

MINUTES

BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MARCH 15, 2022 VIRTUAL

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 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

Michele Burd- Michele reported the CXT unit from the DCNR Grant is almost complete. The unit will require final electric and sewer permit should be ready to go by April. Michele reported working on the Easter event coming up in April.

Pete Geis-Pete reported hosting a special needs dance for 70 families around St. Patrick's Day. The Cranfest is to be held on May 7, 2022. Pete reported Easter events are in progress and expects the Dog Park to be complete by end of May.

Lisa Campbell- Lisa reported the Butler Carved in Ice event was very successful. Special thanks to the County workers on making the park ready for the event. Lisa reported hosting a corn hole tournament for BC3 Recovery Program in July at Diamond Park. Lisa reported the shelter kit was arriving tomorrow, March 16 for the First Responder Pavilion.

Chris Ziegler- Chris reported Buffalo Freeport Community Trail is celebrating 30 years. The caboose on the trail has been decorated for each season. Chris reported the ½ marathon will be on October 15, 2022. Chris reported working on a new event, Bikes, Brews, and Big Foods as well as an Audubon Summer Concert Series on Sundays.

Haley Zalponi- Haley reported working on several projects. First, working on two new pavilions being installed at the park, hope to have them ready by May 1. Second, splash pad from DCNR Grant hoping to have installed and running for 2022. Third, working on pickle ball courts at Adams Township Park.

Virgil Cousins- Virgil reported working on the upcoming baseball season, park clean up and upgrades to the roads around the area.

Adam Hartwig- Adam reported Middlesex Township would be receiving the pavilion kit tomorrow, March 16. Adam reported working on the new playground to arrive next month, removal of baseball field and dugouts, resurface of the tennis and basketball courts and trail construction expected to be completed in May. Adam reported the field requested use with Knoch Football, Mars Youth Lacrosse and midget football. Adam reported for Clinton Township that property is being purchased off route 228, Victory Road. This property will tie into Spring Valley Park.

Dave Zarnick- Dave reported Butler Township is going to host its first Easter Egg Hunt on April 10 with divided age groups for parking. Dave reported having Movies in the Park returning as well as looking into more parking areas to help with parking.

Barb Anderson- Barb Anderson is from Butler County Tourism Bureau. Barb is working on events in the area. Barb reported working on the US Triathlon bringing revenue to Cranberry Hotels. Barb also reported on working for a sports travel show.

Dustin Drew- Dustin reported continuing work on the Solar Ray Project. The project is about 50% complete; this should help with energy costs at the park. Dustin reported demolish of the restaurant at the park and working on hiring new staff for April.

Commissioner Leslie Osche- Commissioner reported the PM Rotary Club is continuing to work for the Art Culture in downtown Butler. Commissioner reported many organizations coming together such as; Butler Downtown, Rotary, Slippery Rock University and Butler County Tourism Bureau.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director reported our maintenance worker Jim Humes is retiring March 30, 2022. Mr. Welliver reported bridge crew repairing the drain at the top of the hill to help with water flow going into tractor supply building during the high rains. Mr. Welliver reported working on the interior of the lower restroom, exterior was done in 2021.

Mr. Welliver reported DCNR Grants have been awarded for 2021; those grants are for Middlesex Township, City of Butler at Father Marinaro and County of Butler at Alameda Park.

Mr. Welliver reported finishing past DCNR Grants at Summit Township, phase one and two, Marion Township, Clay Township at Dassa McKinney Elementary and Harrisville Borough for Harrisville Community Park.

Mr. Welliver reported the review of the Local Park Renovation Grants for 2022.

Those selected to be awarded are as follows:

- 1 Seven Fields Borough
- 2 Marion Township
- 3 Evans City Borough
- 4 City of Butler
- 5 Penn Township
- 6 Jefferson Township
- 7 Lancaster Township
- 8 Middlesex Township
- 9 Connoquenessing Borough
- 10 Slippery Rock Borough
- 11 East Butler Borough
- 12 Slippery Rock Township
- 13 Eau Claire Borough

Motion by Adam Hartwig to approve the listing for the Local Park Renovation Grants for 2022 to the Butler County Commissioners. Second by Pete Geis. All approved, motion carried.

Motion by Virgil Cousins to ask the Butler County Commissioners for the additional funds of \$3,160.67 to allow Eau Claire Borough to receive the Grant for 2022. Second by Pete Geis, all approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Masi reported Safe Sitter and Rabies Clinics have been going well for 2022. Mr. Masi reported working on gathering the materials for the Easter Scavenger Hunt on April 8 2022. Mr. Masi reported working on the Flower and Food Fest on May 21, 2022 with the Penn State Master Gardeners.

The Park Advisory Board voted on the Snow Creation Contest for 2022. 1st place to skiing snowmen, 2nd place to snow duck, 3rd place to snowman's beach.

Mr. Welliver reported the Commissioners approved Barb Anderson to sit on the Park Advisory Board at the Butler County Public Meeting.

Mr. Welliver reported Jason Mentel was newly appointed to Zelienople as Park Director. Mr. Mentel was recently working at Cranberry Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm. Motion by Pete Geis, second by Virgil Cousins. Agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on May 17, 2022

Respectively Submitted,
Ashley Helmstaedter