

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES

The September minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Chris Ziegler. 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. Michele reported slowing down at the park, still hosting fall ball and food drive.

Chris Ziegler- Chris reported the ½ Marathon on October 15, 2022 hosted 530 runners. In addition, Saturday, October 29th will be the 30th anniversary celebration at the caboose.

Pete Geis-Pete reported the Halloween event on October 21, 2022 was well received. Pete reported that all holiday events are planned and getting ready. Pete reported the finished improvements to the Kids Castle Playground.

Perry Latimer- Perry reported working on Hockey season for Butler County Tourism. Perry reported working continually on Sweet Trail and Beer Circuit.

Dustin Drew- Dustin reported Heritage Festival end of September for 9,000 people over three days. Dustin reported increased hiking at the mills due to the fall foliage.

Virgil Cousins- No Report.

Jason Mentel- Jason reported working on a Halloween event at the end of the month as well as going live with some new software for the park department.

Dave Zarnick- Dave reported Preston Park will be hosting the 5k on 10/24 as well as Trick or Treat on 10/28.

Guest: Denton Zeronas- Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation Director.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director reported working on fall projects such as bathhouse floors at Alameda Waterpark, First Responder Pavilion dedication will be on October 28th and adding new agility equipment for Jade's Dog Park.

Mr. Welliver reported that DCNR Grants were awarded to Marion Township for ADA playground and Jefferson Township for pool rehabilitation. In a new opening round for DCNR, Mr. Welliver will be applying for two additional grants for Connoquenessing Borough playground and Seven Fields pool renovation.

Mr. Welliver reported existing DCNR Grants for City of Butler, Alameda Park, Middlesex Township and Penn Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masi reported Monster Mile event held 194 registrations and we will hosting our Haunted Trails this coming weekend.

Mr. Masi reported the last Safe Sitter classes would be wrapping up this weekend and again offer a course on November 5th, 2022.

Mr. Masi reported offering the Santa Workshop on November 18th, and a new Parent's Night Out Program on December 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm. Motion by Dustin Drew, second by Virgil Cousins.

Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on November 15, 2022.

Respectively Submitted, Ashley Helmstaedter