

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 7:00pm at Stuart Community Center.

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

Parks and Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, Recreation Assistant, Kara Landis, Borough Council Liaison Jackie Roos and Jonathon Cox from Carlisle Youth Cycling Development also attended. Board member Jennifer Love was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schmidlein at 7:00pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 4, 2024, meeting were approved.

Baker/Stevens

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathon Cox from the Cumberland Youth Cycling Development came to update the Board on the progress of the Pump Track at Valley Meadows Park. Work is 90% complete and there was a soft opening in April. A wooden arch will soon be installed at the entrance of the track and two kiosks will be installed on either side of the arch, one with the park rules and one with donor recognition. Picnic tables, benches and a split rail fence will be added soon. A kiddie track is planned for future expansion. The total spent was \$330,000. Traffic and parking has been a concern with residents and park users. More signs need to be installed to help make people aware of the upper lot parking. A sign on Ritner Highway would also be helpful. A grand opening and ribbon cutting is planned for July 13, 2024.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In December 2023, Carlisle Borough was notified by the Housing Authority of Cumberland County that it was terminating its lease with Hope Station at the end of December 2023. The Housing Authority subleased the building (railroad building in Memorial Park) to Hope Station since 1996. Director Crouse reported that Borough Council will consider authorizing the draft and advertisement for the lease of the railroad building in Memorial Park at its May 9 Borough Council meeting.

The Carlisle Community Pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at noon.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Bob Schmidlein asked if Parks and Recreation Board would like to consider meeting at 6:00pm given Borough Council meetings and workshops now begin at 6:00 pm. The Board considered this, but the group decided that it would be best to continue meeting at 7:00pm.

Public Works employee, Javier Luviano has completed a spring season playground inspection for the ten playgrounds within borough parks. He tightened bolts and ordered a few parts to complete the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Lot D of the Fairground Avenue Linear Park is very close to completion. General Contractor, LandServ, Inc. have several punch list items to complete, including repair work for the poured-in-place playground surfacing. A soft opening of the park will occur in the coming weeks.

Two new bike racks at Borough Hall were installed. The bike rack by the parking lot will accommodate 7-10 bikes and the circular bike rack in the front will hold 2 bikes.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Spring street tree planting will commence soon. A total of 15 trees will be planted by A Touch of Green. Fourteen homeowners will be getting their trees planted by the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Schmidlein/Salsman

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Stuart Community Center. Any members unable to attend are asked to notify Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Crouse.