

MINUTES

BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

The June minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Virgil Cousins. Motion carried.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

Michele Burd- Michele reported the official wrap up to the DCNR Grant for the CXT Restroom. Michele reported Marion Township received the DCNR Grant for the new playground equipment at the township park. Since the new additions, the park has received more revenue and reservations.

Chris Ziegler- Chris reported the ½ Marathon will be on October 15, 2022. This race lost its sponsorship of Eat N Park Cookie and the personalized medals. Chris reported the 30th Anniversary celebration on October 29, 2022 at the Caboose. Chris reported the working on the DCNR Grants for the two parking lots and 1 mile of trail, as well as the grant for streambank remediation.

Pete Geis-Pete reported the program for the fall have been released today and all summer programs have ended. Pete reported beginning stages of the Comprehensive Plan for Cranberry Township.

Commissioner Osche: Commissioner reported the PM Rotary Club would be having its first Butler Cultural District Day opening on October 8th, 2022. The event will be from 2:00pm-7:00pm from Jefferson Street to Howard Street.

Lisa Campbell- Lisa reported the Butler Memorial Park, City of Butler; project has officially ended after three years. Lisa reported the First Responder named stone/memorial broke ground this week and has beginning stages of outlining. The First Responders official unveiling will be October 28th, 2022.

Dustin Drew- Dustin reported challenges over the summer with seasonal staff and infrastructure. Dustin reported the Regatta has approx... 17,000 in attendance over three days and the upcoming Heritage Festival at McConnell's Mills State park. Lastly, Mr. Drew reported he was newly appointed to the Butler County Tourism Board in July 2022.

Virgil Cousins- Virgil reported all events have come to a wrap at the park.

Dave Zarnick- Dave reported Preston Park hosted Dining under the starts again and it was well received. Dave reported the Community Day coming up on Saturday September 24th at Butler Township Park. Preston Park will also be hosting the Halloween event and 5k race in October.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director reported Mary Messer, Director of Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation, would be resigning her position at the park and the park advisory board at the end of this year.

Mr. Welliver reported that DCNR would be opening a second round of grants for the 2022 year due to having extra funding. Butler County will be submitting those grants that were not awarded such as, Connoquenessing Borough, Seven Fields Borough and County of Butler, Diamond Park.

Mr. Welliver reported the Park office has a water break last week; thankfully, most of the water did not get into any buildings or structures.

Mr. Welliver reported working with Wendy Leslie for the County Block Development Grant, Alameda Park may receive funding for a paved loop around the multi-use field and sand volleyball courts.

The Director reported that the Waterpark would be receiving new flooring at the bathhouse in the coming weeks.

The Director reported meeting the with CAN-AM group for the use of Alameda Park in 2024. The park will be utilized for the trails at Alameda for a 5k, 10k and bike race.

Mr. Welliver reported the DCNR Grants have begun their final wrap up for DCNR from County of Butler, Alameda Park, Marion Township, Summit Township Phase I and II, Harrisville Borough, Clay Township at Dassa McKinney School, and finally Penn Township for Harcrest Park Phase II.

Mr. Welliver reported the current grants still ongoing for Middlesex Township for the playground and new pavilion, as well as City of Butler, Father Marinaro Park, which has been paused due to arsenic in the ground.

The Director reported the current approval of DCNR Grant for CXT Restrooms at Alameda Park. The additional five CXT Vaulted restrooms would be purchased in 2022 and installed to the park in 2023. The approval of an additional \$80,000 from the Butler County Commissioner was needed for the project due to increase in cost of the units.

Mr. Welliver reported the review of the Local Park Renovation Grants for 2022. East Butler Borough is working towards the Baseball Field. Jefferson Township is replacing the shingles and roof on several pavilions, new signage in the park and engineered wood fiber for the playground.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masi the pool and summer season went well overall. Coming up we have the Fall Family Fun Day on September 25, 2022.

Mr. Masi reported the End of Summer Soiree hosted approx. 150-200 participants with face painting, magic show, bounce houses, food and the ARMSTRONG sponsored movie SPIDERMAN.

Mr. Masi reported the dog swim hosted 89 dogs on an overcast, rainy day.

Mr. Masi reported the start of the Co-Ed Flag Football league on September 11th.

Upcoming events are such as the Monster Mile on 10/15, the Haunted Trails on 10/21 and 10/22.

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

Mr. Welliver reported new seats available for the Park Advisory Board. The Park board for replacements made recommendation.

Region 1 currently seating Mary Messer, recommendation for Dustin Drew. Motioned by Pete Geis, second by Lisa Campbell. Motion passed.

Region 5 currently seating Adam Hartwig, recommendation for Chris Zeigler. Motioned by Lisa Campbell second by Pete Geis. Motion passed.

At Large Representative currently seating Dustin Drew, recommendation for Jason Mentel, Zelianople Park Director. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Lisa Campbell.

At Large Representative currently seating Barb Campbell from Butler County Tourism to be replaced by Perri Latimer from Butler County Tourism Bureau. Motioned by Lisa Campbell, second from Pete Geis. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Dustin Drew. Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on October 16, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
Ashley Helmstaedter