



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 9, 2026
7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

General Meeting Information

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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.

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CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/CITIZENS COMMENTS):

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1 February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes
(Approval)

OLD BUSINESS: OB-1 Mountainside Park Service Project
(Discussion)

OB-2 Draft 5-Year Plan
(Discussion)

NEW BUSINESS: None

PARK REPORTS: Attached

Park	Representative
Bike Paths	Simpson
Cairns Crossing	Sittler
CRPR	Matason
Dalevue	Schulte
Fieldstone	Schulte
Fogleman Fields	Simpson
Fogleman Overlook	Schulte
Glenn Park	Smith
Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow	Sittler
Harris Acres	Moore
Limerock Terrace	Smith
Millbrook Marsh	Matason
Mountainside	Smith
Mt. Nittany Terrace	Smith
Nittany Orchard	Sittler
Oak Grove	Schulte
Panorama	Moore
Penn Hills	Schulte
Shamrock	Moore
Slab Cabin	Moore
Slab Cabin Overlook	Simpson
Spring Creek Park	Simpson
Spring Creek Estates	Sittler
Stoney Batter Natural Area	Sittler
Thompson Woods Parklet	Moore
Thompson Woods Preserve	Moore
Public Works	Kerner
Planning Commission	Meyers

STAFF INFORMATIVES: **SI-1** Columbia Gas In-Line Inspection Project Fact Sheet
SI-2 30th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day Flyer
SI-3 Playground Inspections

OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING MEETING: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2026
1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

ATTENDED BY – P&R COMMITTEE:	Earl Moore, Chair Kathy Matason Dave Schulte Sue Smith
EXCUSED:	Jude Simpson Judi Sittler
STAFF:	Amy Kerner, P.E., Public Works Director Sharon Meyers, Sr. Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

Mr. Moore confirmed that no members of the public were participating via Zoom. He then reviewed the Zoom meeting protocol for committee members participating remotely.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Ms. Smith requested that the Mountainside Park service project be added to the March meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:**CA-1 January 12, 2026 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Matason noted that her name was misspelled in the Park Reports section of the minutes. Mr. Schulte requested that the response to his inquiry under the Penn Hills Park report be included in the minutes.

Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting as amended.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: No *Old Business* was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:**NB-1 Draft 5-Year Plan**

Ms. Kerner introduced the draft 5-Year Plan, noting there is no immediate deadline for committee approval, as discussion of the Township's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) typically begins in April. She explained that highlighted items listed under 2027 were recommended for the 2026 budget during last year's 5-Year Plan review but were not ultimately included.

The Committee reviewed the draft 5-Year Plan and recommended the following revisions:

- Move the future connection of the Atherton bike path to Harris Acres under Bike Paths category
- Cairns Crossing – add \$3,000 in 2028 for boardwalk repairs
- Fogleman Overlook – combine the descriptions “parking reconfiguration and pave parking access”, as the funds were consolidated
- Fogleman Overlook – shift parking area paving funds to 2029
- Harris Acres – shift funds for paving access path to 2028



- Mt. Nittany Terrace – delete future improvements associated with Manor development
- Mt. Nittany Terrace – add \$10,000 to 2028 for basketball court widening
- Oak Grove – shift funds for the expansion of path to Elizabeth Road to 2028
- Penn Hills – shift funding for play equipment, basketball court, and pavilion refurbishment each one year later to 2028, 2029, and 2030 respectively
- Shamrock – add a description to convert path to stone chips for future; funds to be determined
- Slab Cabin Overlook – remove the description “future improvements”
- Stoney Batter – remove the description “access control”
- Thompson Woods Parklet – replace “future improvements” with “plant hardwood trees” and shift funds from 2028 to 2029
- Dalevue – shift pavilion funding from 2028 to 2029
- Nittany Orchard – add “replace broken play equipment” as a 2027 project; funding to be determined
- Slab Cabin – remove upper pavilion refurbishment
- Spring Creek – add a description for “regrading infields of ball fields”, to be discussed with CRPR

PARK REPORTS:

Mr. Schulte stated that he did not submit written park reports but noted that Penn Hills Park has recently seen extensive use for sledding. Mr. Moore added that Slab Cabin has also been popular for sledding among both young children and college students.

It was noted that Ms. Matason and Ms. Sittler had provided written reports.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:

SI-1 Member Reappointment Letter

Mr. Moore congratulated Ms. Smith on her recent reappointment.

SI-2 First Energy – Community Tree Program

Mr. Schulte offered a brief overview of past community tree programs sponsored by local power companies.

OTHER MATTERS: No *Other Matters* were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No additional announcements were made.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the February 9, 2026 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Mr. Moore seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Draft

Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary

	Description	Grant/ Service Project	2025 (5year plan)	2025 (budget)	2026 Budget	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Comments
Neighborhood Parks											
Bike Path	Patching & Resurfacing							\$7,000			
Bike Path	Winter Maintenance			\$4,160	\$4,285						
Bike Path	Pine Replacement prior 2024(15; 1 gal.; \$40 each)		\$600	\$600	\$600						
Bike Path	Pine Replacement from 2024(40; 1 gal.; \$40 each)					\$1,600					
Bike Path	Connect Atherton Bike Path to Harris Acres										TBD - align with master sidewalk plan
Cairnes Crossing	Boardwalk repairs		\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700		\$3,000				
Cairnes Crossing	Invasive mitigation					\$1,000					
Crossing	Streambank Planting						\$1,500				
Fieldstone	Pavilion						\$15,000				
Fogleman Overlook	Parking reconfiguration		\$7,500	\$7,500							
Fogleman Overlook	Parking reconfiguration and Pave parking access				\$19,500						
Fogleman Overlook	Pave parking area					\$24,000		\$24,000			move to 2029
Glenn Park											
GDK Meadow	Stormwater management					\$5,000					

GDK Meadow	Pollinator plot (spray invasives-if needed)		\$650	\$650		\$650	\$650	\$650	\$650		
Harris Acres	Pave access path		\$10,000			\$10,000	\$10,000				move to 2028
Limerock Terrace											
Mountainside	Path reconfiguration		\$2,500	\$2,500							
Mt Nittany Terrace	Basketball court (widen to 50' with 3pt arc)		\$10,000	\$10,000			\$10,000				
Mt Nittany Terrace	Future improvements associated w/Manor Dev							\$10,000			delete
Oak Grove	Expand path 375' to Elizabeth Road					\$6,500	\$6,500				move to 2028
Oak Grove	Basketball court (widen to 50' with 3pt arc)					\$10,000					
Panorama											
Penn Hills	Baseball field improvements		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000						
Penn Hills	Play equipment					\$40,000	\$40,000				move to 2028
Penn Hills	Basketball Court						\$17,136	\$17,136			move to 2029
Penn Hills	Pavilion refurbishment							\$2,500	\$2,500		move to 2030
Shamrock	Relocate slide from Slab Cabin		\$3,000			\$3,000					
Shamrock	Extend walking path around perimeter					\$1,000					

Millbrook Marsh										
Nittany Orchard	Gazebo (refurbish & landscape)					\$5,000				
	Replace Broken Play Equipment					xx				
Oak Hall										
Slab Cabin	Upper pavilion (refurbish)					\$10,000				delete
Slab Cabin	Replace play and fitness equipment				\$65,000					
Slab Cabin	Master plan development					\$60,000				
Spring Creek	Basketball and tennis court repave and fence	G	\$190,000	\$190,000						
Spring Creek	Pavilion		\$10,000	\$10,000						
Spring Creek	Benches (repair/replace/move)					\$2,000				
Spring Creek	Landscaping	G					\$20,000			
Spring Creek	Walking path to Puddintown Rd				\$6,000			\$13,000		
Spring Creek	Regrade Infields of ball fields									Talk to Jim Carpenter
Thompson Woods Preserve	Educational kiosk		\$1,000	\$1,000						
Thompson Woods Preserve	Reforestation		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000					

Regional Park											
Totals			206000	206000	81000	87700	20000	13000		0	
TOTAL			268450	244110	112085	210450	133786	77286		0	

College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

March 9, 2026

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

February 19, 2026

Members: Kathy Matason, College Township
Corey Gracie-Griffin, Ferguson Township
Christopher Murrell, Harris Township
Clara Franklin, Patton Township
Tom Daubert, State College Boro
Jen Black, State College Area School District

This meeting was a joint meeting with the Parks Capital Committee (PCC). The members of the PCC were introduced; they conducted their reorganization and approved the minutes of their last meeting. PCC also voted on their meeting schedule for 2026.

Heard a presentation from a representative from Specialty Turf & Robotics on an autonomous electric robotic mower pilot project.

Unanimously voted to approve the award of the Welch Pool Replastering Project to all State Technology, Inc. as the lowest qualified bidder, including the base bid, approved alternates, and authorized unit-price work, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000, and authorize Centre Region Parks and Recreation staff to proceed in accordance with the bid documents and available budgeted funds.

Unanimously voted to approve the updated Centre Region Active Adult Center Code of Conduct and authorize implementation of the accompanying Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form, effective immediately.

Heard an update on the Puddintown Interceptor Act 537 Plan Special Study.

Next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2026, 12:15 pm, in the COG General Forum Room.

COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee

February 25, 2026 - Cancelled

Next scheduled meeting is March 25, 2026, 8:30 am, COG General Forum Room

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 Advisory Committee

Next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2026, 4:00 pm, Spring Creek Education Building

Prepared by Kathy Matason



Parks and Recreation Report

Date: March 2, 2026

Park Name: Nittany Orchard

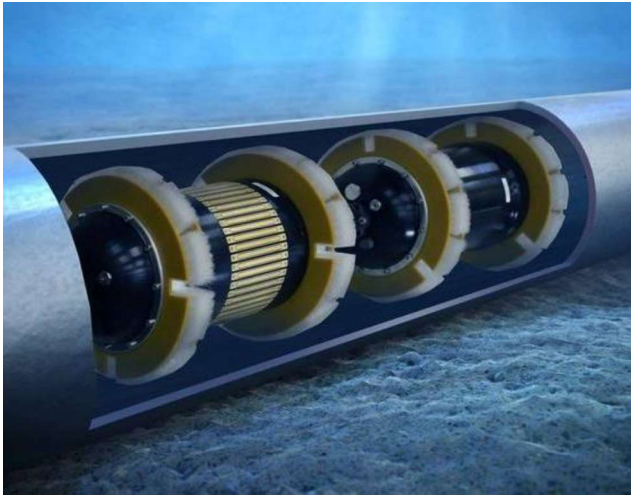
Park Rep: Sittler

The green tarp surrounding the tennis courts is coming down.



Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. D-10132 In-line Inspection (ILI) Project

2026



Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. is retrofitting a natural gas pipeline in State College, PA.

This multi-phase project will enable Columbia Gas to use an in-line inspection (ILI) tool that travels inside the pipeline to detect issues such as corrosion or damage. By identifying potential problems early, Columbia Gas can maintain system integrity and ensure dependable service for its customers.

Project Scope of Work

To allow the inspection tool to travel through the pipeline in one continuous run, Columbia Gas will complete the following work:

- **Phase I:** Replace select pipeline fittings along the pipeline to ensure the inspection tool can traverse the system. This includes upgrading sharp bends to wider-radius bends. Columbia Gas will also complete station improvements at its site known as Pleasant Gap Point-of-Delivery (POD) located along Weaver Hill Road in Bellefonte, PA, which will allow the inspection tool to be placed into the pipeline.
- **Phase II:** Upgrade approximately 5,200 linear feet of existing 8-inch pipeline to new 12-inch pipeline in the fields near Mount Nittany Medical Center. Columbia Gas will also complete station improvements at its site known as Porter Road Regulator Station along Porter Road in State College, PA, which will allow the inspection tool to exit the pipeline.
- **Phase III:** Once the Phase I and Phase II improvements are complete, the entire pipeline will have a consistent diameter, enabling the inspection tool to travel the full length in a single, uninterrupted pass. The inspection itself will take place during Phase III.

Restoration and Construction

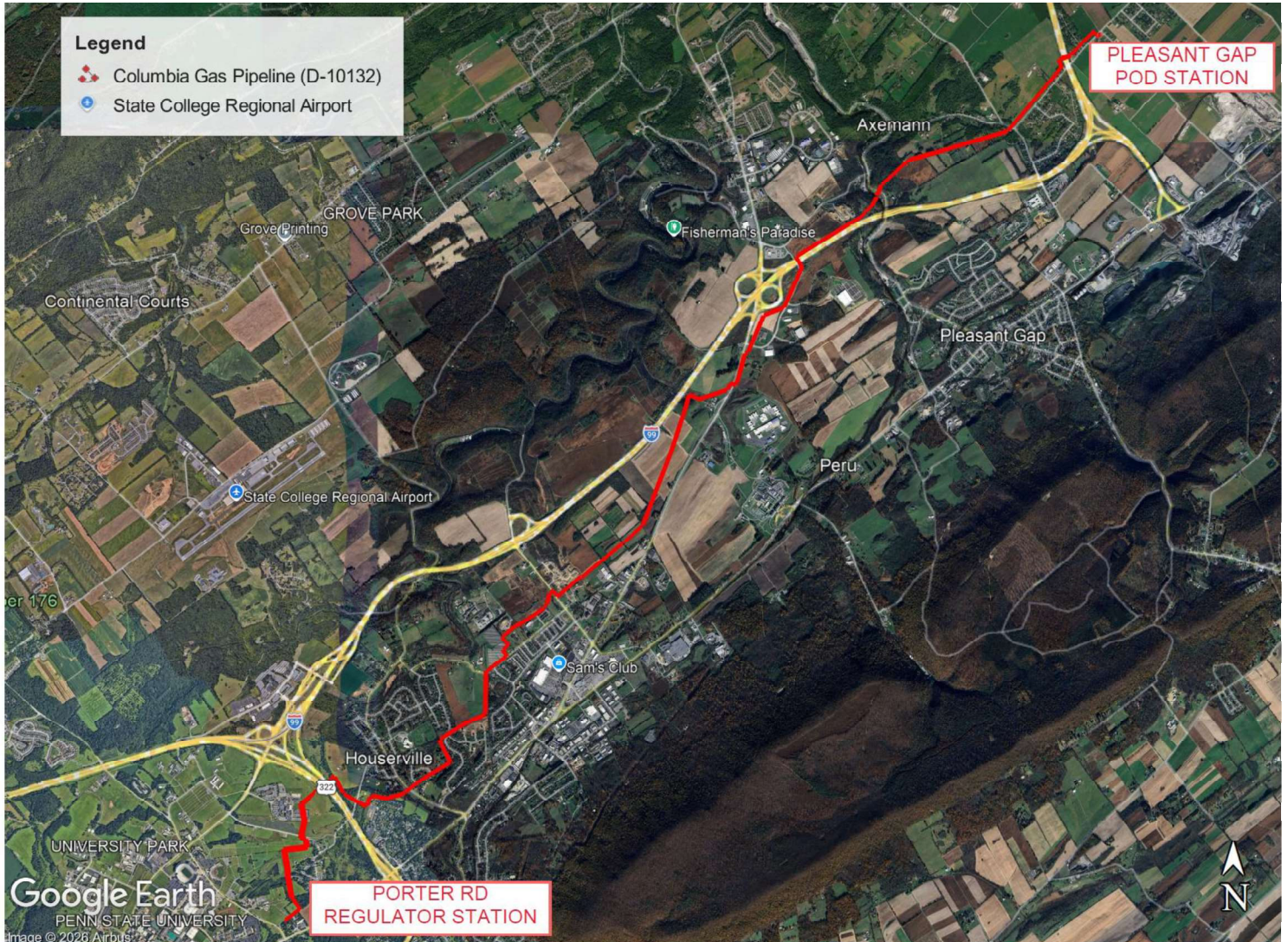
- Any disturbed areas will be restored to pre-project conditions once work is complete. Roads, sidewalks, and other rights-of-way will be restored in accordance with local permits and municipal ordinances.
- Construction will be performed by a Columbia Gas contractor.



Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. D-10132 In-line Inspection (ILI) Project



Project Map



Project Schedule*

- Phase I:** Spring 2026 through Fall 2026
- Phase II:** Spring 2027 through Fall 2027
- Phase III:** Spring 2028
- Project completion:** Fall 2028

**Tentative. Project duration may be impacted by weather and/or unforeseen construction impediments in existing ground conditions.*

Work Hours and Traffic Impact

- Work Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Work Days:** Monday through Saturday. Sunday work may occur if needed.

Traffic Safety: Traffic control measures, such as lane closures and detours, will be in place during work hours.





SI-2



30TH ANNUAL

WATERSHED CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
8 AM-NOON

Gather your friends and neighbors for a fun day in the fresh air as we clean up local streams and open spaces across central PA! Last year 664 volunteers prevented 12,860 pounds of trash from entering our waterways across 69 sites, and you can help make 2026 the most successful yet.

TO VOLUNTEER AND SEE ALL EVENT DETAILS, VISIT
WWW.CLEARWATERCONSERVANCY.ORG/WATERSHED-CLEANUP-DAY
OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW. THANKS FOR JOINING US!



KEEP PENNSYLVANIA
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January 11, 2026

Amy Kerner
Public Works Director
College Township

Amy,

I am writing regarding the playground inspections that I conducted during 2025. I have reviewed my reports and submit to you my findings and the course of action that has been or will be performed.

Dalevue Park,

Small Composite structure 2–5-year-old.

1. All play equipment is compliant
2. There is rust starting to develop on the stairs for the metal slide and the mounting brackets. This will need to be watched so that it does not get worse. CRPR will attempt to sand and repaint those areas.

Large Composite structure 5–12-year-old.

1. All equipment is compliant.
2. Safety mulch will be added to the site in 2026 as needed.

Swings.

1. The buckets swings are not compliant. The buckets will be replaced by CRPR and one swing will need to be removed to bring them into compliance. CRPR will have safety surface material added in 2026.

Spring Animals

1. Early in the springtime of 2025 one of the toddler spring animals had to be removed due to damage of the seat where the hardware to mount the animal to the spring base and is unrepairable.

Slab Cabin Park,

General items.

1. All play areas had playground safety mulch added.
2. The playground should be considered as a replacement item as funding is available.
3. The use zones and safety zones will need to be expanded to meet requirements.
4. The play equipment has met its life expectancies and either individual pieces of equipment should be replaced or taken out of service to bring the entire playground into compliance.

Slides-

- 1) Slides are cracking and Fiberglas is chipping off. [Recommend replacement.](#)

Large composite Play structure-

- 1) Protective surfacing was replenished.
- 2) [Many pieces of hardware show signs of age and fatigue/rusting](#)

To-Fro Swings.

- 1) Swings had safety mulch added.
- 2) The Swing frame paint is peeling severely and rust is forming. Overall, they are in poor condition.
- 3) The use zone/safety zone are not in compliance.

Spring Creek Park.

Playground Equipment in main aera.

- 1) Surfacing measures more than 9 inches and will be monitored with additional material added as needed.
- 2) Play equipment is in fair shape.

To-Fro T-Swings Tot equipment-

- 1) Safety mulch was added to meet the minimum requirements.
- 2) The tot bucket swings will need to have the coated swing chain replaced and inspect the individual buckets again at that time. [This will be completed by CRPR spring of 2026.](#)

To-Fro Swings.

- 1) The safety surfacing has been replenished and will be monitored, additional material added as needed.
- 2) The To-Fro top bar has rust forming and also allows movement, this means that the bolts are no longer holding the bar in place. [This will need to be looked at closer and replacement should be considered in the next 1-2 years. The hardware \(clamps, brackets, and belts\) will need to be replaced soon if the entire swing is not replaced first.](#)

Track Ride Equipment

- 1) Area will need to be monitored for safety surface as this is an are that gets displaced rapidly.
- 2) The equipment will need to be further inspected as the glide wheels and hardware have not been replaced that I am aware of.
- 3) The paint is faded and peeling on the entire structure.
- 4) There is no access platform for users to use to grip the handles to coast on. The handles are very high off the ground and are not easily accessible. [I would recommend that platforms be installed by manufacturing specifications and/or consider removing and replacing them with a different type of play equipment to revitalize the playground.](#)

Nittany Orchard Park.

Composite Structure 2-5 structure.

- 1) This piece of equipment is not compliant. The rubberized decking is delaminating, and rust has formed under the rubber surface. The plastic is fading and beginning to crack, causing sharp edges. Staff have cautioned off the play equipment and tried to remedy the issues without success.
- 2) It would be my recommendation that this play equipment be removed immediately. The small composite structure will need to be considered for replacement in the future.

Merry go round.

- 1) This item should be considered for removal as it is not up to current standards and compliance
 - a. Ground clearance is too high, allowing an individual to climb under the equipment while moving.
 - b. There is nothing controlling/regulating the speed of the equipment.
 - c. The handle grips will need to be in compliance.

It would be my recommendation that this equipment be removed/replaced as soon as possible.

Swings To-Fro and Bucket Swings.

- 1) The Bucket Swings should have the chains and seats replaced. This will be completed by CRPR.
- 2) The larger swings should have the hardware replaced and also the seats. This will be completed by CRPR.
- 3) The frame is showing signs of rusting. CRPR Staff will attempt to fix this and try to prevent further rusting.
- 4) The tire swing swivel hardware should be replaced. CRPR will investigate and discuss with CT.

Large Slide

- 1) The slide has an issue with the entry hood of the slide chute may cause it to be noncompliant. CRPR will investigate further with the manufacture to look for a remedy.

Overall, The College Township playgrounds are in good condition. Minor and major repairs are noted above; some have already been completed, and other items will need to be further discussed. I would recommend as I have to other Municipalities that a replacement strategy be put into place going forward to replace, and in some cases renovate playground equipment in all the College Township Parks. Some parks have had some replacements or additions over the years while others could use a little TLC. A replacement schedule placed on a Capital Improvement Plan over the next 5 years would be a great thing to have, in my opinion. Some of the things that could also be improved upon is signage and borders repaired or replaced. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Carpenter CPRP, CPSI