

Tim Filasky, PE

Director of Public Works and Water Resources

City of Newark, Delaware

A 2001 graduate of the University of Delaware - College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Tim is a Registered Professional Engineer in Delaware. After 10 years as a project engineer on residential and commercial development with Karins and Associates, he took a position as Field Operations Superintendent with the City of Newark in 2013. In 2014 he was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works and Water Resources and to Director in April 2019. In this role, he is responsible for overall Department direction, capital project management, and budgeting. He sneaks in some actual engineering when no one is looking. He lives in Newark with his wife and daughter and spends as much time outdoors as possible.

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Ethan Robinson

Deputy Director of Public Works and Water Resources

# City of Newark, Delaware

A 2006 graduate of the University of Delaware - College of Engineering Technology, Ethan has worked in the civil engineering field for over 15 years. After 8 years as a staff engineer, working on various municipal infrastructure and land development projects with Pennoni Associates, he took the position as Planning and Design Engineer with the City of Newark. Ethan was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works and Water Resources in 2019 and is responsible for managing and overseeing the operations of the department and its seven divisions including capital project design and construction phase management.

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Joe Spadafino

### **Director of Newark Parks and Recreation**

### City of Newark, Delaware

Joe joined the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department in 1996 as a Recreation Supervisor. He is currently the Director of Parks and Recreation, a position he has held since January of 2016. The Parks and Recreation Department conducts over 300 activities and events each year and manages over 700 acres of park land and open space and 17 miles of trails throughout its 37 parks. Prior to working for Newark, Joe served eight years as a Recreation Supervisor for Kent County Parks and Recreation. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he graduated with a degree in Recreation and Park Administration. Joe enjoys cooking, watching sports and spending time with his family and two dogs.

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## Christopher Brendza, PE | Project Manager

Chris has more than 15 years of experience delivering municipal services projects including planning, design, construction management, and construction inspection. He is an experienced project manager who can lead multidiscipline projects of all sizes. He has served as project manager on all City of Newark projects, including potable water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, park and recreation and facilities. Chris was recognized as the 2020 Young Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers-Delaware.



#### Andrew Mears, PLA | Sr. Landscape Architect

Andrew is a registered landscape architect with more than 34 years of experience in park and recreation, trail, and site development projects of all types and sizes. He is a talented designer and artist who understands all aspects of planning, design, development, and construction. His responsibilities include park master planning, producing construction documents, illustration, and rendering. His designs emphasize public gathering spaces, active and passive forms of lifetime recreational opportunities, and activities for various age groups. Andrew works collaboratively with communities to assess valued resources, develop a vision and strategies to realize physical change to park and recreation infrastructure and programming, public space and plazas, and downtown landscaping solutions. He has significant experience developing master plans for existing parks and strives to unify existing and proposed park features through a comprehensive design scheme.