

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Stuart Community Center.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Schmidlein, Curtis Stevens, Whitney Baker, Eric Oakman, Christopher Bratton, Jennifer Love, and Jackie Roos.

Marv Salsman attended via telephone.

Parks & Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, and Recreation Assistant, Kara Landis attended.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Minutes from February 5, 2026, meeting were approved.

Stevens/Love

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Crouse and Assistant Manager Juday recently met with Executive Director Rogette Harris, of Hope Station regarding the lease between the Borough and the Hope Station Opportunity Area Neighborhood Council. The proposed 2026 amendment involves utility payment details.

The lease began in 2024 with an automatic renewal for up to two one-year terms. An amendment to the lease was approved in 2025, the 2026 amendment will be the final amendment permitted under the 2024 lease. The Hope Station Building lease addendum is anticipated to be on April 9, 2026, Borough Council agenda.

Director Crouse reported that Carlisle Borough has received the Bird Town Silver designation. She thanked Anne Monko for her work submitting the annual report to Bird Town and coordinating several initiatives throughout the year.

The 2026 Summer Artist Series is being revamped this year and will feature a variety of events throughout the community. The series will include three outdoor movie nights, one concert at The Square, one concert at Memorial Park and three outdoor concerts at the Thornwald Amphitheatre. The season will conclude with the Carlisle Town Band's John Philip Sousa concert at the Carlisle Theatre.

May is National Bike Month, and several activities are planned to celebrate. On May 16, the community is invited to participate in Bike with a Councilman, Bike to Work Day, and a Pump Track Clinic. The day will conclude with storytime and a screening of *E.T.* at Valley Meadows Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Marv Salsman shared information about an upcoming lithium-ion battery recycling event. The Rotary Club of Carlisle – Sunrise is partnering with Redwood Materials in Carson City, Nevada, to collect and recycle lithium-ion batteries and rechargeable devices. Community members are invited to bring their used items on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to the Army Heritage and Education Center parking lot (950 Soldiers Dr., Carlisle, PA). Accepted items include smartphones, tablets, electric toothbrushes, laptops, power-tool batteries, lawn equipment batteries, rechargeable vacuum batteries, wireless headphones, and other lithium-ion batteries. This event helps ensure these materials are properly recycled and kept out of landfills.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Love/Oakman