



**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, August 8, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
**1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801**  
**Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)**

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**ATTENDED BY –**  
**P&R COMMITTEE:** Judi Sittler, Chair  
David Schulte  
Sue Smith  
Earl Moore  
Jude Simpson  
Stephen Spoonamore  
Derek Kalp  
Janet Sulzer

**ABSENT:** Kathy Matason

**GUESTS:** Pat Schulte – resident of Mayberry Lane

**STAFF:** Amy Kerner, Public Works Director  
Sharon Meyers, Senior Support Specialist – Engineering

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**CALL TO ORDER:**  
Ms. Sittler called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Ms. Sittler reviewed Zoom protocol.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**  
Mr. Kalp introduced his intern Grace, who is in her fourth year in the Landscape Architecture program at Penn State.

**MINUTES:**  
**Mr. Kalp moved to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
**Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**OB-1 Spring Creek Park Master Plan (Update)**  
Ms. Kerner gave a brief update on the Spring Creek Master Plan. Ms. Kerner stated the final draft is in progress and should be able to be presented at the Parks and Recreation meeting in September and to The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The final plan will tentatively be presented to College Township Council at the early November meeting, any changes can then be made prior to the deadline in December. Ms. Kerner stated that springtime will then be the point for the grant application to be completed.

**OB-2 Dalevue Park – Dusk to Dawn Light**  
Ms. Sittler introduced the topic of the dusk to dawn light in Dalevue Park's parking area. There was a member of the Dalevue Park community present, Ms. Sittler offered to hear public



comment prior to rendering a decision of a recommendation to CT Council.

Ms. Schulte introduced herself and offered the following to be read into record:

*I am in opposition to installing a light in the Dalevue Park parking lot.*

*I have lived in our house that borders the park for 34 years. During those 34 years I have noticed cars in the parking lot during the Dusk to Dawn period but that has been very infrequently.*

*I first learned about the proposal for a light to be installed in the Dalevue Parking Lot when it appeared on the Parks and Recreation June meeting agenda. I had no idea as to why a light was being considered for installation. I chose to speak to those neighbors whose properties border Dalevue Park and would be impacted by the light. What I learned was that ½ the neighbors already knew about the light and ½ (myself included) had no idea about the light or why it might be necessary to install a light. In retrospect, if those who had concerns alerted all of the neighbors, we would have come together as a neighborhood to help insure the safety of everyone. I think that we can all agree that we don't want to see anything bad happen to any of our neighbors.*

*My objection to the light is*

- 1. During the time when the leaves have dropped from the trees there is a lengthy period of dusk to dawn when the light will be shining in all of our backyards.*
- 2. The light will be a constant reminder that there were safety concerns in the neighborhood.*
- 3. The light will set a precedent for lights to be installed on other College Township Parks.*

*I ask both the Parks and Recreation Committee and the College Township Council to be diligent in determining if there is a serious problem occurring in the Dalevue Parking Lot and is the installation of a light the appropriate solution.*

*Respectfully,*

*Pat Schulte*

*1248 Mayberry Lane  
State College, PA*

Ms. Sittler thanked Ms. Schulte for her time and asked Ms. Kerner about the type of light which may be installed.

Ms. Kerner stated that research of the different types of lights is underway and all options will be researched prior to presenting to CT Council. However, the larger question is, does this committee recommend or not recommend a light be installed at Dalevue Park.

Ms. Sittler recommended each member of the Parks and Recreation Committee speak on their thoughts in the matter before making a motion.

Mr. Moore stated that the issue at hand seems to be more of a safety issue and doesn't believe this committee should be making this decision. After a brief discussion amongst committee members Mr. Moore stated he does not believe a light is necessary.

Mr. Spoonamore stated that his vote is a hard no for the proposed light in the parking area.

Ms. Sulzer stated she was not in attendance for the meeting at the park, however she had read the meeting minutes and reviewed the police reports provided. Ms. Sulzer declared she does not believe a light is necessary as there are no signs on the main road directing traffic to this park. Ms. Sulzer stated her vote is a no for the light as she discourages signs and lights at the parks.

Ms. Simpson stated her vote is a hard no as she has reviewed the police reports and believes



the activities to be relatively benign.

Ms. Smith agreed with her fellow committee members and believes a light may set a precedent and encourage the public to frequent the park after dusk. Ms. Smith stated she would vote no for a light to be installed and recommended signs with the park hours be placed in a more obvious location.

Mr. Kalp agreed with the points the other committee members were making and believes the neighborhood is acting appropriately in reporting any suspicious activity to the proper authorities. He also believes this to be a safety issue and does not believe this is a decision which should be made by this committee.

Mr. Schulte stated that he does not recommend a light be installed in the Dalevue Park parking lot.

Ms. Sittler stated all parks in the area are open from dawn to dusk and no other parks are lighted with the exception of Slab Cabin Park during the winter season for sledding. Ms. Sittler then asked for a motion for a recommendation to Council.

**Ms. Sulzer moved to make a recommendation to Council to not install a dusk to dawn light in Dalevue Park.**

**Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **NB-1 Glenn Park**

Ms. Smith stated that she believes a Frisbee golf course would be more beneficial to the park than a gazebo. The committee discussed options and other disc golf courses in the area. During the discussion it was concluded that the public playing disc golf at Glenn Park had not requested a course be installed. But it was noticed that there are a few people gathering at the park to play disc golf periodically. As there were many more questions that came up during the discussion, Ms. Sittler decided that the matter will be tabled until there is more information available.

##### **NB-2 Penn Hills Park**

Mr. Kalp, along with his intern, met with some of the residents of Penn Hills to learn of their concerns of the park. Those present welcome trees and would like to see the addition of play equipment geared more towards preschool aged children. As well as, universal accessibility, a paved pad under the existing pavilion which is currently mulch, keep the sledding hill, and possibly implement natural play into the hillside.

The committee discussed the plan presented by Mr. Kalp. Mr. Kalp stated this plan is preliminary and, very adjustable and flexible.

Mr. Schulte suggested the ballfield, if improved, would get a lot more use and the most important part of the improvements would be the playing surface. Ms. Kerner suggested a survey of residents should be completed. Ms. Smith agreed that it would be nice to see an area for unorganized sports. Mr. Kalp agreed it would be nice to have an area for sandlot style, neighborhood games.

Mr. Kalp volunteered to take the plan back to the community and conduct a survey, either in person or via email. There was some discussion amongst the committee members of the survey.

#### **PARKS REPORTS:**

**(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)**

Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow was sprayed on July 20, 2022 and it has been reported that the pollinators have increased and there is a decrease in thistle in the park.

Stearns crossing Homeowners Association has been alerted to Purple Loosestrife in their detention pond.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Sittler announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Ms. Kerner stated that Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Bloom, and herself would be outlining for Council the matters at Stoney Batter. Should a grant be applied for, Council will need to approve to match the amount. Ms. Kerner stated there should be more feedback at the next meeting. Ms. Sittler asked that this topic be added to future Parks and Recreation meeting so as to keep everyone up to date. Ms. Meyers agreed to add this to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ms. Sulzer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**With no other matters to discuss, Ms. Sittler adjourned the August 8, 2022, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting at 8:31 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Sharon E. Meyers  
Recording Secretary