

**MINUTES**  
**BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 18, 2022**  
**VIRTUAL**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm. There was a quorum present.

**MINUTES**

The November minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Lisa Campbell. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Pete Geis**-Pete reported the before and after school care and summer camp registrations have opened and are filling up. Pete reported on the building of the new dog park location and working on the 2022 New Comp. Plan Grant.

**Mary Messer**- Mary reported the winter programs doing well. The next program is the Father/Daughter Dance in February.

**Lisa Campbell**- Lisa reported hosting the AM Rotary Carved in Ice Event coming up in February. Lisa reported that there was typically 90 blocks of ice sold and this year they are already up to 70. Lisa reported that the L.O.D.D pavilion has been ordered and expected to be put in March or April of 2022. The estimated stone completion is predicted for late fall.

**Chris Ziegler**- Chris reported opening the Caboose for Halloween and Christmas Events. Chris reported moving forward on the 2020 DCNR Grant for Marwood to Winfield Trail with green parking areas. Chris reported on selecting the date of Saturday, October 3, 2022 for the half marathon.

**Haley Zalponi**- Haley reported working on two new pavilions at the park. 1. The war memorial and 2. Splash pad area granted by DCNR, expected to start in 2023. Pavilion registrations will begin soon and working towards the summer events.

**Dave Zarnick**- Dave reported working on the Easter program for Preston Park. Due to the large events and parking issues the Township is working on new ways to control the traffic jams.

**Barb Anderson**- Barb reported working with Butler County Tourism Bureau with Corporate Accounts, Sports and Hospitality.

**Dustin Drew**- Dustin reported working on the solar ray project, which was delayed due to the redesign and weather. Dustin reported demolish of the old rest room at the marina. Dustin reported the Moraine Preservation Fund would be hosting the Winterfest February 5<sup>th</sup> at McDaniel's.

**THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

The Director reported shelter reservations will begin on February 25, 2022. Mr. Welliver reported the Tourism Bureau was seeking to use our trails, volleyball courts and bocci court for Can-Am in 2024.

Mr. Welliver reported the approved grants from DCNR 2021. 1. Alameda Park for CXT restrooms throughout the park area. 2. Middlesex Township for a playground. 3. City of Butler for Father Marinaro Park.

Mr. Welliver reported Local Park Renovation Grants mailed and emailed to all municipalities. The grants are due February 24, 2022 at 4:00pm

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Masi reported Waterpark Membership sales for December were higher than previous years. The Rabies Clinic is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, however may be cancelled due to cold weather. Frank reported completing the program line up for the entire year.

Re-appointment of the advisory board for 2022. President: Dave Zarnick, Nominated by Pete Geis, Vice President: Adam Hartwig, nominated by Pete Geis, Secretary: Haley Zaliponi, nominated by Mary Messer. All in favor, motion passed.

The Local Park Renovation Committee for the review of the Local Park Renovation Grants: Mary Messer, Dustin Drew, Michele Burd, Barb Anderson. Motion by Dave Zarnick, second by Pete Geis. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm. Motion by Haley Zaliponi, second by Mary Messer. Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on February 25, 2022.

Respectively Submitted, Ashley Helmstaedter