

## **CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Eric Oakman, Marv Salsman, and Christopher Bratton. Jennifer Love did not attend.

Borough Councilor Jackie Roos, Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, and Recreation Assistant, Jason Fanus also attended.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 4, 2026, meeting were approved.

Stevens/Bratton

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation attended National Night Out on August 4 at the Carlisle Expo Center with evolveEA, the consultant for the Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. Parks and Recreation hosted a bike rodeo with an obstacle course, bike safety instruction, and bike-themed handouts. EvolveEA displayed information about Carlisle parks and invited community members to share what they liked about each park and what equipment or programs they would like to see added. Approximately 50 people provided comments for the plan. To encourage additional input evolveEA created a Carlisle Parks Passport for residents to record feedback on the park system and distributed approximately 50 passports at the event. Parks and Recreation will accept completed passports at the Stuart Community Center until Thanksgiving. The community survey will also remain available until Thanksgiving at [www.carlislepa.org/parksurvey](http://www.carlislepa.org/parksurvey).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Director Crouse reported litter problems at Memorial Park have eased.

A new adult summer basketball league called the Jim Washington Adult Summer Basketball League has started in July and will end the last weekend of August. Games are held on Saturday and Sunday evenings and organized by a local resident Zion Patterson. Mr. Patterson was mentored by Jim Washington a former Hope Station Executive Director and he wanted to honor Jim by organizing the league. Hope Station aided in the start up of the league.

Director Crouse announced that a dedication ceremony was held July 24, 2026, for the newly painted mural at the pool pavilion. Tessa Boyer, the local Girl Scout who created the design and painted the mural, was celebrated for her work. This mural was completed as part of her Gold

Award, which is the highest and most prestigious award that can be achieved in Girl Scouts. Tessa was extremely organized throughout the project and displayed great leadership skills.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Curtis Stevens asked if the borough knew what Carlisle Area School District's plans are for the use of the LeTort Elementary School and its grounds after it is closed for student use. He said the community is growing and needs more athletic fields. After discussion, it was decided Director Crouse would contact the Borough Manager's office for information on the subject and provide information at an upcoming meeting.

Marv Salsman raised concerns about e-bike riders on borough roadways and sidewalks. Discussion related to e-bikes took place, but overall, the discussion emphasized that addressing e-bike safety and combating it, will require cooperation among police, schools, parents, riders, and the community, with a combination of education, clear regulations, appropriate signage, and consistent enforcement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Stevens/Salsman