

**BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Denton Zeronas**, Slippery Rock Borough

**Brian Perry**, Adams Township

**Jen Rottman**, Eau Claire

**Dave Blair**, Cranberry Township

**Commissioner Leslie Osche**

**Lance Welliver**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Director

**Ashley Helmstaedter**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director

**Braden MacBeth**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Program Manager

**Colleen Rhodes**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Administrative Assistant

**Lisa Campbell**, Butler County Community College

**Tom Knights**, Butler Township

**Leo Rosenbauer**, Jefferson Township

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. There was a quorum present. President of the Park Advisory Board, Denton Zeronas, conducted the meeting by asking if anyone would motion for the approval of the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion by Brian Perry, second by Lisa Campbell. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Leo Rosenbauer** – Mr. Rosenbauer reported the board approved the renovations to SEBCO pool. Mr. Rosenbauer also reported there will be a construction meeting on Thursday at 1:00PM to go over the next step. Mr. Rosenbauer reported the softball season has begun; the first game took place on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Soccer is gearing up with a newly updated parking area.

**Brian Perry** – Mr. Perry reported Adams Township Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Preparations are underway for the Splash Pad's opening in May, with repairs to be done on pipes in the pumphouse. Splashpad staffing is underway.

**Lisa Campbell** - Ms. Campbell had nothing to report.

**Tom Knights** - Mr. Knights reported that at a community meeting, the completion of the recreation complex was approved, along with full-sized, two-story building and parking lot near the fields. This building will house locker rooms and storage.

**Dave Blair** – Mr. Blair reported construction at the community park and turf projects have been on hold due to the frigid temperatures and snow. Mr. Blair reported Cranberry Township's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This year the event will not have registration and will be completely free, in hopes to be more accessible to all members of the community.

**Commissioner Osche** – The Commissioner reported on a lake in center township which is in need of dam repairs, but there is nothing that can be done by the county due to the lake being surrounded by private property.

**Jen Rottman** – Ms. Rottman reported Eau Claire’s Pavillion Rentals have been filling up fast for the 2026 season. Ms. Rottman also reported the borough is gearing up for softball and baseball season, with practices starting up this month. Ms. Rottman reported the community is making preparations for Community Day on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and a town wide cleanup in June.

**Denton Zeronas** – Mr. Zeronas reported the borough is getting ready for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as the upcoming Mother/Son Carnival. Mr. Zeronas reported they are still looking for vendors for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

### **THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR –**

Mr. Welliver reported he met with Alameda Singletrack to discuss emergency access plans for EMS in case of an accident on the mountain bike trails.

Mr. Welliver reported hiring for seasonal staff is underway, maintenance positions have been filled and applications for seasonal pool and camp staff are coming in, interviews for these positions to be conducted in the near future.

Mr. Welliver reported on meetings with the consultant for the Diamond Park Rehabilitation Project, final drawings for this project are in the works.

Mr. Welliver reported on meeting with Butler County Community College about the baseball/softball field on their premises. In prior years, maintenance and usage of the field transferred to Butler County Parks and Recreation when BC3 classes were not in session, with possession of the field returning to BC3 in the fall when classes restart. That agreement expires in August of this year, with neither party interested in coming to any long-term share agreement.

Mr. Welliver reported the sewer authority aims to be finished with the sewage line construction in the lower park by the end of April.

### **CAPITAL ITEMS**

Mr. Welliver reported the Kiwanis Shelter at the lower end of Alameda Park will be removed and replaced with a new shelter this spring. The shelter is expected to be ready for rentals in July of this year.

Mr. Welliver reported the electrical project at Alameda Park is set to begin soon in the lower end of the park.

### **Program Report**

Mr. MacBeth reported Alameda Waterpark’s membership pre-season sale began on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through the end of April.

Mr. MacBeth reported shelter reservations opened on February 27<sup>th</sup> for in person reservations, March 6<sup>th</sup> online, having an excellent turnout on opening day.

Mr. MacBeth reported he will be attending the PRPS conference next week.

Mr. MacBeth reported on upcoming programs taking place at the park. Soccer Shots are gearing up and are set for their first practice of the season on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the multi-use field at Alameda Park. Butler County Parks and Receptions Easter Egg Hunts will take place on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Festivities begin at 5:30pm and will end at approximately 9:00pm, with the last hunt will be with flashlights in the dark. This will be the second year for the Adapted version of the event and is expected to be another success.

Mr. MacBeth reported the Safe Sitter program at Slippery Rock Park is seeing good registration numbers. Vendor Spots for the May Trunk Sale are filling up quickly and are expected to sell out.

Mr. MacBeth reported seasonal staff hiring is underway, the waterpark is seeing good lifeguard retention numbers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Local Park Renovation Grant applications are in and have been reviewed. Out of 16 applications, 12 were selected to move forward. Mr. Zeronas asked for a motion to approve the Local Park Grants selected to be awarded. Motion by Brian Perry, second by Jen Rottman. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm, motion by Brian Perry, seconded by Lisa Campbell. The motion carried. The next meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Elwell