

Butler County Board of Commissioners

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Lance Welliver

Park and Recreation 2025 Meetings

Park Board Meetings

12:00pm, food available 11:30am at the Alameda Park House, must RSVP to Alamedapark@co.butler.pa.us for food, within 1 week of the meeting date. Thank you.

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January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 11, 2025 *Moved up due to State Conference*

April 15, 2025

May 20, 2025

June 17, 2025

August 19, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

No Meeting in July or December 2025

**MINUTES
BUTLER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
AUGUST 20TH, 2024**

ATTENDANCE:

Vice President, **Lisa Campbell**, Rotary AM
Virgil Cousins, Karns City
Dustin Drew, Moraine State Park
Denton Zeronas, Slippery Rock Borough
Commissioner, **Leslie Osche**, Rotary PM
Perry Latimer, Butler County Tourism
Tom Knights, Butler Township
Chris Ziegler, Butler Freeport Community Trails President
Lance Welliver, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Director
Ashley Helmstaedter, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director
Nicole Tropf, Butler County Parks and Recreation, Administrative Assistant
Danielle Ferguson, Integrated Marketing Intern

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm. There was a quorum present. Vice President of the Park Advisory Board, Lisa Campbell, conducted the meeting by asking if anyone would motion for the approval of the July 16th, 2024, meeting minutes.

MINUTES

The July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Denton Zeronas, second by Chris Ziegler. Motion carried.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

Virgil Cousins- Mr. Cousins reported that Karns City is still planning for the Community Day party at the park that will be on September 9th. They expect there to be vendors and a good time for everyone.

Dustin Drew- Mr. Drew reported that Moraine State Park had their regatta the first week of August. Dustin reported that it had rained but the weather cleared up Saturday and Sunday for the fireworks and it was well attended. Mr. Drew reported that PA Outdoor Corps has been helping at Moraine and have been focused on making improvements to trails. Mr. Drew reported that McConnell's Mill Heritage Festival is September 28th where they will celebrate the historic time-period of 1852-1928, when the mill operated.

Denton Zeronas- Mr. Zeronas reported that Slippery Rock's playground equipment has been installed. Denton reported that the rubber surfacing still needs to be installed. Mr. Zeronas reported that the trail is paved. Denton reported that the last day for Summer Playsafe is August 24th. Mr. Zeronas reported that Dassa McKinney Elementary School has been added to the expansion to the program. Denton reported that they are working on soccer, swim and 5k programs for the fall.

Commissioner, Leslie Osche- Commissioner Osche had nothing to report.

Perry Latimer- Ms. Latimer reported that Butler Tourism is approaching hockey season. Ms. Latimer reported that the 2024 Labor Day Girls Fest is back for the 3rd consecutive year. Perry reported that it is a big deal for Pittsburgh as teams with top competition from across the USA and Canada compete with scouts in the stands. Ms. Latimer reported that Slippery Rock University has connected with Butler Tourism to fill softball fields with requests for tournaments. Perry reported that she attended Seven Fields' ribbon cutting with Lance Welliver and Ashley Helmstaedter.

Tom Knights- Mr. Knights reported the construction for the recreation complex is approximately 50% complete and Butler Township plans for it to open at the end of October. Tom reported that Butler Township just approved fees to practice on the fields after Labor Day but there have not been any games scheduled there yet. Mr. Knights reported on the traffic project with Whitestown Road. Tom reported that a change order was put in for traffic lights, but there is a hold-up with galvanized steel. Mr. Knights reported that October fest will be in October in Butler Township.

Chirs Ziegler- Ms. Ziegler reported that Buffalo Creek Wings, Water & Wildlife Festival is happening September 14th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Chris reported that Buffalo Creek is having their 19th Annual Half Marathon on October 19th.

Lisa Campbell- Ms. Campbell reported that Rotary is donating \$5,000 for the PA system to be put in the First Responders Pavilion at Alameda Park. Lisa reported that a Peace Pole was also going to be placed somewhere in the park. Ms. Campbell also reported about the Rotary shelter getting repainted and Denton Zeronas of Slippery Rock offered a recommendation on an artist.

THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director, Lance Welliver, reported that BCPR would like to present their internship overview and introduced Danielle Ferguson, Integrated Marketing Intern for a presentation.

Mr. Welliver informed the Park Board Advisory Committee that Jake Bartholic, BCPR's Program Manager, has left the county to go back to school. He put in his two-week notice about two weeks ago. Mr. Welliver informed the Advisory Committee that Nicole Tropf, BCPR's Administrative Assistant has given her two-week notice yesterday and her last day will be August 30th. Mr. Welliver reported that they will be advertising for both positions. Mr. Welliver reported some vandalism in the park from an e-bike and dirt bike through the fall surface. Mr. Welliver said that they are looking at the camera to see if they can identify the riders. Lance reported that the championship game just happened for BCPR's 1st adult co-ed softball league.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Conservation Partnership Projects

Mr. Welliver reported that Michele has left Marion Township but that she is still working with someone to install the concrete pad and grill work sometime in September. Mr. Welliver reported that there was an approval for additional engineering designs for Jefferson Townships SEBCO Pool. Mr. Welliver reported that they had a few safety concerns since the original plan and so the new designs should be done by the end of this year. Mr. Welliver reported that Connoquenessing's playground equipment will have an installation date in late fall. Mr. Welliver reported that Penn Township will bid next year for a DCNR grant.

Local Park Renovations Board Grants

Mr. Welliver reported that local park renovations grants are to close out for 2024.

Administrative Services Contracts for DCNR

Mr. Welliver reported that he hasn't heard anything since the submittal of the Grant Applications for DCNR and that in December everyone should hear who was awarded the grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Program/ Waterpark Report

Mr. Welliver reported that BCPR had eleven teams for adult softball and playoffs were in about a week. Mr. Welliver reported that BCPR is having a Nature Program and glow in the dark disc golf which has increased to about 40-50 people on our temp-course. Mr. Welliver reported that Camp Alameda ended August 9th. Mr. Welliver reported that Alameda's Moonlight swim in August had a little over 150 people. Mr. Welliver reported that Fall events are right around the corner. Mr. Welliver reported that Alameda Waterpark closes 8/25 for the season.

Jade's Dog Park

Mr. Welliver reported that Alameda Waterpark's Pup Swim is coming up on September 8th. A discussion was made regarding winter hours, fencing and recommendations for Jade's Dog Park.

Capital Items

Mr. Welliver reported that Alameda Waterpark will be receiving splash pad items within the next few weeks and will be installed once the pool closes on Sunday, August 25th. Benches for the walking trail have been received and the walking trail has given him a 60-day completion date.

Parks and Recreation Professional Day

Mr. Welliver reported that Butler County was one of three parks spotlighted. Mr. Welliver thanked Commissioner Osche, Lisa Campbell, Perry Latimer and Virgil for their attendance.

Re-elect President, Vice-President, Treasurer

Mr. Welliver said that since Michele moved on, the president's seat is available, but Lisa Campbell has said that she would fill in as president of the board for the remainder of the year. Mr. Welliver said that there are 3 meetings left and then the board can elect a president to fill the role.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm. Motion by Dustin Drew, second by Perry Latimer. All agreed and motion carried. The next meeting will be on September 17th, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,
Nicole Tropf

PROGRAM REPORT

OCTOBER 2024

BCPR

BUTLER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

SINCE LAST MEETING

- **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
08/24**
- **CLOSING OF ALAMEDA POOL
ON 08/25**
- **POOLSIDE PUPS 09/08**
- **FITNESS IN THE PARK 09/11**
- **TRUNK SALE 09/21
(SOLD OUT)**
- **START OF CO-ED FLAG
FOOTBALL LEAGUE 09/22 @
BC3 BASEBALL FIELD**
- **SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING
CLASS 10/05**
- **MONSTER MILE 10/12
(HALLOWEEN PROGRAM)**
- **SOCCER SHOTS PROGRAM**
- **JUMPSTART BASKETBALL
PROGRAM**

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INSTAGRAM



BEFORE NEXT MEETING

- **HAUNTED TRAIL 10/18
(ONE NIGHT ONLY)**
- **BCHS VACCINATION
CLINIC 11/02**
- **PAINTING IN THE PARK
11/13**
- **SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING
CLASS 11/16**

UPCOMING END OF YEAR EVENTS

WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE WINTER SEASON, WE WILL BE HOSTING MANY WINTER THEMED EVENTS. INCLUDING: SANTA'S WORKSHOP, DRIVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY, BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, AND MORE!