



**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 8, 2024**  
**1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801**  
**Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)**

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**ATTENDED BY –  
P&R COMMITTEE:**

Dave Schulte, Chair  
Earl Moore, Vice Chair  
Kathy Matason  
Jude Simpson  
Judi Sittler  
Stephen Spoonamore  
Janet Sulzer

**EXCUSED:**

Sue Smith

**STAFF:**

Amy Kerner, Public Works Director  
Sharon Meyers, Sr. Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning

**GUESTS:**

Mike Belinc, General Field Manager State College Little League  
Mo, Centre Documenters at Penn State

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Schulte called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:**

Mr. Schulte determined there were people present via zoom and reviewed zoom protocol.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Mr. Spoonamore announced the Township Manager informed Mr. Spoonamore and the Nittany Mountain Conservancy that he can serve on the board as a voting member. The next meeting is in two weeks and at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting he will give a report of what was decided.

**SPECIAL REPORT:**

**SR-1 Ball Field Improvement Suggestions (State College Little League)**

- Mr. Mike Belinc introduced himself and stated his experience with the State College Little League organization. He opined that general maintenance is not enough and the little league contracts a company to have ball fields laser leveled about every five years or so.
- Mr. Belinc had an opportunity to walk around the various College Township parks with ball fields. He determined Harris Acres and Nittany Orchard are too small for anything more than T-Ball. Dalevue Park has a nice facility for T-Ball and PeeWee, but the dirt infield is in rough shape. Penn Hills Park is an all grass field with potential for T-Ball and Little League practice but not games. Spring Creek Park is also a good facility, however, this spring's wet weather has created poor condition, especially to the field off Balmoral Way.
- There was an extended discussion on stormwater management at Spring Creek Park.
- Mr. Belinc asked if there were any questions. After being asked about the process of leveling an infield he explained. A laser level with GPS is placed at home plate and the pitcher's mound. The target slope of 1/8" is determined and the infield mix is distributed and



compacted as needed. This costs approximately \$4,500 per field, plus \$800-\$900 per load of infield mix.

- Mr. Belinc spoke about how lips are created and can be viewed by looking down the baselines. He also explained the process to remove the lips created by brooming off the infield.
- Mr. Schulte suggested State College Little League propose a service project to improve the College Township fields they would like to use. Mr. Belinc offered to help manage a Township project should one be proposed.
- The Committee thanked Mr. Belinc for his informative presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None presented

**OLD BUSINESS:** None presented

**PARKS REPORTS:**

**(Written reports received were emailed to all members by committee member making the report by the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)**

- Mr. Schulte reviewed the Planning Commission agendas provided by staff. Ms. Meyers had nothing to add.
- Ms. Kerner gave a brief update of Public Works projects in the parks.
- Mr. Schulte said he may amend the master plan for Dalevue Park based on the presentation this evening.
- Ms. Sulzer gave a brief update on Fieldstone Park.
- Mr. Schulte has conducted inspections of Fogleman and Penn Hills parks and gave a brief update.
- Mr. Spoonamore stated there is significant off road vehicle damage to Camp Road at Stoney Batter Natural Area.
- Mr. Moore gave a brief update of Thompson Woods Preserve and the Governments Committee.
- Ms. Sittler stated that years ago she established the protocol to submit written parks reports in order to help save time during the meetings. She asked why the reports are being done orally during the meeting as well, as this adds a significant amount of time to the meeting. Ms. Sittler suggested the committee stick to the written reports. Mr. Schulte stated that is still the process but that members are given a chance add to or update their reports at the meeting. He added that her comments are duly noted.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1 March 11, 2024 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes**

*Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting as submitted.*

*Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None presented.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

- Ms. Sittler asked if she could add an agenda item to have a guest speaker come to educate the Parks and Recreation Committee on buffer zones. After some discussion Mr. Schulte appointed Ms. Sittler to recruit a guest speaker for a future meeting and let him know ahead of time to get the presentation on the agenda.
- Mr. Schulte stated Mr. Spoonamore had passed a hand written communication to be entered into record.



*“[A letter to the committee] We need better baseball fields. Thank you. Batting cages would be nice too! Amaximan der Xavier Spoonamore.”*

**CHAIR INFORMATIVES:** None presented.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Monday, May 13, 2024 (if needed)

- Ms. Kerner announced that she has a prior engagement and will not be able to attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Schulte duly noted Ms. Kerner’s announcement.

*Mr. Spoonamore moved that the committee not hold a meeting in May 13<sup>th</sup> as Ms. Kerner will not be able to attend.*

*Motion failed due to lack of a second.*

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm

Monday, August 12, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024

Monday, October 14, 2024 (if needed)

Monday, November 18, 2024

- Mr. Moore reminded Mr. Schulte of setting the agenda and parks to be visited in the June park tour meeting, should the committee not meet in May.
- After some discussion there was a consensus that Panorama Parklet, Harris Acres, Shamrock Park, the upper level of Slab Cabin Park, and Dalevue would be visited in that order.

**STAFF INFORMATIVES:**

**SI-1 PC Agendas from March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- No further discussion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Schulte announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, May13, 2024 at 7:00 pm, if needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schulte adjourned the meeting at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Sharon E. Meyers*

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Sharon E. Meyers  
Recording Secretary