

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

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman, Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Marvin Salsman, Chris Bratton, Eric Oakman and Jennifer Love. Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse and Recreation Assistant, Kara Landis were also in attendance. Randy Billman, President of the Carlisle Area Dog Parks Association also attended.

Board member Whitney Baker and Borough Council Liaison Jackie Roos did not attend.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schmidlein at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Love seconded the motion.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the August 1, 2024, meeting were approved. Stevens/Love

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/GUESTS**

Randy Billman, President of the Carlisle Area Dog Park, attended to ask board members for permission to build a 12x14 cement pad and pavilion. The purpose is to keep members protected from the elements. They would like to add the structure to the right of the current shed in the large dog park. They are currently in the planning stages and will look at pricing for the materials and future fundraising plans. North Middleton will provide the necessary building/zoning permits, if approved. The Board Members voted yes to the idea of the plan. If approved, the idea would then be presented to Borough Council. Oakman/Schmidlein

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Carlisle's Bird Town application has been approved and we are now recognized as the 64<sup>th</sup> Bird Town Pennsylvania community. Bird Town is a statewide program that partners with municipalities and organizations to promote conservation and healthy environments for birds, wildlife and people. At the November 14<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting Carlisle will be presented with two Bird Town street signs and a certificate to recognize the Borough as a Bird Town Pennsylvania.

The Eagle Scout project, Story Forest, at Letort Park has been completed. There will be a reception on Sunday, September 22 at 3:30pm. Executive Director of Bosler Library, Jeff Swope, suggested adding wooden cutout birds to the Story Forest trees. This would incorporate Bird Town into the Story Forest. The birds would have QR codes attached, linking them to the brochure titled 'Birds of Carlisle.' This brochure has recently been created by Marv Salsman, Parks & Recreation Board member and Bird Town committee member.

## **SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

The Shade Tree committee is working to move forward with the new owners of 39 Walnut Street. A large street tree was removed last year and then the property was sold. The new owners must have the stump ground down and plant a new tree by August 2025.

808 Walnut Lane was recently called to Director Crouse's attention. The discussion will be on the agenda during the next Shade Tree Committee meeting on September 18, 2024.

The Climate Action Steering Committee will be reviewing the new updated Approved Street Tree List compiled by Shade Tree Committee members. The Approved Street Tree is part of the Borough ordinance and will need to be approved by Borough Council once it goes through all the appropriate channels.

The 2024 Fall Street Planting will begin in the next few weeks. Residents need to have their stumps ground and have the spot marked clearly for the contractor who plants the trees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Love/Schmidlein

The next Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on October 3, 2024. If any members are unable to attend, please contact Director Andrea Crouse.