

CARLISLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting Thursday, June 1, 2023 7:00 pm at Carlisle Community Pool.

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. One guest attended, Holden Burkholder, Shippensburg College student and Carlisle resident.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Schmidlein at 7:08pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 4, 2023 meeting were approved.

Stevens/Maxwell

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER

In July, Katie Maxwell will complete her first term on the Parks and Recreation Board and has elected not to serve her second term. Chairman Bob Schmidlein read a letter addressed to Katie from Borough Manager, Susan Armstrong thanking her for her dedication and service to the Parks and Recreation Board. Katie was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her support on numerous projects throughout the years on the Parks and Recreation Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Seven Gable Park

Board Member Curtis Stevens brought up that he was in Seven Gables Park in the morning of June 1 and talked with some of the Community Cares Outreach staff. They were investigating shopping carts full of trash and were working on a plan to have the area cleaned up. They were also checking if any homeless encampments were in the vicinity. Seven Gables Park is shared between Carlisle Borough and South Middleton Township.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlisle Pickleball Association

The Carlisle Area Pickleball Association (CAPA) has become a 501C3 organization. Director Crouse and the Board of CAPA along with the Borough Solicitor have worked through an agreement to complete the conversion of LeTort Tennis courts to four dedicated Pickleball courts eliminating the tennis court. The agreement will come before Borough Council at the June Borough Council meeting.

Fort LeTort Rebuild

Demolition of the play structure has been completed. The area is currently being excavated. Play equipment is scheduled to arrive this week. When the area is finished, Willow Playworks will begin installing the play equipment at Fort LeTort. An opening ceremony and ribbon cutting is planned once the project is complete. The Kiwanis club plans to reveal the contents of the time capsule during the ceremony. LeTort Pickets are currently still available for pick up, the June deadline has been extended to allow residents more time to pick up their pickets before they are disposed or recycled.

Carlisle Community Pool

The Pool opened for the season. It is open daily from noon until 7pm. Though staffing has improved, lifeguards are still needed for the pool season. Caleb Padgett was hired as seasonal pool manager for the 2023 pool season.

Summer Artist Series

The Summer Artist Series starts Sunday, June 4. It is scheduled for different Sundays through August 6, at the amphitheater in Thornwald Park. The 2023 Music Concert has a lineup of various artists and genres free to the public.

Parks and Recreation Professionals Day

Planning for Parks and Recreation Professional Day is still ongoing. On Friday, July 21, Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department will hold an event in appreciation of Parks and Recreation professionals. Carlisle Parks and Recreation be spotlighted by (PRPS) Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society during the event. It will be held at the Carlisle Community Pool. Food trucks, inflatables and more is being planned for the day. Staff, employees and contracted instructors and their families will receive an invitation to attend.

Shade Tree

Twelve street trees were planted in May for the 2023 spring planting program.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Baker/Bratton

After adjournment Director Andrea Crouse, lead the Parks and Recreation Board members on a tour of the Carlisle Community Pool facility. The Board was able to observe, ask questions and understand daily operations of the Carlisle Community Pool.

The next Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Stuart Community Center. There is no July meeting. Any member that is unable to attend is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.