

# MINUTES

## BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION NOVEMBER 16, 2021

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. There was a quorum present.

### MINUTES

The August minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Adam Hartwig, second by Pete Geis. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Mary Messer-** Mary reported Light up the Rock will be held on 11/20 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Slippery Rock. Mary reported the programs are filling up for Breakfast with Santa and Glamour Girls. Excited for the upcoming events.

**Pete Geis-**Pete reported bringing his special events coordinator Jason Mentel with him. Jason will be running Santa's First Stop coming up on 11/19. Pete reported the new construction on the Dog Park, basketball, volleyball and pickle ball are filling the indoor courts. Pete reported the new Comprehension Plan to be evaluated in the future.

**Adam Hartwig-** Adam reported creating a 7/10 trail loop with ADA and 6ft wide features. There is plans for a pavilion of up to 100 patrons, CXT Restrooms for Spring 2022 and a large playground through the DCNR Grants with poured in play surface. Adam reported the Christmas Parade on 12/19 driving around neighborhoods and stuff a cruiser on 11/26.

**Lisa Campbell-** Lisa reported the L.O.D.D pavilion and named stone to be added to the park in Spring or Fall of 2022. Lisa reported Carved in Ice Event is set for Diamond Park on 2/11 and 2/12/2022 and the Butler Rotary will be helping to string lights on the trees at Diamond Park coming up on 11/19.

**Michele Burd-** Michele reported the wrap up of fall ball. Michele reported the CXT restroom addition to the park is eager to receive and thanks the bridge crew and maintenance on the installation of the restroom. There will be some final changes to wrap up in the upcoming months.

**Dave Zarnick-** Dave reported Preston Park is closing. Dave reported on multiple events, 9/16 Dining under the stars, 10/24 5K with 114 runners, 10/29 Trick or Treat with over 400 children, 12/4 Photo stand with Santa photo opportunity. Dave reported that in 2022 the American Austin Bantam will return to Butler in June with 27-29 little cars for display.

**Virgil Cousins-** Virgil reported request for an ambulance garage located at Karns City Borough with about ½ to 1 acre area needed. Karns City is to host its Light Up Night on 11/21.

**Dustin Drew-** Dustin reported the filming for an upcoming Netflix film at McConnell Mills Park and Moraine State Park. Dustin reported the Moraine Preservation Fund will be planning on Winterfest for February 5, 2022.

### THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director reported working the Butler Sewer Authority on a sewer upgrade due to new construction on Duffy Road and surrounding areas.

Mr. Welliver reported accident on the newer trails in lower Alameda. Mr. Welliver is reported looking for money to purchase trail ATV to help with removal of those injured on the trails in Alameda.

Mr. Welliver reported the DCNR Grant updates. DCNR Grant, Harrisville Borough, completed their ¾ mile loop with CXT restroom with utilities and walkway with supporting funds from CDBG. DCNR Grant, Connoquenessing Borough, two-phase project with trails rehabilitation and development. DCNR Grant, Summit Township, two-phase project with playground completion at the local school. Summit township phase II will include swing set, playground, and ADA accessibility. DCNR, Clay Township, with Dassa McKinney playground at the school. DCNR Grant, Penn Township, Harcrest Park Phase II. DCNR Grant, Alameda Park, the playground resurfacing, which, has been delayed multiple times.

Mr. Welliver reported DCNR has not yet announced the winner of the 2021 Grant Submission.

The Director reported the next round of Local Park Renovation Grants will be mailed an emailed early January for 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Welliver reported the Santa Workshop event on 11/19 is sold out. Our Flag Football program will finish up on 11/21.

The Director reported the need of approval for fees to submit to the Butler County Commissioners for the 2022 season.

Motion for approval from Pete Geis, second by Mary Messer. Agreed and motion carried.

Mr. Welliver requested the re-appointment of board members, Michele Burd and Dave Zarnick. Motion by Adam Hartwig, second by Virgil Cousins. Agreed and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm. Motion by Mary Messer, second by Virgil Cousins. Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2022.

Respectively Submitted, Ashley Helmstaedter

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