

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022, 7 p.m. via Zoom
1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Judi Sittler, Chair
Jude Simpson Vice-Chair
Sue Smith
Janet Sulzer
Kathy Matason
Derek Kalp
David Schulte
Earl Moore

STAFF PRESENT:

Amy J. Kerner, P.E., Public Works Director
Linda Magro, Sr. Support Specialist, Engineering, Recording Secretary

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

Mike and Deb LaQuisto
Jerry and Suzanne Murrazo
Kathy Baxter
Gayathru and Satish Vangala
Ned Brokloff
Georgina and Mike Manahan
Cynthia Pasquerella

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Kerner, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

REORGANIZATION:

Ms. Smith moved to nominate and elect Ms. Sittler as 2022 Chair. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Simpson moved to nominate and elect Mr. Moore as 2021 Vice-Chair. Mr. Schulte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION (Items not on the agenda): Nothing presented.

MINUTES:

Ms. Matason moved to approve the November 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OB-1 Spring Creek Park Masterplan Update

Ms. Kerner gave an update on the progress of the masterplan. She indicated that the survey received over 500 responses and that JMT would be working on the draft.

OB-2 Fogleman Overlook

Ms. Kerner recapped the status of the responses to the letter that was sent to residents who reside around Fogleman Overlook. There were several residents at the meeting. Mr. Ned Brokloff took the lead to discuss the overlook and the possibilities for the future. He indicated that the Stearns Crossing community as a whole expressed interest in this project. He also indicated that the HOA President, Sharon Ambrose, would be a good way to get any communication out to the Stearns community regarding this project. Residents had questions regarding why the fence posts were installed at the end of the park. Mr. Moore stated that the fencing was installed to mark the corner of the park's property line. Residents were in favor of work being done at the site but also had concerns with losing the parking area for overflow guest parking. Mr. Brokloff submitted a graphic of a proposal for the area, which was not much different from Mr. Kalp's vision. The gas line easement was discussed briefly. The fee in lieu funding from Stearns Crossing development was discussed briefly. A meadow, with pollinators and reduction of small animals was favorable. Mr. Schulte discussed the five-year plan briefly. A formal survey to the entire Stearns community was discussed. Mr. Brokloff will be in touch with Mr. Kalp and Ms. Sittler regarding moving forward with this project.

NB-1 2021 Parks and Recreation Annual Report

The draft 2021 Parks and Rec Annual Report was reviewed. Changes will be made and will be brought back to the next meeting for formal approval.

NB-2 Remembrance Bench – Dalevue

Ms. Kerner stated she received notice from Jim Carpenter at Centre Region Parks and Rec, that someone was interested in placing a remembrance bench at Dalevue Park. Mr. Schulte stated that the park did not need any more benches and that this is reflected in the park master plan, the committee five-year plan, and most Dalevue park reports since 2019. Ms. Matason disagreed with disallowing a bench at the park, remarking that if a resident wants to put in a remembrance bench to remember a loved one and chooses a park, the committee needs to accept that. Otherwise, it is unfair to the people who use the parks. Ms. Sulzer and Ms. Smith agreed. The donation policy was discussed briefly. Mr. Kalp offered that it would not seem right to deny someone placement of something to remember a loved one by in the park of their choosing and thought it was worth investigating. Mr. Schulte will reach out to Centre Region Parks regarding possible proper placement of the bench.

NB-3 Pathway to Campus

Mr. Kalp discussed the possibility of a pathway connecting to campus on E. College Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Kerner reminded committee members that the meeting dates are now the second Monday of the month.

Ms. Sittler adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Linda Magro

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