

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00pm at Stuart Community Center.

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

Parks and Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Borough Council Liaison Jackie Roos also attended. Board member Whitney Baker and Recreation Assistant Kara Landis did not attend.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schmidlein at 7:05pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May 2, 2024, Board meeting were approved. Stevens/Salsman

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Crouse announced the ordinance to approve the lease of the railroad building in Memorial Park to the Hope Station Opportunity Area Neighborhood Council "Hope Station" will be on Borough Council's agenda for the June Borough Council Meeting.

The Carlisle Youth Cycling Development's Grand Opening Celebration for the Pump Track at Valley Meadow Park will be held Saturday, July 13 from 10am-4pm. The ribbon cutting/opening ceremony will be held at 11am. Mayor Shultz and Councilperson Jackie Roos will be in attendance for the ceremony.

The Fairground Avenue Linear Park is now open for public use. All punch list items have been completed. Board members suggested a ribbon cutting celebration for the late summer timeframe. Staff will work on finalizing a date in the coming weeks. DCNR grant closure and final paperwork for completion of the project will be worked on in the coming weeks.

A resolution to adopt initiatives for Carlisle Borough to be recognized as a Pennsylvania Audubon Council Bird Town Pennsylvania is on the agenda for the June Borough Council meeting. Current members of the Bird Town Committee are Shawn McMurtry, Pam Still, Jason Beale, Sophia Mahoney and Marv Salsman along with staff members Anne Mitzel and Andrea Crouse. The Parks and Recreation Intern, Destiny McFalls is also helping with the initiative. The Parks and Recreation Board will serve as the Borough's agent for the Bird town Pennsylvania processes.

NEW BUSINESS

Marv Salsman recognized House Resolution 460 designating July 19, 2024, as Parks and Recreation Parks and Professionals Day in Pennsylvania and thanked the Carlisle Parks and Recreation professionals for their work throughout the year.

Marv said he had a couple questions asking if the tennis courts at Mooreland could be lined for pickleball. The Board had discussion regarding the question but there was no recommendation to propose a change in the current use of the tennis courts.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Bratton asked if any parking problems from the new Pump Track had been reported since the last meeting. Parks and Recreation Director Crouse said no problems have been reported from the Pump Track but there was a parking issue during a youth lacrosse game. Director Crouse will work with Carlisle Youth Lacrosse on parking issues in the Valley Meadows area.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Fifteen street trees were planted on borough streets in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Schmidlein/Salsman

The next Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 7:00pm. Any members unable to attend are asked to notify Parks and Recreation Director Andrea Crouse.