

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

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

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

Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, Borough Council Liaison, Jackie Roos, and Recreation Assistant, Kara Landis were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF October 2024 MINUTES

Minutes from the October 3, 2024, meeting were approved.

Stevens/Baker

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year's Making Spirits Bright Holiday Parade will be on Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm. Marv Salsman invited board members to join him and the Sunrise Rotarians to be Parade Marshalls for the parade. They meet at 6:00 pm on the steps of First Presbyterian Church. At that time, you will receive your assignment for parade coverage, obtain a safety vest and flashlight, and enjoy pizza. As of today, there are 25 entries for the parade. As the parade falls on the next Parks & Recreation Board Meeting evening (Dec. 5, 2024), a December meeting will not occur. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be February 6, 2025.

The Bird Town Virtual Annual Summit took place on November 7, 2024. The group met via zoom. Carlisle was chosen to submit slides for the summit. Recreation and Pool Manager Anne Mitzel represented Carlisle Bird Town during the summit and prepared and presented the slides. On Nov 14, 2024, Heidi Shiver, Bird Town Pennsylvania President, will be at Borough Hall to award Carlisle with two street signs and a plaque to recognize Carlisle Borough with the new designation.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Carlisle Area Pickleball Association's request for a gate on the west side fence of the pickleball courts at Letort Park. They also plan to purchase bleachers for use when players are waiting for court time. Installation is expected in early 2025. Jennifer Love made a motion to approve the upgrades at Letort Pickleball courts and Curtis Stevens seconded the motion. Director Crouse will check with the Borough Manager's office regarding the need for an Agreement with CAPA.

Borough Council budget hearings are on November 12, 2024. The Parks & Recreation budget includes upgrades such as a new roof for Gym 1, tennis court resurfacing at Mooreland, a mural at the Skate Spot, matching funds for the comprehensive recreation park and open space plan assessment of Thornwald Amphitheater becoming ADA compliant. Funds have also been requested to have the basketball courts resurfaced at Memorial Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Crouse applied to the League of American Bicyclist's for the Bicycle Friendly community status on behalf of Carlisle Borough. Since 2019, Carlisle has been a bronze-level bicycle friendly community. The award announcements are expected in December. Anne Mitzel is working with Bikelisle for bike safety classes and certifying instructors from Bikelisle with The League of American Bicyclists.

The Stuart Community Center will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2026! We are looking for ideas and suggestions on ways to celebrate this historic milestone.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Fall 2024 Street Tree planting has been completed. Jesse Bear from A Touch of Green has planted 12 trees for borough residents.

The 2024 street tree survey was completed this fall by the Shade Tree Committee. 108 letters were sent to borough residents. The letters were dated Oct 31, 2024, with a deadline of May 31, 2026, to have the work completed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Oakman/Salsman

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on February 6, 2025. If any members are unable to attend, please contact Director Andrea Crouse.