

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, April 6, 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 Eric Oakman.

Borough Council Liaison, Cate Mellen, Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Recreation Assistant, Lashaun Marshall were also in attendance. Board member Jennifer Love did not attend. There were no guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Schmidlein at 6:59pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from March 2, 2023 meeting were approved.

Stevens/Oakman

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Member Curtis Stevens whom is also a member of the LeTort Regional Authority spoke to the Board to raise awareness about safety concerns in the parks related to homelessness within the borough. A barrel having fire evidence was found along the LeTort Spring Run Trail in the area of the Public Works building and next to Interstate 81. Curtis explained the area contains a large amount of dry brush that could catch fire and cause serious damage to the surrounding area. He asked Board members to be conscientious of safety issues that raise concerns while in borough parks. With increasing homeless rates, it could potentially increase the number of hazardous concerns such as drug use and open fires. Director Crouse told the board to notify her, if encampments or homeless are found within the parks, she would contact the Carlisle Community CARES Outreach Coordinator for assistance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fairground Avenue Linear Park- Lot D

Borough Council approved the change order for the construction at Fairground Avenue Linear Park Lot D. A new survey was completed in March since topography of the area changed due to construction of the townhomes next to Lot D. Director Crouse is waiting for the general contractor to give an updated timeline for the project.

Fort LeTort Rebuild

Carlisle Kiwanis Club provided proof of having sufficient funds to pay for the rebuild at Fort LeTort. A concerned citizen expressed concerns of environmental hazards from the use of poured-in-place (PIP) surfacing for the youth and the environment. Research is limited with PIP surfacing but staff has prepared a Policy Briefing Summary for Borough Council's review and consideration. Since the project demolition is scheduled to tentatively start May 1, Borough Council will discuss the matter at the April

13 Borough Council meeting to decide if alternative surfacing will be required or to continue with the project as planned using PIP.

Stuart Community Center- lease second floor

The Stuart Community Center will be leasing four rooms, the kitchen area, bathroom, the art room, office area and the courtyard on the first floor to D.G. Foundations Learning Park, LLC. The startup organization is a family-owned minority business and will offer childcare services to the Carlisle community.

Cumberland Youth Cycling Development Pump Track

Bids came in higher than expected, the Cumberland Youth and Cycling Development plans to reject all bids and will work with a Keystone Purchasing Network, a cooperative purchasing program to revise their scope of the project to fit the amount of funds raised. Once the Cumberland Youth and Cycling Development have a revised plan of the pump track, it will be submitted to Borough Council for approval.

Carlisle Pickleball Association

Director Crouse met with members from the Pickleball Association to discuss the type of work they propose to complete at the LeTort courts to convert the tennis court into four dedicated pickleball courts. An agreement between Carlisle Borough and the Carlisle Area Pickleball Association is being prepared and will be discussed at a future Carlisle Borough Council meeting. Before the project can be started, the association must show proof of sufficient funds and must have supporting paper work showing a valid the 501c3 status.

Shade Tree

The Shade Tree committee will sponsor an Arbor Day planting on Wednesday, April 19 at 9:15am at Lindner Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Stevens/Baker

The next Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00pm at Stuart Community Center. Any member that is unable to attend is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.