

MINUTES

BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION JUNE 21, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

The March minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Haley Zaliponi. Motion carried.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mary Messer- Mary reported reported Slippery Rock is applying for a DCED Grant in two parts. Part one all inclusive playground and part two is a paved walking trail. Mary reported programs are going well and numbers are high. There will be the fireworks event returning on July 2nd.

Michele Burd- Michele reported the CXT DCNR Restroom project is completed and open for use. Michele reported the purchase of a prefabricated garage for use at the park.

Pete Geis-Pete reported the program numbers are high. Pete reported staff turnover has been difficult this year. Cranberry township is preparing for Community Days scheduled for 7/14-7/16.

Lisa Campbell- Lisa reported the memorial project for First Responders of Butler County is complete and had the dedication is April. The stone placement will be scheduled for September 12th. The First Responders plan on holding an event on First Responder day on October 28th. Lisa also reported the BC3 group will be hosting the corn-hole tournament again at Diamond Park.

Haley Zalponi- Haley reported pickle ball was having a soft opening today, June 21st. Haley reported the addition of lights in July and construction of pavilion near the war memorial.

Virgil Cousins-Virgil reported baseball is in full swing and busy. Parking has become an issue as all 5 fields are in use.

Dave Zarnick- Dave reported offering movie nights at Preston Park for 2022. Dave also reported the Bantam Cars coming this week to Preston Park and throughout Butler County.

Commissioner Leslie Osche- Commissioner reported the PM Rotary Club is continuing to work for the Art Culture in downtown Butler. Commissioner reported walking on Thursday through the different cultural areas such as performances, artistic routes and artwork.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director reported working towards the ATV for emergency use. This vehicle has been chosen due to the trail usage. This vehicle will help evacuate during emergencies and will be stored at Alameda.

Mr. Welliver reported that 2024 will call for a new open space/comprehensive plan for Butler County.

Mr. Welliver reported the recent approval of a second program manager.

Mr. Welliver reported the approval of GG Leagues (E sports) for programs in the fall. This program also offers scholarships to kids.

Mr. Welliver reported the DCNR Grants for Alameda Park is wrapping up for the completion of rubber surfacing. The rubber surfacing was walked on and injured during curing and will need to be replaced and repaired. The DCNR Grant for Dassa McKinney is 75% completed with the playground and rubber surfacing. Mr. Welliver reported the Penn Township (Harcrest Park) is still awaiting results from the Land and Water Conservation. Mr. Welliver reports that Adams Township does not was to wait for Land and Water Conservation and had chosen to continue the work on their park area.

Mr. Welliver reported the review of the Local Park Renovation Grants for 2022. East Butler Borough is working towards the Baseball Field. Lancaster Township is working on sand blasting playground area and signage in the park. Eau Claire Borough is working on new fencing and has increased the funding to \$9,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masi reported pool is in full swing and is open every day unlike 2021.

Mr. Masi reported that pool memberships have been increasing since the last two years.

Mr. Masi reported the first moonlight swim is scheduled for June 24th.

Mr. Masi reported the concerts, sand volleyball and multiple other programs are exceeding expectations.

The July meeting will not have a quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Mary Messer.

Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on August 16, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
Ashley Helmstaedter