

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

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

The following board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Jennifer Love, Marvin Salsman, Chris Bratton and Eric Oakman.

Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Recreation Assistant, Lashaun Marshall were also in attendance. Board member Whitney Baker did not attend. Guest Jeffrey Swope Executive Director of Bosler Memorial Library was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Schmidlein at 7:00pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 3, 2023 meeting were approved.

Stevens/Salsman

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffery Swope, Executive Director of Bosler Memorial Library introduced to the board the concept of implementing a story walk in LeTort Park to help get families active and boost literacy in the community. He recently visited LeTort Park and thought the area would be a good fit for the project because of its established features and popularity. He explained the story walk could be permanent, semi-permanent or temporary. He suggested a semi- permanent option that could be changed out periodically and replaced with a new story. His hope is to create a story walk that includes the Carlisle community by using local children's book authors and local organizations to donate, install and maintain the walk. Jeffery was also seeking an ongoing partnership between Bosler Memorial Library and the Carlisle Borough that would include Bosler's outreach activities such as story time and science activities held in borough Parks. The Board discussed options, locations and possible placement of the project taking into consideration the aesthetic, the flow of the park and safety for those attending the park. The board welcomed the partnership and the idea of the story walk to be place in one of the Borough parks.

OLD BUSINESS

Marvin Salsman shared with the board his observations of a skate park in Fairbanks, Alaska that had intentional graffiti over the skate park. He suggested if the board would approve of the idea of having contracted artists do the same at the Skate Spot, it would be successful in deterring others from adding unwanted graffiti. Director Crouse discussed with Chris Hoke that graffiti was found on the Skate Spot in August and they discussed different ideas to get ahead of the issue i.e. murals and power washing. Fortunately, because of the design of the skate spot, it is very easy to clean and vulgar graffiti was removed. Director Crouse suggested if the issue persists, the board could discuss options such as intentional artwork to help resolve the issue.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LeTort Pickleball Courts

The Carlisle Area Pickleball Association has completed the conversion of LeTort courts into to four, new dedicated pickleball courts at LeTort Park. There are now six dedicated courts. They are requesting additional funding in the Parks and Recreation budget to work on the entrance to the courts and installing rests rooms for the future.

New Recreation and Pool Manager

New Recreation and Pool Manager Anne Mitzel started on August 9, 2023. Anne helped with the end of season pool operations. She was previously a middle school Science teacher in the York Suburban and Northeastern School Districts.

Shade Tree

2022 Street Survey is in the final stages of completion. All property owners have been contacted and work is in the process of completion. The Shade Tree Committee has completed their 2023 tree survey wards. Addresses, property owner and letters are being complied in hopes of sending out notification letter prior to December.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Stevens/Oakman

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Stuart Community Center. Any member that is unable to attend is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.