

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:00 pm at Stuart Community Center.

The following Board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Katie Maxwell, Christopher Bratton, Curtis Stevens, Whitney Baker and Jennifer Love.

Borough Council Liaison, Cate Mellen, Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Recreation Assistant, Lashaun Marshall were also in attendance. Board member Eric Oakman did not attend. Guests were Barbara Adams and Diane Easley representatives of the Carlisle Pickleball Association.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Schmidlein at 7:00pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from February 3, 2023 meeting were approved.

Stevens/ Maxwell

Public Comment

Carlisle Pickleball Association representatives Barbara Adams and Diane Easley updated the Parks and Recreation Board on their organization's non-profit status. The Carlisle Pickleball Association has been working with Brandon Hughey from Martson Law Office to establish the Association's Articles of Incorporation, filing their 501c3 with the state and the IRS. The Association is waiting for documents to start soliciting donations. Members of the Carlisle Pickleball Association have volunteered to complete a minor construction project at the LeTort Courts. The project would create four dedicated pickleball courts, eliminating the tennis court. The board discussed liability issues that may arise since the courts are on Borough property. They also discussed permission needed from Borough Council in the form of an agreement. Director Crouse suggested meeting with the Pickleball Association to outline the type of work proposed at the courts and submit the requests to the Borough Solicitor. The Board was in favor of the plan to move forward.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fairground Avenue Linear Park- Lot D

Construction at Fairground Avenue Linear Park Lot D next to the town homes has changed the topography of the area and a new survey was completed. The park plan pathway had to be slightly revised to accommodate for the changes.

Carlisle Skate Spot

There have been complaints about cars speeding along Fairground Ave. The Carlisle Police Department placed a speed display in the area of the skate spot and logs showed that most motorists are following speed regulations. There also have been complaints that skateboarders have been riding into the road. Watch for vehicle signs and slow children at play signs were posted to help. Due to complaints by

residents that live along Fairground Avenue, temporary parking will be available along Fairground Avenue south of the railroad tracks until construction of the roundabout begins on Hanover Street.

Cumberland Youth Cycling Development Pump Track

The bids for the Pump Track at Valley Meadows Park were opened Tuesday, February 28. Bids came in higher than expected. The Cumberland Youth Cycling Development is in the process of deciding if they will reject the bids and rebid the project or obtain additional funding.

2023 Carlisle Community Pool

Pool Pass sales started March 1. This year pool passes are being sold individually. Residents will now have the option to go online to purchase their passes for the season.

Summer Basketball League @ Memorial Park

The summer basketball league sponsored by Carlisle Community Coalition lead by Jordon Stasyszyn and Timmy Atkinson will be held at Memorial Park again this year. The League will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 19 and ending July 29.

Employment Skills Center

The Employment Skills Center has rented a room at Stuart Community Center since June 2019. They will host an open house on Thursday, March 9 to celebrate the conversion of the room into a Nurse Aide Training program.

Summer Employment

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking to hire an intern for the summer. The position will run from May to August. There are employment opportunities for Parks Maintenance and seasonal Lawn Maintenance positions. Additionally the Summer Day Camp and Carlisle Community Pool are also hiring.

Fort LeTort

The Carlisle Kiwanis Club has purchased the playground equipment for Fort LeTort 2.0. A schedule for the spring build will be forthcoming.

Shade Tree

The Parks and Recreation Department will start processing applications for the Spring Planting Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Baker/Stevens

The next Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm at Stuart Community Center. Any member that is unable to attend is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.