

MINUTES
BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm. There was a quorum present. President of the Park Advisory Board, Dave Zarnick, conducted the meeting by asking if anyone would motion for the approval of the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes.

MINUTES

The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Jason Mentel, Second by Dustin Drew. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

Lisa Campbell – Lisa had nothing to report.

Commissioner Osche – Commissioner reported the Council of Arts President will be in Butler, PA on September 30, 2023. There will be a meat raffle to follow the Butler Fall Festival on September 30 at St. Michael's Church.

Brian Perry – Mr. Perry reported there will be a car cruise on September 30 for Hometown Heroes. This year's support is to a Mars teacher with A.L.S. Adams Township is working towards their Halloween and Christmas events to wrap up the year. Mr. Perry reported the lights are being added to the pickle ball courts within the next couple of weeks and creating an agreement of understanding with the ATTAC group for the new complex to be built at Adams Township.

Dustin Drew – Mr. Drew announced he will be hosting the Heritage Festival at McConnell's Mills on September 23 and 24. The swimming area at Moraine will be open for a couple more weeks and the Mills turbine has been receiving repairs over the past few weeks.

Jason Mentel – Mr. Mentel reported the additional days opened for the Waterpark after Labor Day. Mr. Mentel is working towards the Halloween event on the last Saturday in October.

Dave Zarnick – Mr. Zarnick is hosting with Butler County Parks and Recreation the Butler Area Community Day on September 23 at Alameda Park. There will be a 5k hosted at Preston Park on October 22 and the Halloween event on October 27 also located at Preston Park. The Butler Township Halloween will be hosting Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Welliver reported the Stan Kosciuszko Leadership Excellence Award to Commissioner Osche.

Mr. Welliver reported Facilities and Operations as well as our Maintenance team has been working on improvements to the Carousel Shelter in Alameda Park. These improvements include upgrading all lighting fixtures, painting the entire shelter area and addition of shakers to the alcove areas.

Mr. Welliver reported that Butler City has terminated the agreement for Whippo Park located in Butler Township near the 9-1-1 Center. This termination letter, signed August 18, 2023, will be completed within sixty days. Ownership will return to the County of Butler, Parks and Recreation Department.

Park Board continued discussion for Whippo Park, such as demographics, safety of the current park; improvements that need to be made for the future.

Mr. Welliver presented the County Ordinance possible revisions.

Section 6: E-Bike Policy to be added and follow the current PA state guidelines

Section 12-15A: Airborne Equipment to follow FAA guidelines and require a permit before flying within the Park System.

Section 27A- Jade's Dog Park to be closed 12/1-03/31 annually in addition to adding the dog park rules.

Motion to recommend changes per County Solicitor review and the P-Corp insurance. Motion by Dustin Drew, second by Brian Perry. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm. Motion by Dustin Drew. Second by Jason Mentel. All in favor and motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Ashley Helmstaedter