

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2025 MINUTES

Minutes from the March 6, 2025, meeting were approved.

Bratton/Salsman

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Crouse provided an update on the Comprehensive Recreation Park and Open Space Plan. Three study committee meetings we held in February and March to prepare the Request for Proposal (RFP). Director Crouse is currently making final edits and will submit the RFP to the Manager's Office. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for review and then shared with selected consultants.

NEW BUSINESS

On March 20, 2025, the Borough signed a Cooperative Services Agreement with the USDA to address the vulture issue within the community. A depredation permit has been submitted to support these efforts. Since then, USDA personnel have been in town daily, working to relocate the vulture roosts outside the Borough.

New accessible playground equipment designed for children aged 5 to 12 is proposed at Heberlig-Palmer Park. The proposal for the equipment and installation is on the April Borough Council meeting agenda. The equipment is proposed to be funded using the Borough's Community Development Block Grant program. The new playground will cost approximately \$185,000. Features will include a CurveSpinner, WeeSaw, communication board, and hill slide. The final choice of safety surfacing is still being determined.

In 2024, Hope Station entered into a three- year lease with the Borough for the railroad building at Memorial Park. At the April Borough Council meeting, an addendum to the lease will be on the agenda for Hope Station to begin covering water and sewer costs (around \$800/year). In year three, Hope Station may cover payments for electricity and gas.

Last summer, three residents approached Mayor Shultz with a request to place vending machines in Memorial Park. The vending machines will be owned and operated independently by the group, with no affiliation with the borough. They will be responsible for maintaining the machine and keeping it stocked with food and drinks. The group has agreed to pay a 15% commission to the borough, which will then be reinvested into Memorial Park programs.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Carlisle Borough is proud to celebrate its 25th consecutive year as a designated Tree City USA. This recognition reflects the Borough's dedication to effective urban forest management and community engagement in tree planting and care.

An Arbor Day Tree Celebration will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Memorial Park. Students from SPY (Supportive Partnerships for Youth) Camp will join forces with Shade Tree Committee member Scott Carver and Director Crouse to plant two new trees in the park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Love/Oakman

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on May 1, 2025. If any members are unable to attend, please contact Director Andrea Crouse.