**General Meeting Information**
To attend in-person, this meeting will start at the Township Municipal Building, 1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801 at 6:00pm and proceed to Spring Creek Park, Spring Creek Estates, and Slab Cabin Park. The order of the parks to be visited will be determined at the start of the meeting.

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** For specific agenda items and for items not on the agenda, written public comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon the day of the meeting by emailing smeyers@collegetownship.org.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:**

**OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

| CA-1 | May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Approval) |

**SITE VISITS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00pm
- Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00pm
- Monday, October 14, 2024 at 7:00pm (if needed)
- Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00pm

**CHAIR INFORMATIVES:**

| CI-1 | Clearwater Conservancy Community Conservation Center |
| CI-2 | Clearwater Properties MS4 Easements |
| CI-3 | CTPR May 13th Report to Council |

**STAFF INFORMATIVES:**

| SI-1 | Planning Commission Agendas |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**
CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. Schulte called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:
Mr. Schulte determined there weren’t people present via zoom and did not review zoom protocol.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
• Ms. Simpson questioned the pedestrian facilities proposed with the Aspen Heights development. She noted her concerns of safety at the intersection of Squirrel Drive and East College Avenue. Mr. Schulte delegated Ms. Simpson to research this issue and report back to the committee.
• Ms. Sulzer suggested researching the green pedestrian paths seen in upstate New York and across Europe.
• There was a brief discussion of food trucks at softball and t-ball games. Mr. Schutle stated there is no commercial activity permitted in Township parks.

NEW BUSINESS:
   NB-1 Park Assignments
• The Chair acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Spoonamore as the Township Liaison to the Mount Nittany Conservancy and asked the committee for volunteers to temporarily report on the parks previously assigned to Mr. Spoonamore. They are as follows:
   Mt. Nittany Terrace – Ms. Smith
   Nittany Orchard – Ms. Sulzer
   Stoney Batter – Mr. Schulte
• Mr. Schulte withdraw from Fogleman Fields & Fogleman Overlook in order to report effectively on Stoney Batter. Ms. Simpson volunteered to temporarily report on them.
NB-2 Planning Commission’s “Workforce”/“Attainable” Housing Ordinance Suggested Changes

- Mr. Schulte introduced the topic and stated a note had been sent to the Parks and Recreation Committee on May 6th in reference to workforce/attainable housing after a committee member did not see a position statement in the packet.
- After some explanation, Mr. Schulte suggested voting on the following position statement: “Under the current ordinance, future residents of “work-force” or “attainable” housing are provided with less parkland and open-space. The Planning Commission has suggested changed language to make the parkland/open-space requirements consistent with the rest of the township’s residential zoning. We support the Planning Commission’s recommendations. Failure to address this inequity will not only affect the quality of life of these future residents, but create additional demand upon our parks system that the township will not be adequately providing for.”

Ms. Simpson moved to adopt the position statement the Chair has written in support of the Planning Commission’s position on Workforce Housing as it relates to parkland and open space requirements.

Ms. Smith seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None presented

PARKS REPORTS:
(Written reports were received via email to all members by the park’s designated committee member wishing to make a report by the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)

- Ms. Meyers provided the agenda for the May 7, 2024 Planning Commission meeting and had no further comment.
- Ms. Sulzer gave a brief report on Fieldstone Park. On Wednesday, May 8th, the Township held an on-site meeting for residents and families to peruse catalogs for potential play equipment to be installed in the park. There were approximately a dozen enthusiastic families that attended. Residents have been asked to submit their recommendations to Ms. Kerner by May 24th.
- Mr. Schulte provided an informative to the committee members present and Ms. Sulzer pertaining to Harris Acres Parklet, please see attached.
- After some discussion of the attached informative Mr. Schulte stated he would entertain a motion to consider a more pedestrian friendly crossing of some sort in the area of Harris Acres and Meyer Dairy when and if the Township reviews the Official Map. No motion was made.
- Ms. Smith reported that the snow fence at Limerock Terrace is in need of repair.

COMMUNICATIONS: None presented.

OTHER MATTERS:

- OM-1 CoG Five Year Plan for Parks & Recreation
  - Mr. Schulte provided the documents within the packet with no further comments/questions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
- Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm to meet at the Township Municipal Building
- Monday, August 12, 2024
- Monday, September 9, 2024
- Monday, October 14, 2024 (if needed)
- Monday, November 18, 2024
CHAIR INFORMATIVES:
  CI-1  Dale Summit Form Based Code
  • The Dale Summit Area Form Based Code has been remanded by College Township Council to the Planning Commission. The informative provided was for the committee to remain informed.
  • After some discussion Ms. Meyers offered to send the committee a link to the College Township website to view a draft of the form based code.

CI-2  June 10th Park Tour Meeting Communication
  • Ms. Sittler has lined up three guest speakers for the June 10th park tour meeting with the suggestion to visit Spring Creek Park, Spring Creek Estates, and Slab Cabin Park.
  • There was a consensus for the June 10th park tour meeting to meet at the Township Municipal Building and visit the above mentioned parks. The order in which the parks will be visited shall be determined at the start of the June 10th meeting.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:
  SI-1 PC Agenda from May 7, 2024
  • No further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:
  CA-1  April 8, 2024 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes
  • Ms. Meyers provided a draft version of the April 8th meeting minutes with Mr. Schulte’s revisions presented.
  Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting as amended.
  Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.
  Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None presented.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the May 13, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.
Mr. Schulte adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

**Draft**

Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary
Jennifer Snyder

From: Danford, Kris <kdanford@psu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 2:02 PM
To: CTCouncil
Subject: Bike/pedestrian path proposal

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Harris Acres and wanted to write with a concern and potential solution for the community.

A problem that has existed for the Harris Acres and connecting Fairfield neighborhoods for many years the fact that there is no safe way for residents to exit the neighborhood in any way other than by vehicle. I am aware that people have voiced this in the past - some proposing a light on Atherton at the Harris Acres entrance or at the Fairfield entrance on Rt. 45, with no luck. The demographics in Harris Acres have really shifted in the past few years, with many active young families now living here. The neighborhood is so close to so many things that should be easily accessible on foot or by bike - Meyer Dairy, Mount Nittany Elementary and Middle Schools, Downtown Boalsburg, Boal City Brewing Co, etc - but it is simply too dangerous. As someone who has attempted to cross Atherton and 45 with my kids via bike, it is an often harrowing experience. On Atherton, you cannot properly see if vehicles are speeding over the hill to the west of us and 45 is frequented by enormous trucks and the road has very small shoulders.

It seems like a reasonable solution to install a bike/pedestrian path on the south side of Atherton stretching from the Harris Acres entrance and going west to Meyer Dairy. Meyer Dairy would have a very happy, steady trail of kids riding their bikes there all summer! That would be ideal. A bike path on that side would allow people to cross Atherton safely at Scenery Drive in order to travel to school, to downtown Boalsburg, etc.

In the fall, I received a questionnaire from the township asking what the neighborhood would like (if anything) added to our Harris Acres Parklet. My answer and that of many of my neighbors: Nothing! This bike/pedestrian path would be SO much more useful and allow for people to support our small businesses even more frequently.

Thank you for reading this and I look forward to your response and consideration.

Best Regards,

Kris Danford
College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

June 10, 2024

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

May 16, 2024

Unanimously approved the October 17, 2023, revisions to the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee Bylaws as recommended by the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee.

Unanimously approved prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco on the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center property in its entirety.

After lengthy discussion of four proposed options for the possible use of the remaining Regional Parks Loan fund in the amount of $237,696, unanimously approved option #1, to construct a pavilion with a concession at Whitehall Road Regional Park and requested that the General Forum support this option so that staff may proceed with planning for the project.

Next scheduled meeting is June 20, 2024, 2024, 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room

Centre Regional Parks and Recreation Authority Special Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is TBD, 9:00 am, COG General Forum Room

COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee

May 22, 2024 - cancelled

Next scheduled meeting is June 26, 2024, 8:30 am, COG General Forum Room

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

Meeting as needed 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)

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

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee

June 12, 2024

Next scheduled meeting is September 18, 2024, 4:00 pm, Spring Creek Education Building

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Capital Campaign Committee

Next scheduled meeting TBD

Prepared by Kathy Matason
Date: June 5, 2024

Park Name: Cairnes Crossing

Park Rep: Judi Sittler

The entrance to Cairnes Crossing could use a little weed abatement before things get out of hand. Also, the path through Cairnes Crossing has a lot of greenery starting to impinge on the pathway. Not sure how often maintenance wants to clear that. I could go through and cut some of the longer pieces.
College Township
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 06/01/2024  Park Name: Dalevue
Park Rep: Schulte

Report:
- Little League games and practices continue.
- A portable pitchers mound has been installed.

Maintenance Issues:

(2020-03-2, updated 2024-06-01)
Please remove the protruding roots (trip hazards), low hanging branches, and brush around the borders of the park to facilitate mowing and improve appearance.
Please mow to the fence line so that the entire field width can be utilized.
(2023-11-04) Please occasionally mow the weeds that are under and around the pine trees along the edges of the park. *(This picture shows the trees at the top of the sledding hill, but the comment applies to all border trees.)*

(2022-06-15)
3. Please "brush-hog" the low growing vegetation in the swale to remove the "hiding places" that the resident at 409 Goldfinch complained of at our June 2022 meeting. This will also facilitate retrieval of errant basketballs and may add parking space.
4. Mow occasionally to maintain appearance and to prevent re-growth.

(2019-9-1) Please acknowledge that *Dalevue Park* is on the list of facilities NOT accepting unsolicited donations of trees, benches, etc. *(e.g. [https://www.crpr.org/parks/remembrance-trees](https://www.crpr.org/parks/remembrance-trees)  [https://www.crpr.org/gift-benches](https://www.crpr.org/gift-benches) )* 

(2019-9-2, updated 2021-04-12) *(For reference: Pine trees were planted by the township approximately 5 feet inside the property line to help delineate the park boundaries. Anything between the trees is on park property and can be removed.)*

*Thank you!*
College Township  
Parks and Recreation Report  

Date: 06/01/2024  
Park Name: Penn Hills  
Parks Rep: Schulte  

Report  

I have pulled weeds and removed the pile of dead vegetation in one corner of the play area. However see below.  

Maintenance Issues:  

(2024-05-06 updated 2024-06-01) Please treat the low growing thorny weeds growing through-out tot-lot. (I can't pull the weeds because of the thorns.)  

(2024-05-06 c) Please add or replace mulch throughout the tot-lot to suppress weed growth and provide a cleaner, softer, safer surface.
(2024-05-06 d) Please mow the area in front of the baseball backstop (approximately 100' x 100') as short as practicable to make a baseball infield. The outfield can be normal grass height.

2023-11-04) Please replace or refurbish the damaged/unreadable "Park closes at sunset" sign.

Thank you!
Report

Upon arrival, Monday afternoon 6/3, four cars in lower parking lot and two in upper lot. Hiked blue blazed trail thru Stony Batter into LPA property and back. Met 8 hikers and an accompanying dog. Noted and concur with complaints about flies and mosquitoes written in trail log. No other wildlife observed. Six cars in lower lot and two in upper lot upon departure.

Maintenance Issues:

(06/03/24) Consider draining or filling water filled depressions in Camp Road to mitigate mosquito infestations.
Clearwater (former Rockenbeck) Properties

MS₄ Easements
Easements

• CT needs these easements along Spring Creek to perpetually maintain a project originally constructed by USFWS and Trout Unlimited

• CT receives permit compliance credits/offsets for perpetual ownership/maintenance

• CT proposes to sign two (2) easements –
  • West side of Houserville Bridge (primary site; along CT Open Space)
  • East side of Houserville Bridge
Easement Areas

Yellow: Western Clearwater Property
Red: Eastern Clearwater Property

CT owns this property to the South, the Spring Creek Estates Open Space
Maintenance Agreements

• CT proposes Clearwater maintain the MS4 easement on behalf of CT to grant CT continued compliance offsets/credits

• CT provides nominal annual fee ($1,429.73) to Clearwater for spot-spraying of invasives, bank stabilization, and other MS4-required components.
  • Riparian components beyond the MS4 base requirements are not reimbursed by CT and are managed by Clearwater finances

• CT proposes to sign two (2) maintenance agreements –
  • West side of Houserville Bridge (primary site; includes CT Open Space)
  • East side of Houserville Bridge
Maintenance Areas

- **Yellow: Western Clearwater Property**
- **Red: Eastern Clearwater Property**

CT owns this property to the South, the Spring Creek Estates Open Space

No easement exists on the Houtz property at this time. Without control of both banks, area is ineligible.
Maintenance Areas

- In order for DEP/MS4 credit/offsets to be granted, both streambanks must be managed/controlled.

- Areas where Clearwater or CT own the combination of streambanks are eligible and will be managed.

- CT has not secured an easement from Houtz for the furthest west area, and therefore we will hold an easement on Clearwater for access and future riparian use but will not actively manage this area at CT expense this permit cycle without a Houtz easement.
Meeting Report
College Township Parks & Recreation Committee - 05/13/2024
David L. Schulte (chair)

Link to agenda packet
http://www.collegetownship.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05132024-436

Overview of meeting

NB-1 Park assignments:
Mr. Spoonamore was not present. The committee acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Spoonamore to be the township's liaison to the Mt Nittany Conservancy. According to a memorandum published by Mr. Brumbaugh, the liaison would resign from any other township positions.
Mr. Schulte asked for committee volunteers to report on the parks/neighborhoods that Mr. Spoonamore had been responsible for until council appoints a replacement to the P&R committee.
Temporarily, reporting assignments will be:
   Moore:  Oak Grove, Shamrock, Slab Cabin, Thompsons' Woods (park and preserve)
   Schulte: Chair, Dalevue, Penn Hills, Stony Batter
   Sitler:  Cairn's Crossing, GDK Meadow, Spring Creek Estates
   Simpson: Bike paths, Fogleman (park & fields), Slab Cabin Overlook, Spring Creek
   Smith:  Glenn, Limerock Terrace, Mountainside, Mt Nittany Terrace
   Sulzer:  Fieldstone, Harris Acres, Nittany Orchard, Panorama

It was noted that the committee now has two(2) open seats.

NB-2 PC Workforce/Attainable Housing ordinance suggested changes:
The committee voted unanimously to support the following position statement:

"Under the current ordinance, future residents of "work-force" or "attainable" housing are provided with less parkland and open-space. The Planning Commission has suggested changed language to make the parkland/open-space requirements consistent with the rest of the township's residential zoning. We support the Planning Commission's recommendations.
Failure to address this inequity will not only affect the quality of life of these future residents, but create additional demand upon our parks system that the township will not be adequately providing for."

Supplements to previously submitted written reports:

PC
Mr Schulte noted that the council had remanded the Form Based Code ordinance to PC and that he has asked Ms Schoch to brief the P&R committee.

Bike Paths
Ms Simpson noted an increase in cycling and pedestrian activity near the Aspen Heights development. Unsafe conditions at the Squirel Drive / College Avenue intersection were observed. She was asked to investigate and report back the committee.

Fieldstone
Ms Sulzer reported that she had attended the Fieldstone HOA meeting at the park (5/8). Residents were enthusiastic and would be submitting input thru 5/24.

Other matters
Mr Schulte reported that Ms Sitler had recruited several guest speakers on stream habitat, buffer zones and invasive plant species. (Dr. Robert Carline, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. Robert Vierck). They had suggested the best way to communicate the information was during on-site visits.

The June meeting is traditionally an on-site tour of several parks. The committee agreed on a tentative plan to start the township parking lot and then visit Spring Creek, Spring Creek Estates and Slab Cabin for discussions and Q&A with the guest speakers.
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CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

OPEN DISCUSSION (items NOT on the agenda):

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1  May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes
                   (Approval)

PLANS:
   P-1  PSU-Soccer Operations Center Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan
        (Discussion/Recommendation)
   P-2  Mount Nittany Elementary School Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan
        (Discussion/Recommendation)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS: R-1 Council Report

STAFF INFORMATIVES: SI-1  Council Approved Minutes
                     SI-2  Zoning Bulletins
                     SI-3  Resignation of Ms. Khoury from the Planning Commission
OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:  Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:**

**OPEN DISCUSSION (items NOT on the agenda):**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**
- **CA-1** May 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Approval)

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**
- **SP-1** Centre Regional Planning Agency Comprehensive Plan Update (Mike Tylka) (Discussion)
- **SP-2** What is a Planned Residential Development (PRD) (Discussion)

**PLANS:**
- **P-1** Crew 814 PRD in Planned Research and Business Park District Sketch Plan (Discussion)

**OLD BUSINESS:**
- **OB-1** Dale Summit Area Form-Based Code (Discussion)

**NEW BUSINESS:**
- **NB-1** Workforce/Attainable Housing 2nd Remand (Discussion)

**REPORTS:**
- **R-1** Council Report
STAFF INFORMATIVES:

OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: