

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:00 pm at Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Jennifer Love and new board member Marvin Salsman.

Borough Council Liaison, Cate Mellen, Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Recreation Assistant, Lashaun Marshall were also in attendance. Board members Eric Oakman, Chris Bratton and Whitney Baker did not attend. Guests from the Carlisle Area Pickleball Association (CAPA) Jackie Powell, Pat Fox and Tara Shatzer attended.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Schmidlein at 7:02pm.

NEW PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBER

The board welcomed new Parks and Recreation Board member, Marvin Salsman. Marv worked a short time as a radio disc jockey in Wichita, Kansas. In 1970, he joined the navy after his tour, he obtained a degree in Parks and Recreation and Business Administration. He worked with the Department of Defense for 35 years before he retired. Marv is a part of Carlisle Sunrise Rotary Club working on various projects around the Borough such as the restoration of the cannon at the Molly Pitcher Monument.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives Jackie Powell, Pat Fox and Tara Shatzer all members of the Carlisle Area Pickleball Association (CAPA) expressed their gratitude to the Parks and Recreation Board for its support of the LeTort courts Pickleball conversion. They invited the board to look at the progress of the work being completed at the courts. The conversion is scheduled to start Wednesday, August 9, 2023 with plans to be completed Saturday, August 19, weather permitting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 1, 2023 meeting were approved.

Stevens/Love

OLD BUSINESS

Seven Gable Park

In June, six shopping carts full of stored trash were found. Community Cares Outreach team was dispatched to see if homeless encampments were around the vicinity. Board Member, Curtis Stevens recently observed the area had been cleaned up and only one shopping of trash cart was found in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board was in favor of the request for Letter of Support for two transportation projects, the Noble Blvd Shared- Use Path Project and the Carlisle Route 74 School Zone Protected Bike Lanes Project. Both

projects will calm traffic in these areas, making pedestrian and bicyclist mobility safer for residents and students commuting to school. Borough Council previously approved the projects.

Curtis Stevens addressed the board concerning graffiti in the bowl of the skate spot and writing at the top of the bowl. He suggested reaching out to the skate community to address the issue of paints being used on the skate surface that could potentially degraded the surface of the skate spot. Director Crouse suggested to hire artists to intentionally paint graffiti on the skate spot, to get ahead of the issue. She will reach out to Chris Hoke of the skate community and Brenda Landis to discuss options.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cumberland Youth Cycling Development- pump track

The Cumberland Youth Cycling Development (CYCD) has a revised scope and design for Valley Meadows Park. The project is on the agenda for the August Council meeting for approval of the new scope, new design, confirmation of adequate funds and the contract agreement between CYCD and Lobar Associates.

Bigbelly Smart Trash Cans

The Borough purchased 3 Bigbelly self-compacting solar trash cans. The trashcans software has the capability to report how full it is, when it needs to be empty and other monitoring reports available through the web or mobile app. The trash cans will be placed at Memorial, Heberlig- Palmer and LeTort Parks.

Parks and Recreation Professionals Day

Parks and Recreation Professionals Day held at the Carlisle Community Pool in appreciation of Parks and Recreation professionals was a great success. Carlisle Parks and Recreation was spotlighted by (PRPS) Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society and presented with a "Spotlight Celebration Award."

Fairground Avenue Linear Park

LandServ Inc. is currently working on Lot D. The water foundation is now working, once the installation of the solar lights at the skate spots are completed, the skate spot will be open 8am-10pm as previously decided. The entire Fairground Avenue Linear Park Project is scheduled to be complete by September 30.

Fort LeTort

Work on Fort LeTort continues. Willow Playworks, the installer of the play structure is preparing the ground for the poured in place surfacing as they wait for pieces of equipment to arrive. As weather permits and the final equipment are received, they estimate to be complete in September.

Halloween Parade & Holiday Parade

The 2023 Halloween Parade will be held Wednesday October 25 and the 2023 Carlisle "Making Spirits Bright" holiday Parade will be held Thursday, November 30. This year residents have the option to register online for either parade instead of strictly in person.

Shade Tree

2022 Street Survey has been processed. All property owners that were listed as needing work and not having communication, now have been in contact and are working on the requested maintenance. The Shade Tree Committee will start conducting street tree surveys for this year with the deadline being September 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Stevens/Love

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Stuart Community Center. Any member that is unable to attend is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.