors, Certification:**

- Certified Park and Recreation Executive since April 2015
- Certified Park and Recreation Professional since 1998
- Emergency Responder (formerly First Responder), PA Department of Health since November 1999
- Superintendent's Choice Award for Achievements of High Value, Chester County Parks & Recreation Department, (June 2008)
- Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service, PRPS (March 2007)
- Excellence in Programming Award – 2002 Jr. Ranger program, PRPS (March 2002)
- Excellence in Programming Award – 2001 Chester County Earth Day Celebration, PRPS (March 2001)
- Student Honor Award, PRPS (March 1998)
- Board of Directors Recognition, PRPS (March 1998)
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, (1989)

#### **Professional accomplishments, organizations:**

- Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association
- Member of both the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society and the National Recreation & Park Association
- Session speaker at the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society and the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association annual conferences
- Board Member, Park Resource Branch Executive Committee, PRPS, (March 2009 – present)
- Steering Committee member, Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Council (January – present)
- President, Board of Directors, Indian Springs Community Association (September 2011 – 2012)
- Secretary, Board of Directors, Indian Springs Community Association (September 2010 – 2011)
- Deacon & Board Secretary, Morning Star Fellowship (February 2006 – March 2010)
- President, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center Alumni Interest Group, Penn State Alumni Association, (2005 – 2009)

- Past-President, Park Resource Branch Executive Committee, PRPS, (March 2007 – March 2009)
- President, Park Resource Branch Executive Committee, PRPS, (March 2005 – March 2007)
- President-Elect Park Resource Branch Executive Committee, PRPS, (March 2003 – March 2005)
- Student Director, Board of Directors, PRPS (March 1997 – 1998)
- More information available @ <http://tinyurl.com/JohnSpencerLinkedin>

#### **PRPS:**

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#### **Hobbies and other interests:**

- Family: wife Susan, 4-year old twins Patrick & Cora, and a 3-year old daughter Molly
- Operation Christmas Child church coordinator
- Volunteer at my church: audio technician/media team, overseas and stateside mission trips

#### **Platform statement:**

I am running for the Director at Large position because I want to tangibly give back to PRPS through using my experience, skills, and administrative abilities to help lead the society in supporting the parks and recreation profession. The goals I have during my tenure include: (1) acting on and improving the objectives of the Society's Strategic Plan, (2) enhancing and promoting parks and recreation leadership and professionalism, (3) increasing overall PRPS membership, and (4) increasing PRPS revenue (through new membership, branch & districts, and new revenue opportunities or partnerships).