General Meeting Information
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To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Zoom on Computer or Smart Phone:
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- Dial +1 646 558 8656 ● Meeting ID: 820 7144 7124 ● Passcode: 874660
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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: For specific Park and Recreation agenda items and for items not on the agenda, written public comments may be submitted in advance by emailing smeyers@collegetownship.org by noon the day of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

REORGANIZATION: To be chaired by staff member present

OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1 November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Approval)

OLD BUSINESS: OB-1 Fogleman Overlook (Continued Discussion)

OB-2 2023 Annual Report DRAFT (Discuss/Approval)

NEW BUSINESS:
PARKS REPORTS: (Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)

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STAFF INFORMATIVES:

OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING MEETING: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:
Monday, January 8, 2024

Acting Chair to call the reorganization meeting to order.

Begin by welcoming the new member, Mr. Ned Brokloff, to the committee.

Acting Chair to call for nominations for chair.

**Chair:** Motion to nominate, close nominations, motion to elect

Reorganization to continue, chaired by newly-elected Chair.

**Vice-Chair:** Motion to nominate, close nominations, motion to elect

**Park Assignments**

Meeting will resume as scheduled.
CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Moore reviewed Zoom protocol as there were participants via Zoom.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
- Mr. Spoonamore has continued to attend Mount Nittany Conservancy meetings
  They will be conducting a Pollinator Survey, which would include mapping of
  pollinator plots and unmowed or lightly mowed areas of the Township
  Mr. Moore questioned if the Township has anything in place to document this type
  of data
  Ms. Kerner to check with the Township GIS Technician
- Mr. Moore questioned if Thompson Woods Preserve is a regional park. If so, how and when
  did it become a regional park
  Mr. Schulte explained how the preserve came about and the agreement for Centre
  Region Parks and Recreation to maintain the park but ownership was retained by
  College Township and State College Borough

CONSENT AGENDA:
CA-1 September 11, 2023 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting as written. Ms.
Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
CA-2  2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule
   · The committee discussed the meeting schedule for 2024
     Staff suggested the February and April meetings be required while March and May
     meetings be optional due to the Township timeline for the Capital Improvement
     Program (CIP)
     Staff also suggested the committee move the meeting date for the November meeting
     as the meeting would fall on Veterans Day. Mr. Schulte suggested leaving the
     meeting date as November 11, 2024 and give staff the night off from a meeting. Ultimately
     the committee decided to move the meeting date to November 18, 2024.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the meeting dates as amended and establish a 7:00pm start
   time for the Parks and Recreation Committee’s 2024 regular meetings, with the Park Tour
   meeting in June to begin at 6:00pm, and continue offering both in-person and virtual meeting
   attendance via the zoom platform.”
Mr. Spoonamore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
   OB-1  Township Park Survey Results
   · Ms. Sulzer stated both parks that were surveyed are her assigned parks and noticed of those
     who responded to the surveys many use these parks never or rarely
     She requested the planting mound along Brandywine Drive be weeded and mulched
     given the desire in the survey to leave Fieldstone Park as is
     Harris Acres has recently updated the picnic tables and trash receptacle
   · Mr. Spoonamore interpreted the Harris Acres survey as multiple requests for some sort of
     play equipment or structure, as well as having access issues
   · Ms. Kerner shared an aerial view of Harris Acres to discuss the access issues
   · The committee discussed options to delineate corners of the park and access as well as
     options to better define the path so people don’t feel like they are walking in a resident’s yard
     to enter the park
   · It was determined by the committee that the person who is assigned the parks should develop
     a report/suggestions to be added to the committee’s five year plan

   OB-2  Fogleman Overlook
   · Mr. Spoonamore stated that he has not been able to give Fogleman Overlook the attention
     needed as he has been attending various meeting with Mt. Nittany Conservancy
   · Mr. Brokloff was able to speak with a person from the gas company
   · Ms. Kerner reached out to the power company and was transferred to rights-of-way and
     easements department, but has not received anything further
   · Mr. Brokloff offered to reach out to the power company about the easement they hold in the
     park

NEW BUSINESS:
   NB-1  2023 Parks & Recreation Annual Report DRAFT
   · The committee discussed amendments and corrections to the draft report
   · Mr. Schulte volunteered to relieve staff of the burden the report creates and prepare the annual
     report for this year
     After some discussion it was determined by the committee that staff will continue to
     prepare the annual report
   · Ms. Simpson suggested a few spelling corrections to be made
· Ms. Matason and Mr. Schulte will forward an update for their biographies
· Park facilities were discussed and it was determined that some should be marked with an asterisk to designate parks not controlled by College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

The committee also decided HOA “parks” shall not be added to the facilities, but the Lemont Village Green should be added and marked with an asterisk

Ms. Smith moved to approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee annual report with correction made.
Mr. Spoonamore seconded. Motion passed with a count of seven for and one abstention.

· The committee continued discussing edits and modifications to the report and ultimately decided the report is not ready for official approval

Mr. Spoonamore moved to rescind the prior motion.
Ms. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

· Mr. Moore asked committee members to have their biography changes and list of highlights, as well as any further edits to Ms. Meyers within the next ten days in order to give her time to compile and format a new draft for the January meeting

PARKS REPORTS:  
(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)
· Mr. Spoonamore stated that there will be a letter coming to the Parks and Recreation Committee as well as to the Township from the Mt. Nittany conservancy, seeking an easement to establish a trailhead directly across from the shale pit parking area.

STAFF INFORMATIVES: None presented.

OTHER MATTERS:
OM-1 Correspondence Provided by Residents
· Ms. Kerner introduced the two letters provided to staff with surveys. One letter referred to Harris Acres and the concerns of creating something more than a maintained open space. The other referred to Panorama Village Park and shrubs that need to be removed.

Mr. Spoonamore recommended leaving the shrubs be as there are two inhabited bird boxes which are well maintained. He also volunteered to educated residents of the need for habitat near the boxes.
Ms. Sulzer offered that a bigger issue in Panorama Park may be the encroachment of weeds, shrubs, and sheds in other areas of the Park.
Mr. Moore suggested that Panorama Park be added to the agenda for the June 2024 Park Tour meeting.
Mr. Schulte stated he has sympathy for the home owners and less for the birds.
Mr. Spoonamore offered if residents don’t like living next to a park they should move.
The committee decided that no action will be taken until after the June 2024 park tour meeting.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
· Ms. Smith announced the 2023 Lemont Christmas Market will be held December 8th & 9th
· Ms. Sulzer noticed Centre Hills Country Club plans to build a new pool and some pickleball courts
· Mr. Spoonamore announced November 14, 2023, 4:30-6:30pm at the Borough Hall will be the final opportunity for public input for the regional transportation of the future plan
· Mr. Spoonamore announced there is a meeting coming up the last Friday in November, which Penn State is looking into making walkways used for football to be accessible as bikeways for most of the year,
· Ms. Matason offered that Whitehall Road Regional Park will have a grand opening in the spring
· Mr. Moore announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm, which will begin with the committee’s reorganizational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the November 13, 2023 Parks and Recreation meeting. 
Mr. Spoonamore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted By,
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Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary
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I. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Earl Moore, Chair**

Park Assignments: Shamrock, Slab Cabin, Thompson Woods Parklet  
Member Since: March 2016  
Term Ends: December 2027

Earl was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania. He lived in the Pine Creek Valley for twenty years and the last five years in College Township. He has a degree in Information Technology from Penn State. Earl has a wonderful wife, Kimberly, three sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter. He has served on the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee since March 2016 and on the LTAC since January 2016. His hobbies include gardening, woodworking, and home improvements.

**David Schulte, Vice-Chair**

Park Assignments: Dalevue, Oak Grove, Penn Hills  
Member Since: January 1989  
Term Ends: December 2023

Dave has a BS in Psychology from the State University of New York (1974) and is an MCSE(2003). After 45 years as a professional systems designer, implementer and administrator, he retired in 2019 and now enjoys bringing his grandchildren to the park, bicycling, and flying his plane. He has been a Little League coach, CRPR soccer coach, and BSA adult leader (CM, RT, SM, WB). Dave has served as the committee secretary (1990-1996, 2013), vice-chairman (2003, 2023) and chairman (1997-2002, 2004-2007).

**Kathleen Matason**

Park Assignments: Millbrook Marsh, CRPR  
Member Since: January 2005  
Term Ends: December 2026

Kathy has a BS in Management and a MA in American Studies, both from Penn State. She retired in 2018 from her position as Director of Operations of the Ben Franklin Technology Center. Kathy joined the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee in 2005 (chair from 2008-2010) and has represented College Township on the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority since 2005, serving as secretary (2007-2018) and chair (2018-present). She also represents College Township on the Millbrook Marsh Advisory Committee (2005-present). Kathy is a long-standing member of the Centre County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council, serving in several key leadership positions (2003-present) and continues to serve on the Volunteer Event Staff Advisory Board of the Center for the Performing Arts (2016-present; president from 2019-present). Participating in two major construction projects, Whitehall Road Regional Park and Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Spring Creek Education Building Phase II/Diane Kerly Welcome Pavilion, has been the highlight of 2023!
**Jude Simpson**

Park Assignments: Bike Paths, Slab Cabin Overlook, Spring Creek Park  
Member Since: January 2007  
Term Ends: December 2026

Jude is a Penn State graduate who studied Fisheries Science and Biology at the University of Alaska in Juneau. Since moving to State College in 2000, Jude has served on the boards of the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition and as a volunteer for Pennsylvania Rails to Trails. She believes all residents of the Centre Region should have the opportunity to enjoy convenient, non-motorized access to trails and other recreational facilities. Her vision is for the development of a safe, destination bound continuous alternative transportation system that would link parks, trails, and bike paths in order to promote physical activity and healthy living.

**Judi Sittler**

Park Assignments: Cairns Crossing, Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow, Spring Creek Estates  
Member Since: January 2015  
Term Ends: December 2027

Judi was born and raised in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She raised a family in State College, and got her undergraduate and master’s degree in Special Education from Penn State. Judi moved to Los Angeles where she lived for thirty years, teaching special education at UCLA and Beverly Hills High School. During this time, she got a PhD in Psychology and set up a private practice as a licensed psychologist. When she retired in 2006, she moved to State College with her husband Stu Silver. She is happy to be “back home” and close to her son and daughter-in-law. Her home is along Spring Creek in the Lemont area. Having Spring Creek in her backyard, prompted Judi to join the Central PA Women Anglers in 2007 and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited in 2009. She served as the chapter’s president for four years and then moved to the position of chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Association in March 2014. Judi attributes everything she knows about watershed conservation to her experiences with everyone associated with Trout Unlimited and the Spring Creek Watershed Association.

**Susan Smith**

Park Assignments: Glenn Park, Limerock Terrace, Mountainside  
Member Since: January 2011  
Term Ends: December 2025

Susan F. Smith (Sue) was a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, at the time Spring Creek Park was created. She is a member of the Lemont Village Association (LVA) and is very involved in the activities sponsored. Sue is also a member of the CC Housing Authority, and other organizations and now has grandchildren living in Lemont using College Township parks. She is a graduate of Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and has worked as an elementary school teacher, legislative aide, and fundraising consultant to non-profit organizations.
Stephen Spoonamore

Park Assignments: Fogleman Overlook, Nittany Orchard, Mt. Nittany Terrace, Stoney Batter
Member Since: May 2022
Term Ends: December 2024

Stephen moved to College Township with his family in 2016. His wife is a professor at Penn State. His son attends Spring Creek Elementary. An Army brat he grew up all over. He attended University of Pennsylvania and over the last 30 years has built multiple technology companies in specialty chemicals, image computing and electronics. He currently is CEO of a company building medical image diagnostic software. He loves our parks and bike trails.

Janet Sulzer

Park Assignments: Fieldstone, Harris Acres, Panorama
Member Since: March 2018
Term Ends: December 2025

Janet was raised in Central Pennsylvania and has a BS from Mansfield State University and an AS from Penn State. She and her husband moved to the Centre Region in 1970 and then to College Township in 1979. Since 1983, Janet has held numerous positions in local government in College Township and the Centre Region, including eight years as a College Township Council Member. She was Chairperson of the Centre Region Council of Government’s Public Service Commission when regional trash collection was implemented.

II. BACKGROUND

DEMOGRAPHICS

College Township is a composite of zoned areas that allows for a mixture of agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential, residential-office, and university, blended into an area of approximately eighteen and one half square miles. According to the 2020 US census, College Township population was 10,780. This was a 13.2% increase from 2010. The age distribution is fairly even, with each group having different needs and preferences. Which indicates a need for a diversified park system.

Ages: <18 18-24 25-44 45-86 65+
21.1% 16.7% 26.0% 21.3% 14.9%

PUBLIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

College Township’s provision for recreational activities is part of a larger regional system. Each municipality is responsible for the acquisition and development of park land, including capital improvements. The maintenance of the parks is shared by Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR), for designated “regional” parks, and College Township, for the remaining “neighborhood” parks.
RECREATION PLANNING

In the 1970's College Township adopted a comprehensive plan, which included a section on parks and open space, and referenced the 1973 Centre Region Parks and Open Space Plan. In 1985 the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee developed a five year plan for improvement of the existing parks.

In 1986, a comprehensive recreation, park, and open space study of the Centre Region was compiled by Griswold, Winters, Swain, and Mullin (GWSM) Inc., a landscape architecture firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This study updated the inventory of recreation facilities and provided recommendations for improvements, particularly for the regional facilities.

The College Township Parks and Recreation Committee has proposed updates to the township official map. The map is a planning tool to help locate existing and proposed public lands and facilities. The committee received input from public meetings, College Township Planning Commission, and Centre Region Planning staff. In addition to future roadways and bicycle paths, the committee recommended locations of two types of parks. The first type is “active” recreational parks, and the other “passive” recreational parks. Passive parks are as areas primarily utilized as flood plains or other environmentally important areas.

ENABLING LEGISLATION

In 1968, the General Assembly enacted the provisions of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) which enabled the township to adopt an “Official Map”. The purpose of the legislation is “to serve and promote the public health, safety and convenience, and general welfare; to facilitate adequate provision of public streets and facilities; to improve traffic circulation; to provide for the recreational and open space needs of the community; to protect and enhance water resources; and to facilitate the subdivision of land and the use of land and watercourses”.

College Township adopted Ordinance No. 87 on November 14, 1985 as Chapter 133 of the College Township Code. The General Assembly amended Section 402 of the Municipalities Planning Code in 1988 to clarify certain provisions. In the amendment, municipalities were given clear authority to identify the approximate location of both existing and proposed public streets, watercourses, and public grounds.

In 1988, the Pennsylvania General Assembly adopted revisions to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Section 503 (11) of the MPC gave clear authority for townships to require dedication of parkland and/or “fees-in-lieu” as part of subdivision ordinance pursuant to an adopted recreation plan. The action of the General Assembly provided clear legislative authority for township’s to adopt an ordinance requiring dedication of parkland and/or collect a “fee-in-lieu” to be used solely for the acquisition or development of parkland.
### III. PARK FACILITIES

#### INVENTORY OF FACILITIES

Below is a list of park facilities and activities available within College Township. (* denotes park facilities not controlled by College Township Parks & Recreation Committee)

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ACQUISITION

Every neighborhood should have a park within walking distance. Wherever possible, the Township should acquire land adjacent to existing parks. The land and/or funding for these acquisitions may be obtained through:

   a) Dedication as part of subdivision approval
   b) “Fee-in-Lieu” funds from developers
   c) Government grants
   d) Township tax funds
   e) Donations
   f) Easements

Parcels to be acquired should meet the following criteria:

   a) **Size:** Neighborhood Parks should be at least 10 acres and serve people living within a ½ mile service area; Regional Parks usually to be twenty (20) to fifty (50) acres
   b) **Access:** Neighborhood Parks should abut a public street and have a minimum frontage of fifty (50) feet, OR have a clearly defined easement acceptable to the Township; Regional Parks should have vehicular access from a public street
   c) **Shape:** Should be suitable to accommodate park recreation and open space activities appropriate for the neighborhood; May include natural area as well as active recreation areas
   d) **Surface:** Soil should be suitable for intended park use; Some park area may be located in detention basins or flood plains so long as the topography of the majority of the area is suitable for park uses
   e) **Service Area:** Neighborhood Parks shall be accessible by walking and have limited parking as the service area is not more than ½ mile; Regional Parks typically are accessible by driving, bicycling, and/or walking and have ample parking and a wide range of facilities, as the service area is at least a three mile radius and can be region-wide
DEVELOPMENT

The need for the development of parklands includes the development of underdeveloped parks, as well as the development of parkland recently acquired. The potential cost of development is substantial. Therefore, a phased development plan, subject to availability of funds, has been updated and prioritized in the Five-Year Plan.

MAINTENANCE

Park maintenance in the Township is a shared responsibility. Centre Region Parks and Recreation provides general maintenance services such as, grass mowing, apparatus painting and repair, field grading and lining, at regional parks. The Township performs these services for the neighborhood parks. College Township also provides maintenance services for major items such as, equipment installation and/or replacement, hard court surface repairs, and parking area repairs.

IV. OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of the Parks and Recreation Committee to encourage the Township to provide parks and recreational opportunities for the residents of College Township. To meet this objective the Township shall:

CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE PARK AND RECREATIONAL LAND

Acquiring park and recreational land shall continue as land development occurs within the Township, as well as when appropriate lands become available.

DEVELOP NEW PARKS AS ACQUIRED

Development of new parks as acquired happens in three steps.

Step 1: Identify sites with signs immediately after obtaining the title to identify that land as public parkland.

Step 2: Prepare a site development plan and phasing.

Step 3: Implement plans as budget permits.

IMPROVE EXISTING PARKS

There are multiple ways to improve existing parks

- Repair and maintain existing equipment
- Prepare or maintain a master plan and map for each park site
- Provide new equipment as budget permits
- Preserve and plant native and noninvasive vegetation to encourage wildlife and reduce traffic sounds
- Preserve and protect streams and buffer zones
PROVIDE ACCESS

The Township shall provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access from residential areas to recreational, industrial, and commercial areas throughout the Township.

V. RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Township manages the nature trail in Mountainside Park. The Mt. Nittany Conservancy is a partner in overseeing the Stoney Batter Natural Area. The Centre Soccer Association is a partner in the development of Fogleman Fields. Centre Soccer provides programs at Fogleman Fields and other facilities within College Township. Centred Basketball utilizes the Spring Creek Park basketball facilities through their “Growing the Game” program. Centre Region Parks and Recreation also provides other recreational programs to residents and non-residents.

VI. HIGHLIGHTS

- A service project was suggested at Spring Creek Estates Park
- Slab Cabin Run revitalization
- After careful consideration with neighborhood residents, new playground equipment was ordered for Mountainside Park and the area was prepped for the installation

VII. PLANS AND CHALLENGES

- Update the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Oversee the completion of capital improvement and maintenance
- Support the acquisition of future parklands and/or easements to lands which will improve recreational opportunities for residents
- Encourage neighborhood and community participation in the improvement and renovation of parks
- Assure that future generations have the land on which to develop adequate parks and recreational spaces
- Convince developers that a plan which includes parkland and public amenities is worth more to potential buyers than a plan with minimal to no parkland or designated open space
## VIII. APPENDICES

### PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE YEAR PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The following maintenance and projects were completed by the Public Works Crew in 2023:

Installed parking signs in parks with parking areas; Refurbished wooden park signs; Mowing and weed removal/spraying in all parks as needed

**Bike Bath:** Removed dead trees which came down during thunderstorm; Trimmed trees and shrubs encroaching on path

**Cairns Crossing:** Replaced rotten/broken boards on boardwalk; Removed dead tree which came down during high winds

**Dalevue:** Moved the park rules sign as requested

**Fogleman Overlook:** Removed picnic table; Installed a park bench

**Mountainside:** Marked out and prepped area for new play equipment; Removed a tree blocking the path; Removed wasp nest; Repaired/Replaced swing chains; Trimmed trees and shrubs encroaching on path

**Oak Grove:** Repaired/replaced swing chains; Removed dead trees and cleared brush throughout the park; Regraded and seeded near path; Cleared brush at basketball court

**Penn Hills:** Repaired litter receptacle holder; Removed broken sign and post; Repaired corroded handrail on slide; Replaced shingles on pavilion roof

**Slab Cabin:** Pavilion roof renovated

**Spring Creek Park:** Replaced rotten and damaged boards of covered bridge; Placed concrete abutments to deter vandalism; Prepared pad for installation of fitness equipment

**Stoney Batter:** Posted parking signs along Mt. Nittany Road

**Thompson Woods Preserve:** Repaired chain-link fence in multiple areas
College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

January 8, 2024

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

November 16, 2023

Received a report on the Thompson Woods Preserve Governance Committee from Bill Keough.

Approved “that the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority authorizes the approval of a Book Return Station to be installed and monitored by Schlow Library Staff at the Park Forest Community Pool.”

Approved “that the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority endorses and recommends the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Responsibilities Matrix” prepared by the Special Governance Committee.

Received an update on the Whitehall Road Regional Park Phase I project.

Received an update on the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Spring Creek Education Building Phase II and Diane Kerly Welcome Pavilion project.

Next scheduled meeting is December 21, 2023, 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Work Session

November 16, 2023

Met with the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee to discuss the formation of a Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Capital Committee.

On September 8, 2023, the MMNC Boardwalk Working Group accepted the Boardwalk Feasibility Study Phase II Report from LAN Associates, contingent on the Working Group’s feedback being included in the Final Report. The Working Group suggested that the CRPR Authority and the MMNC Advisory Group work to establish a Capital Campaign Committee to work on a funding strategy in January 2024. This suggestion will be implemented.

Next scheduled meeting is December 21, 2023, 10:00 am, COG General Forum Room

Centre Regional Parks and Recreation Special Meeting

Next scheduled special meeting is TBD. Note that special meetings were scheduled through the calendar year 2023 to accommodate timely approval of change orders for Whitehall Road Regional Park.
COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee

November 15, 2023 - cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting is December 20, 2023, 8:30 am, COG General Forum Room

Coordination Team for Whitehall Road Regional Park and Millbrook Marsh Phase 2

Meets every other week to discuss progress. Team consists of COG Parks and Recreation Director, COG Executive Director, COG Facilities Manager, COG Finance Director, Project Manager, a representative from COG General Forum, and CRPR Authority Chair.

COG Finance Committee, COG Executive Committee, and General Forum – I have been attending, via Zoom, the meetings of Finance and Executive in order to keep abreast of developments relating to Authority activities. I attend General Forum meetings when needed as they generally occur on evenings when I have an ongoing prior commitment.

College Township Council and Planning Commission - I am attending College Township Planning Commission and College Township Council meetings when agenda items are related to Parks and Recreation.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Feasibility Working Group

Next scheduled meeting is TBD, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

COG Parks Capital Committee (joint meeting with the Authority)

October 12, 2023 - cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2024, 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee

November 15, 2023

Endorsed reappointments for members whose terms were expiring December 31, 2023.

Approved the 2024 meeting schedule. March 20, June 19, September 18, and November 20, 4:00-6:00.
Approved changes to the by-laws and membership that were proposed at the work session on October 17, 2023

Received updates on the construction of the Spring Creek Education Building Phase II and Diane Kerly Welcome Center.

Next scheduled meeting is March 20, 2024, 4:00 pm, Spring Creek Education Building

**Special Events with Centre Region Council of Governments/Parks and Recreation Agency**

Made several trips to Whitehall Road Regional Park with staff members to observe progress.

Prepared by Kathy Matason