

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Marvin Salsman, Chris Bratton and Jennifer Love. Parks and Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, also attended.

Borough Council Liaison, Jackie Roos, Recreation Assistant Kara Landis and board members Whitney Baker and Eric Oakman did not attend.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 6, 2024, meeting was approved.

Stevens/Bratton

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Crouse updated the committee on the progress of the Fairground Avenue Linear Park. Softline, LandServ, Inc.'s contractor for the poured-in-place playground surfacing has replaced the yellow playground surface. The project is now complete. The DCNR paperwork was submitted to the grant portal on August 1, 2024. A plant material inspection will take place prior to August 16, 2024. The project has a total cost of approximately \$811,000.

Curtis Steven and Director Crouse met with an Eagle Scout about a service project to install a chatty bench at LeTort Park. She is currently working with the local Domestic Violence Services office. Curtis initially brought up the idea of a Chatty Bench at the 2024 February Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The P&R Board members suggested installing a Chatty Bench and a small tree in a local park.

The current Story Forest Eagle Scout project at Fort LeTort is progressing well. Executive Director of the Bosler Free Library and sponsor of the Story Forest, Jeff Swope was notified that the Plexiglass had arrived, and the Eagle Scout is scheduled to install it on August 5, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, Bob Schmidlein shared that for the second consecutive year, per request from Delta Development Group he has signed a letter of support for the proposed Noble Boulevard Shared-Use Path Project for funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Marv Salsman reported on his current involvement with the Bird Town Committee. He is currently designing a pamphlet of the Birds of Carlisle. Carlisle Parks and Recreation intern, Destiny McFalls has formatted the list into an Excel format. The pamphlet will include all 210 species commonly seen in Carlisle and include migration information, common name, scientific name, description, habitat, and other interesting facts. Destiny is also a Bird Town Committee member and has been instrumental in the application process of becoming a certified Bird Town community.

The Bird Town Committee has completed the municipal resolution and application. The Parks and Recreation Board was presented with the completed Municipal Application to Become A Bird Town for their review.

Director Crouse plans to submit the application on August 2, 2024.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Shade Tree Committee has been working to develop a new list of approved trees to be included in the Borough Ordinance. The current tree list contains 51 trees, and the updated list would include 64 species. The list would also include climate adaptiveness, PA natives (if not PA, state will be listed) and a link to a more detailed online description.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Love/Salsman

The next Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center. Any members unable to attend are asked to notify Andrea Crouse.