

**MINUTES  
BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

President, **Michele Burd**, Marion Township  
Vice President, **Lisa Campbell**, Rotary AM  
**Virgil Cousins**, Karns City  
**Dustin Drew**, Moraine State Park  
**Denton Zeronas**, Slippery Rock Borough  
**Tom Knights**, Butler Township  
**Lance Welliver**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Director  
**Ashley Helmstaedter**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director  
**Jacob Bartholic**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Program Manager  
**Nicole Tropf**, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Administrative Assistant  
**Eddie Trizzino**, Butler Eagle

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. There was a quorum present. President of the Park Advisory Board, Michele Burd, conducted the meeting by asking if anyone would motion for the approval of the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

**MINUTES**

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Dustin Drew, second by Virgil Cousins. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tom Knights-** Mr. Knights reported that work on the athletic fields and recreation complex is progressing. Tom also reported that prep work began on Whitestown Road, June 17<sup>th</sup> and is estimated to have snares in traffic the week after 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Knights reported that HobNob Theatre is planning a Shakespeare in the Park production of A Midsummer Nights Dream July 19-21 and July 26-28<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available online.

**Denton Zeronas-** Mr. Zeronas reported that Slippery Rock's "missing" playground equipment had never been sent by Jeffrey Associates and not being able to locate the equipment has pushed the project back approximately 4-5 weeks. Denton reported that once the pieces are finally received, they will still have to assemble, install and then seal with a coating. Mr. Zeronas reported that the bids for the walking trail should be in later this week, and they are under budget. Denton reported that there is an upcoming Independence Day Celebration on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zeronas also passed around a vendor/sponsorship form and said they were accepting them now.

**Dustin Drew-** Dustin reported that he meant to bring the Moraine State Park program information but there is a calendar of events and the educators and parks have been busy. Mr. Drew reported that Father's Day at Moraine rivaled Memorial Day. Dustin reported that they are still hiring for seasonal positions at the park. Mr. Drew reported that the Regatta is coming back this year and will be the first weekend in August and there will be fireworks.

**Virgil Cousins-** Virgil reported that the ball season is still on-going. Mr. Cousins reported on the fall surface in the play area. Virgil reported that UAA's Community Day for Karns City is August 9<sup>th</sup> and there will be vendors and a bounce house and they've asked Karns City to provide help with putting that on.

**Lisa Campbell-** Lisa reported on Sips in the City that happened in May at Diamond Park and thanked the park staff for their help in facilitating the event. Lisa also reported on Jeep Fest that had a great turnout and utilized downtown. Lisa also reported that BC3 plans to do their annual Hope Night (cornhole tournament) in July.

**Michele Burd-** Michele reported that Marion Township is working with the baseball association. Michele also reported that they have been busy booking their pavilion. Michele said they have been working on maintenance around the park and there is a final cement pour for the grills scheduled in July.

**THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

The Director, Lance Welliver, reported that the ADA pedestrian walkway in Alameda Park, located by the volleyball and multipurpose field should be starting in mid to late August.

Mr. Welliver reported that CanAm (Mountain Bike Race) is happening on 7/19 at Alameda but bocce ball is cancelled.

Mr. Welliver reported that work is continuing for Seven Fields Pool Project and that June 17<sup>th</sup> was the first day.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Community Conservation Partnership Projects

Mr. Welliver reported that Jefferson Township – SEBCO project is revamping their pump room. Mr. Welliver reported that Connoquenessing and Harmony have received their grant for playgrounds that will start early fall and late winter.

#### Local Park Renovations Board Grants

Mr. Welliver had nothing to report.

#### Administrative Services Contracts for DCNR

Mr. Welliver had nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Program/ Waterpark Report

Mr. Bartholic reported that there were 150 people in attendance at the Member Only Party on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bartholic reported that Camp Alameda began June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bartholic reported that Co-ed Sand Volleyball has 11 teams signed up. Mr. Bartholic reported that BCPR added Co-ed Softball this year and 6 teams have signed up. Mr. Bartholic reported that Moonlight Swim is on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and will have a DJ and Karaoke. Mr. Bartholic reported that Glow in the Dark Disc Golf is on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bartholic reported that Butler Area Community Day is on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have fireworks and food vendors. Mr. Bartholic reported that a Nature Photography Class for Children is on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bartholic reported on Parks Professional Day on July 19<sup>th</sup> that will have private lunch and a proclamation ceremony with Buter County Commissioners, free giveaways, a game with Camp Alameda and Kona Ice.

#### Jade's Dog Park

Mr. Welliver reported that Jade's Dog Park will close Wednesdays from 9:00am – 3:00pm for routine maintenance and repairs. Mr. Welliver explained that this will be a continual weekly closing until early September.

#### Capital Items

Mr. Welliver reported on the renovation of the pool (replastering and gutters) that was completed in late May. Mr. Welliver reported that the company will be back to measure for the cover. Mr. Welliver reported the expansion of the speaker system at the waterpark has been completed. Mr. Welliver reported that BCPR is still waiting on the splashpads, benches and filters to be delivered.

#### Parks and Recreation Professional Day

Mr. Welliver reported that Butler County was selected for the Parks and Recreation Professional Day on July 19<sup>th</sup> by PRPS (Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society) for District 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm. Motion by Dustin Drew, second by Virgil Cousins. All agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,  
Nicole Tropf