

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Marvin Salsman, Chris Bratton, Whitney Baker and Jennifer Love. Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, Borough Council Liaison, Jackie Roos and Recreation Assistant, Kara Landis were also in attendance. Board member Eric Oakman did not attend.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting were approved. Schmidlein/Stevens

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2024 Carlisle Halloween Parade will occur on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. This year the parade will be judged by Phil George, Downtown Carlisle Association, Cassie Furlas and Cody Myers. Over 60 participants have been registered as of October 3, 2024.

Director Crouse is meeting with a local artist on October 10th at 10:00 AM at the Skate Spot to discuss a potential mural for the Skate Spot. She invited anyone interested to attend. Director Crouse aims to explore the possibility of incorporating public art into the park systems, including sculptures, murals, and various other art forms to enhance our park's aesthetic and foster a deeper connection between the community and the arts.

Work at Biddle Mission Park has been completed to separate the electrical system for the motion detectors and receptacles. The goal was to ensure that the motion detectors remained active after dusk while turning off the receptacles during those hours. This setup hopes to reduce people hanging out in the park after hours charging their phones.

Bird Town members and Appalachian Audubon Society manned a table at Harvest of the Arts festival on September 28, 2024. They had children's activities, native plant species and the newly created Birds of Carlisle pamphlet.

NEW BUSINESS

Marv Salsman reached out to Phil George from Downtown Carlisle Association. He recently went on a trip to Arkansas and discovered that many of the expressway overpass bridges were

labeled to give drivers a sense of location and to promote tourism. DCA expressed interest but it is out of their realm. The project may be considered later.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Bob Schmidlein moved to approve a planting plan for 808 Walnut Lane with a half dozen trees with the size and species of the trees to be determined with a site visit from members of the Shade Tree Committee. The planting will take place after the connection to the Borough sewer system is complete in Spring 2025. All in attendance approved the motion.

Schmidlein/Love

ADJOURNMENT

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

Schmidlein/Stevens

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on November 7, 2024. If any members are unable to attend, please contact Director Andrea Crouse.