



# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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### **Bristol Township Hires Full-Time Recreation Director**

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Bristol Township Council welcomed Jessica Fox as its first full-time Recreation Director at their recent meeting. She will begin work on April 25.

Deputy Township Manager Scott Swichar said at the Council meeting that the community is fortunate to have leadership that recognized the need for the newly created position. "The addition of a full-time Recreation Director demonstrates yet again, the strong commitment our Council has to improve our community parks and increase access to recreational experiences for youth and families in Bristol Township," he said.

As the full-time parks and recreation director, Fox will be charged with evaluating and improving the township's recreation offerings as well as procuring grant funding for the community. The decision to hire a full-time director will help take our recreation to a higher level in terms of giving everybody from seniors all the way down to three- and four-year-old kids great recreation," said Swichar.

"In Bristol Township, residents already enjoy a wide variety of recreational opportunities, and I look forward to building on that legacy," Fox said at the meeting.

Fox who has an event management and marketing background was most recently the assistant Director of Parks and Recreation at Falls Township, a position she has held since 2014. Swichar said he is excited to work with Fox and believes she will bring energy, new ideas, and a fresh look to Bristol Township's recreation program. "We are absolutely thrilled to have an accomplished, dedicated steward like Fox join our team," Swichar said. "The vast range of skills and abilities she developed while spearheading successful initiatives and programs in Falls Township will be invaluable as Bristol Township continues its renaissance."

Fox, who was one of 50 candidates to apply for the position, earned a Master of Science degree in Recreation Management from University of Illinois and Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Management from Penn State University. She is also a nationally certified playground safety inspector.

Fox will replace former part-time recreation director Sherri Champey, who moved to western Pennsylvania earlier this year. Fox will earn an annual salary of \$60,000.

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