

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Whitney Baker, Chris Bratton, Eric Oakman, and Jennifer Love. Marv Salsman was not in attendance.

Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, Borough Council Liaison, Jackie Roos, Carlisle Recreation and Pool Manager, Anne Mitzel, and Recreation Assistant Kara Landis were in attendance. Carlisle Area Pickleball Association Board of Directors President Tara Shatzer, Social Media Curator Carrie Gooding and Member Matt Gooding attended.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2024 MINUTES

Minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting were approved. Stevens/Oakman

PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS

Carlisle Area Pickleball Association Board of Directors President Tara Shatzer addressed the group to seek approval for a safety upgrade to the pickleball courts at Letort Park. The Carlisle Area Pickleball Association (CAPA) would like to add a new central pedestrian gate, install a fence with pedestrian gaps, relocate the existing southwest gate to the southeast corner of the east side gate and close the previous southwest gate and repair other existing gates back to full function at LeTort Park.

If approved, the reconfiguration of the gates is expected to provide better flow to enter and exit the courts. CAPA received a quote from a fencing contractor for the project. CAPA will fund the cost of the project.

Whitney Baker made a motion to approve the upgrades, Curtis Stevens seconded, and it was unanimously approved. It will be added to the March Borough Council agenda.

POOL REPORT

Carlisle Parks & Recreation Recreation & Pool Manager, Anne Mitzel, gave the 2024 Community Pool report. 2024 saw the highest pool pass sales since 2017. Total revenue for the 2024 season was \$118,281. Many of last year's staff will be returning this season. Pool rentals, swimming lessons, teen nights, and food trucks are slated again for the 2025 season.

The discussion turned to modifying the Mobile Food Vending Resolution for mobile vending permit fees at the pool and parks. The current rate is \$50.00 per visit. Anne Mitzel provided the board with the mobile vending fee data she gathered from surrounding municipalities to see how our rates compared. The board discussed ideas, fee structure and potential for fostering small local business. A consideration for a Resolution to amend the existing Resolution, with the purpose of amending fees specific to mobile food vending permits issued at Borough parks will be on the March Borough Council agenda. The new fees recommended are lower than the current price.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Comprehensive Recreation and Park Plan has its first meeting on February 11, 2025. The nine-person committee will meet monthly to discuss the project background, scope of work, work draft, and requirements. Director Crouse suspects the project will take 18-24 months to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Crouse has been meeting with a Special Projects Coordinator, from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit and Artist, Aron Rook about the mural at the Skate Spot. It is in progress with possible work starting in April or May.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Schmidlein/Love

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