COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

General Meeting Information
College Township offers both in-person and virtual meeting attendance for all public meetings. To attend in-person, meetings will be held at 1481 E. College Avenue, State College PA, 16801, 2nd floor meeting room. To attend virtually, please see the information below.

To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Zoom on Computer or Smart Phone:
- [Click HERE to REGISTER for the meeting via Zoom](#). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Phone:
- Dial +1 646 558 8656 • Meeting ID: 821 9710 9458 • Passcode: 072471

* [Click here](#) for detailed instructions on how to participate via zoom.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please use the raised hand feature to participate. The moderator will recognize those with their hands raised (either by name or phone number).

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](mailto:smeyers@collegetownship.org) by noon the day of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):

CONSENT AGENDA:  
- CA-1 September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Approval)
- CA-2 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule (Approval)

OLD BUSINESS:
- OB-1 Township Park Survey Results (Discussion)
- OB-2 Fogleman Overlook (Continued Discussion)

NEW BUSINESS:
- NB-1 2023 Annual Report DRAFT (Discuss/Approval)
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: OM-1 Correspondence Provided by Residents

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm (Reorganization Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:
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 plans to attend the next Mt. Nittany Conservancy meeting in two weeks. They have a significant budget for signs and will make a presentation to Council, Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- Ms. Smith stated all public pickleball facilities are currently booked by Penn State for classes and her daughter, as a pickleball advocate, is looking to set up an indoor facility for public use.

MINUTES:
Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting as written. Ms. Sittler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
- **OB-1 Township Park Survey**
  - Ms. Smith pointed out that pickleball is one word and should be corrected in the survey.
  - Ms. Sulzer explained why there should be a disclaimer about budget constraints and a park may not have a full buildout all at once of amenities/facilities.
  - Mr. Moore suggested “survey is for planning purposes only.”
· There was some discussion of what residents should receive the survey, specifically the distance from the park
· It was determined that there is no formal procedure in place for conducting park surveys
· Changes to be made were reviewed by Ms. Kerner
· There was no further input

Mr. Spoonamore moved to make the recommended changes to the survey and send the survey to College Township residents within a half mile radius of Fieldstone Park and Harris Acres Parklet.
Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**OB-2 Fogleman Overlook**
· Mr. Spoonamore had no new information for the committee
· Mr. Brokloff asked if a member from each utility (gas company and power company) could possibly meet with the residents at the park to clarify the easements in place and verify what area is available for potential park amenities
  o Mr. Spoonamore suggested meeting with each company separately
  o Ms. Kerner asked to be included in any correspondence and meeting with said utility companies
· The committee and residents in the room discussed the easements and access to the park and various potential contacts
· Ultimately it was decided to table the conversation

Mr. Spoonamore moved to table the Fogleman Overlook Park discussion, pending input of right-of-way needs from the utility companies which currently have easements on the property.
Ms. Matason seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None presented.

**PARKS REPORTS:**
(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)
· Mr. Spoonamore questioned if the Township will be seeking grants through Melon Company, if not he intends to help Mt. Nittany Conservancy apply for those grants
· The committee discussed Spotted Lantern Fly and exterminating/eradicating
· Mr. Brokloff offered to have a representative from Penn State Office of Physical Plant come give a presentation of the proposed expansion and development of Innovation Park
  o It was determined it is too early in the process
· The committee had a brief discussion about a proposed sketch plan presented to Council and Planning Commission by ClearWater Conservancy
· Additional park discussion not in reports:
  o Whitehall Road Regional is finishing up, hope to open soon
  o Spring Creek Estates has a slide, graffiti to be taken care of by crew
  o Slab Cabin – playground is overgrown with weeds
  o Regional parks inventory list
    ▪ Consensus to develop an inventory for all College Township parks

**STAFF INFORMATIVES:**
· Ms. Kerner gave a brief update of the recent happenings at Council
  o Approval of No Parking signage at Spring Creek Park
  o Gave direction for Port-A-John near Mt. Nittany trail head/parking
Parking signage for Mt. Nittany visitors

**OTHER MATTERS:**

- **OM-1 Memo for Ms. Sittler – Parks that have streams within the Township**
  - What to look for
    - Want lots of shrubs/deep rooted vegetation close to the bank
    - Don’t mow to edge of water, could create erosion issue
    - Need to educate and advocate
  - Beneficial reuse water discharge into Kissinger Meadow (Brown Trout caught recently)
  - Township has a lot of control of water ways through the Township
  - Ms. Sulzer pointed out that water temperature (Spring Creek) is considered with Regional Growth Boundary and Sewer Service Area expansion proposals

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

After some discussion Mr. Moore announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm as it was determined a meeting in October is not necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Spoonamore seconded. With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Moore adjourned the September 11, 2023, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

**Draft**

Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary
MEMORANDUM

Date: October 9, 2023

To: College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Sharon Meyers, Senior Support Specialist-Engineering/Planning

Thru: Adam Brumbaugh, Township Manager

Re: Proposed 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Schedule, Approval of

College Township Parks and Recreation Committee customarily conducts its meetings on the second Monday of most months beginning at 7:00pm at the College Township Municipal Building. Parks and Recreation Committee must approve the meeting schedule prior to the start of the new year in order to allow for required, advanced legal advertising.

College Township has offered both in-person and virtual meeting attendance for all public meetings since August 2021. Does the Parks and Recreation Committee wish to continue, in 2024, offering both in-person and virtual meeting attendance via the zoom platform?

Please note there are no meetings to be held in July or December and the March, May, and October meetings are offered if needed. The June Park Tour meeting start time is listed below.

Staff recommends the following motion be made:

“*I move to approve the meeting dates as listed 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.”*

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College Township Survey Results for Harris Acres Parklet & Fieldstone Park

Survey Count: Total 68

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WE DON't need anything with the parklet. What we DO need is a sidewalk/bike path Out of the neighborhood on n Atherton toward Meyer dairy to allow access to the light at scenery drive! Pedestrians and cyclists need a way to exit the neighborhood safely! It is VERY dangerous!

Thank you. We need a communal place for our neighborhood.

No new facilities please!

In general, the current parklet as an open area where kids can run around is nice. Adding some small playground equipment would be a welcome addition. There are already some old picnic tables and trash cans, but those could stand to be updated. Some park benches for sitting would be good, too.

I never really understood the layout of this park. It feels like you are walking through someone front yard to gain entrance to the park. It's not clear where the park starts and the people's property ends. It would nice to have a trail marked off for entrance to the park. So day when we potentially have grandchildren we would use the park more.

A grill & table with a covered space would be an awesome way to gather neighbors for community gatherings.
We would like to walk our dogs in this area but there is limited access. The park needs a path to access it, not walk through someone's yard.

We would definitely like to see this area utilized. We have lived here for over 30 years and hardly ever see anyone going there because there is almost nothing there. But people would go there if it could become more of a gathering spot. I don't believe there'd be room there for an actual playground, fields or courts...but maybe.

We have lived in Harris Acres for 5 years and have never used the parklet and do not plan to.

The Parklet is a maintained open space. It already has picnic table, grill, trash can. Nothing else is needed or desired.

Something needs to be updated.

Meadow could include a pollinator meadow

Leave it alone, only add some decent barbecue grills And a few new picnic tables
Toddler accessible but also features scaled to elementary.

None

For this small and relatively inaccessible park space, I do not think and further development makes sense. It would see little if any use and would justify the expense.

Do not create an eyesore.

Any kind of playground equipment would be nice to have.
Young people can already play sports in the field as is. Happy to see them when they are there, but it is seldom.

None, no parking

NO! The owners surrounding the park purchased their property with the knowledge that that is dedicated green space! It would be like playing tennis in someone’s backyard! Don’t do any of that.

I don't think there is enough room for any formal fields/courts.

*Bocce*
FIELDSTONE PARK

We don't have grandchildren living here, but there are lots of young families in the Fieldstone Neighborhood who have young children. They deserve a nice family-friendly park in their neighborhood. We walk around this neighborhood sometimes. Thank you, Dan & Joan Kerstetter, Villa Crest Drive

We did this survey years ago... Why waste paper doing it again? The answer is still NO!

There is a park sign already there. Who maintains the sign? Would that change? Neighborhood individuals often play volleyball on school grounds, when they could have option of park. I do not believe a small token of recreation will be used. I do believe a significantly large facility would invade the peace of our neighbors adjacent. There is no need as I see it!

Something to consider is the close proximity to housing where lights and repetitive noise will be a negative issue for homeowners.

Please maintain at least 50% of the open area for play on grass.

It has been more than 5 years! Build something, this Fieldstone Park area is lying there for nothing! At least, Fieldstone residents and children can use it.

Dog park, especially since the school has become an area we are not allowed to walk the dogs anymore

Being that this is the first thing people see when they enter the neighborhood, it shouldn't be filled with structures. Natural, open space with seating would be appropriate

As this is the entrance to the neighborhood, it should remain uncluttered.
We would make use of a community garden.

We need to have a playground for children

We like the pavilion at Tudek Park and at Spring Creek Park. We like the Butterfly bushes at Tudek Park. We are on the Butterfly fly way.

There are no places to walk dogs in the area since they have put up the no dogs on school property signs.

Thanks for getting community input!

Please ensure weed treatment.

Path suitable for younger kids to ride bikes/trikes (learning to ride). Likely encircling the park.

Less maintenance and versatility for the neighbors.

LEAVE THE GREEN SPACE PLEASE we have all of these facilities nearby at the schools. Stop redundant wasting of public funds!

Just the kids to be able to play soccer or badminton or run around within permitted hours and without people's complaining of noise.

It's a beautiful area already, let's not make a facility no one will maintain. What's the plans for maintenance? Would there be restrooms or running water and sewer access?

Fieldstone neighborhood has been told for years that College Township will develop the park with some nice features, but nothing has been done. Since our tax money supports this park, we believe we should be getting something for our money. Just some basic things like a BBQ grill, pavilion, etc. would be great.

access from the corner of Mansfield and Brandywine
Whatever is decided as best structure of choice, please provide long term inspections and maintenance. Currently this park gets grass cut but no mulch to areas where weeds grow. What is that an indication of?

We have a lot of children who will play on that playground.

The Fieldstone community is filled with families who have young children. A playground that could be used by preschool, elementary, and middle school aged children would be extremely welcome and very well utilized.

Please NO because of liability concerns.

Large Slide(s)

I think it would make sense to have at least some equipment for kids 5 and under given that they are too young to fully enjoy the nearby playground at Mt. Nittany Elementary.

At least 2 safety swings for young children (toddlers) and 2 for older children.
We have nearby fields and courts at MNMS, and the park is small, so this is not a priority for my family.

We are near elementary and middle school complexes. A little league field is also nearby. Our neighborhood children do a variety of activities in owns yards and trampolines are popular but never anyone using them. Sledding is popular.

The children in our community make great use of the open field. They play games and run and chase and fly kites. There is no (little) upkeep for township as is.

Tennis court nets are not the correct height for Pickleball.

Soccer/ lacrosse

Please no because of maintenance concerns.

Pickle ball is great for all age groups.

Not sure the space is large enough for any play fields/courts. Also have concerns about noise from these types of facilities for the houses nearby.

Harvest Fields is a great example!

Combination Tennis and 1/2 Basketball court

Already lots of baseball fields in the immediate area

all of these would have been really good for our kids.
College Township Parks and Recreation Survey

HARRIS ACRES PARKLET

Please return on or before November 6, 2023

This survey has been prepared to obtain information from area residents on the type of recreation facilities you would like to see at the Harris Acres Parklet. This survey is being made available to Township residents who live near the park to determine not only the types of facilities desired but also frequency of use and the ages and interests of potential users.

Any and all input is welcome. Please return the survey form to the College Township Municipal Offices at 1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801, by scanning and emailing to smeyers@collegetownship.org, or scan the code in the upper right hand corner or go to https://arcgis/0SrVnj1 to complete the survey online. Questions may be directed to Amy Kerner, College Township Public Works Director by calling 814-231-3021.

Recreation Survey

1. Number of persons in your household, by age, that may potentially use Harris Acres Parklet

   0 – 4 years 4   5 – 12 years _____   13 – 17 years _____
   18 – 24 years _____   25 – 64 years 2   65 + years _____

   Special Needs (any age) ________

2. How often may persons in your household potentially use Harris Acres Parklet

   _____ Very Often (daily/weekly)   _____ Somewhat Often (weekly/monthly)
   □ Rarely (every few months)   _____ Never

3. It will be useful to have an idea of what facilities are most in demand to those in the surrounding neighborhood. Below is a list of typical park facilities/activities. Please mark all items persons in your household may be inclined to use in Harris Acres Parklet. All play structures selected will be suitable for different age groups and will be installed to meet playground safety requirements.

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   General Facilities Comments and/or Suggestions

   We prefer it to be a maintained space - definitely not a meadow.
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**Play/Fitness Structures Comments and/or Suggestions**

We would love a playground for our kids and neighbors to use!

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**Play Fields/Courts Comments and/or Suggestions**

We would love any sports fields, but we understand the space is limited.

**Other Comments and/or Suggestions**

We are excited by the possibility of this becoming a better used space, not just open grass.

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*This survey is for planning purposes only. The intent is to solicit input from the community and use the information to budget for the future activity and buildout of parks.*
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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


Kathleen Matason

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

Kathy has a BS from PSU in Management and a MA in American Studies. She is a graduate of Leadership Centre County (1997) and co-chairs the annual LCC Economy Day. Past leadership roles include Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair of Centre County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council, President of State College Kiwanis Club, and an Advisor to Penn State’s Circle K. Kathy resides across from the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and is very interested in the site’s development.
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 like 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.

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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.

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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
· Dalevue Park Master Plan to begin in the near future
· Slab Cabin Run revitalization

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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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

November 13, 2023

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

September 21, 2023

Unanimously approved Change Order #01 in an amount not to exceed $17,154.47 for the new Education Building and Change Order #01 in an amount not to exceed $10,393.89 for the Welcome Pavilion at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center to JC Orr & Son, Inc. for increased wages due to delayed project start.

Unanimously authorized the addition of supplementary engineering design services to the professional services agreement for Stahl Sheaffer Engineering for critical Construction Administration services at Whitehall Road Regional Park in an amount not to exceed $12,230.

Unanimously agreed to defer the decision to set a Ground Opening date for Whitehall Road Regional Park to the Authority meeting in January 2024.

Unanimously accepted the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Working Group’s recommendation for the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee and Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority to work together to establish a Boardwalk Capital Campaign Committee and to work on a funding strategy in January 2024.

Heard construction updates on the Whitehall Road Regional Park project and the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Spring Creek Education Building Phase II and Diane Kerly Welcome Pavilion project.

Discussed scaling back the planned all-season pavilion at Whitehall Road Regional Park to a more affordable pavilion/concession stand option. The current design would cost over $1 million; funding in-hand at this point is $270,000. Since DCNR funding is involved, they would like a report on where we stand with the pavilion. Fernsler Hutchinson is preparing a scaled-back version that we can relay to DCNR.

Next scheduled meeting is October 19, 2023, 12:15 pm, COG Planning Agency Conference Room

October 19, 2023

Todd Roth has been appointed Interim Assistant Director of Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency.

Unanimously approved, as part of the consent agenda, a retroactive cost authorization for permitting fees to Centre Region Codes administration for Whitehall Road Regional Park Phase I in the amount of $6,14814.

Unanimously approved the purchase of Under Fence Panels for Whitehall Road Regional Park at a cost not to exceed $9,900.
Unanimously approved the endorsement of the proposed changes to the mobile concessions plan (purchasing two food carts as opposed to a food truck) at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for two mobile food carts to primarily serve William L. Welch Community Pool and Park Forest Community Pool. Note that $132,000 was approved by the General Forum for the purchase of a food truck.

Unanimously approved the endorsement of the reallocation of the $107,000 remaining from the Parks Capital Fund to the Regional Parks Capital Fund for the construction of the pavilion/concession stand at Whitehall Road Regional Park.

Unanimously approved the proposed 2024 Pool Operating Schedule for William L. Welch Community Pool and Park Forst Community Pool.

Heard construction updates on the Whitehall Road Regional Park project and the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building Phase II and Diane Kerly Welcome Pavilion.

Discussed and approved inviting the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee to attend the Authority’s November 16, 2023, Work Session at 10:00 am to discuss the formation of the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Capital Campaign Committee.

Next scheduled meeting is November 16, 2023, 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Work Session

October 19, 2023 – cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting is November 16, 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 calendar year 2023 to accommodate timely approval of change orders for Whitehall Road Regional Park.

COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee

September 27, 2023

Worked with the facilitator to review a status quo matrix that was populated, independently, by Ms. Matason, Mr. Norenberg, and Ms. Owens and presented as a guide for discussion.
October 25, 2023

Continued refining the matrix, adjusting some categories and defining tasks.

Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 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

September 8, 2023

Reviewed the Key Stakeholder Survey results from spring 2023 and discussed possible next steps for the project. Next steps include finalizing the Boardwalk Feasibility Study Phase II results, defining project scope and focusing on a funding strategy and fundraising.

The Working Group unanimously accepted the Boardwalk Feasibility Study Phase II Report, contingent on the Working Group’s feedback being included in the Final Report.

The Working Group unanimously recommended that the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee and Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority work together to establish a Boardwalk Capital Campaign Committee and to work on a funding strategy in January 2024.

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

September 20, 2023

Unanimously accepted the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Working Group’s recommendations for the MMNC Advisory committee and Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority work together to establish a Boardwalk Capital Campaign Committee and for the committee to work on a funding strategy in January 2024.

Discussed the Bylaws and Membership of the Advisory Committee. Will schedule a working session.

Heard an update on the Phase II Spring Creek Education Building and Diane Kerly Welcome Pavilion project.

Reviewed status of the potential UAJA sewer main replacement project.

Next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2023, 4:00 pm, Spring Creek Education Building

October 17, 2023 - Work Session

Discussed potential changes to the bylaws. Considered adding new organizations to the membership roster.

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
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 11/6/23

Park Name: Mountainside Park

Parks Rep: Sue Smith

Report: The much anticipated playground equipment has still not been received or installed. The neighborhood members who participated in choosing it are wondering what happened. The site has been prepped by the township crew. Thank you.

Limerock Court Park

No changes and no needs at this time.

Glenn Park

No changes or requests at this time. No more calls for frisbee golf recently – too little space, I think.
Date: September 11, 2023

Park Name: Cairnes Crossing

Park Rep: Sittler

Some boards beginning to rot out:
College Township
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 11/05/2023

Park Name: Dalevue
Park Rep: Schulte

Report:

The fallen pine tree branch at the edge of the multi-purpose field was removed. The log and pieces of concrete in the corner of the field were also removed.

Thank you!

The "NO MOTOR VEHICLES" signs that were removed when the ID signs were repainted have been re-installed. The signage reminds park users about township ordinance chapter 139-3(K) and 139-5(C).

Thank you!

(Reported 10/09/2023):

The overgrown brush by the park sign has been removed as requested. This will facilitate mowing and removes one of the "hiding places" complained about at our June 2022 meeting. Thank you!

The thorny weeds growing in the children's play equipment areas have been mitigated. Thank you!

Micro drainage ditches were dug to mitigate rainwater pooling around home plate. Thank you.

The broken picnic table has been repaired.

The basketball backboards have been painted and new nets installed. Thank you!

The disturbed ground around the tennis court has been graded, raked, and seeded as requested. Thank you!

Maintenance Issues:

(2023-11-04) Please mow the weeds around and/or under the pine trees along the edges of the park (at least once a year).
(2023-10-09) Please remove the pine tree branch that has fallen at the edge of the multi-purpose field. (It is about 20' long and too heavy for me to drag to roadside.)

(2023-10-09) While you're there, please also remove the log and pieces of concrete in the corner of the field, about 20 yards away.

(2023-01-07) Please re-install the two(2) "NO MOTOR VEHICLES" signs that were removed when the ID signs were repainted. The signage reminds park users about township ordinance chapter 139-3(K):

"No person shall use a snowmobile, mini-bike, motorcycle or any vehicle, recreational or otherwise, except on designated roads, trails or areas set aside for their use."

and about 139-5(C):
"No person shall operate any vehicle in any part of a park except on roadways established for the operation of vehicles, nor shall any person park any vehicle in any area except those areas specifically designated for parking purposes."

Old and new signage at Mayberry entrance:

Old and new signage at Goldfinch entrance:
Thank you for the ongoing landscaping improvements.

(Reported 10/09/2023)

(a) The thorny weeds in the tot-lot have mostly been mitigated. Thank you !!!

(b) Brush near the basketball court has been cut back. It is now safer and looks better! Regular mowing under the trees will help keep it cleared.

(c) Brush in the upper part of the upper park was removed. It looks better, as well.

Maintenance Issues:

(2023-11-04) Currently the cleared area is littered with loose stones. If left as-is, weeds will grow and it will not be mow-able. Please either remove the loose stone, or cover with top-soil. Then sow grass. Thanks!

(2023-11-04) Question: Is the shed allowed to be that close to the property line? Please advise, Thanks!

(2023-08-31) Please remove the dead / dying hybrid-poplar trees on the east side of the path at the upper end of the park. (Do you want me to mark them ?)
(2023-08-31 Please remove the dead tree in the corner of the park near the Claremont Ave entrance.
(Do you want me to mark it ?)
College Township
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 11/04/2023  Park Name: Penn Hills
Parks Rep: Schulte

Report

The hand-rail on the slide with the corroded sharp edges has been mitigated. Thank you!

(Reported 10/09/23)

The tallest and worst of the thorny weeds in the tot-lot playground have been treated! Thanks!

Maintenance Issues:

(2023-11-04) Please treat and/or remove the low growing thorny weeds growing through-out tot-lot. Thanks!

(2023-11-04) Please refurbish (or replace) "Park closes at sunset" sign.
(2023-10-09) Corrosion developed on the slide's ladder hand-rail. Please repair or replace the hand-rail. At a minimum, please grind down the ragged points to mitigate the safety hazard.
Date: Sept. 11, 2023

Park Name: Spring Creek Estates

Park Rep: Sittler

Kids added slide and graffiti on rock.
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: Oct-Nov 2023 Parks Name:

Stoney Batter/Nittany Terrace/Nittany Orchard

Parks Rep: S. Spoonamore
Nittany Terrace 2 visits. Nittany Orchard 4 visits. Stoney Batter: 6+ Visits

There have been substantive and multiple meetings about Stoney Batter and Mt. Nittany Reserve.

First: The new parking arrangement and access process is working. I have hiked the mountain 6 times since the last meeting, including on two home football weekends. On Homecoming there were 2 cars parked illegally. But there were a number of cars driving all the way down to the end, before turning around to head back out to the parking area. Spoke with 10+ groups of hikers. All of them liked the new parking access.

Meetings: The Nittany Mountain Conservancy held Q3 meetings. I was named a non-voting observer. They also gave notice to their board on a planned vote to expand the board at the next meeting to include 3 new board members. One of which would be a College Township Parks representative.

I attended two small group meetings and the board session.

Small Group #1 (Which included Derrick - former Parks Board member) discussed the options to make land acquisitions to create additional trail access points. The principle goal would be a new trail head leaving directly from the shale-pit parking lot and following the “Trail Runner” trail to access directly onto the Preserve Property. A new trail would then extend along the mountain laterally to connect with the White Trail just above the “Bridge”.

Small Group #2 - Discussed possible funding streams and possibility of purchasing additional lands to expand the preserve. Discussion of the
“microdeeds” plots sales process and how to improve that effort was the primary focus.

General Board Meeting - Summary discussions of prior small groups. A variety of issues covering maintainence, demographics of access, book publishing and map publishing processes and a lengthy discussion of graphic rebranding efforts and creating branded signage to access the trail heads, follow the trails and support the funding and “branded materials”. There was a substantial and ambitious list of goals.

There was also discussion of creating a Part Time Admin position to implement these initiatives. The pros and cons of a previous effort to have a Part Time Admin was discussed with a voted majority empowering the Exec Director to develop a proposal to be voted at the next meeting.

Nittany Terrace and Nittany Orchard: 

Nothing to report at either location. Both seem fine. Pickleball, dogwalking and kids on the playground at Orchard. Both visits and Terrace had no users while there.
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: Nov 8, 2023  Park Name: Spring Creek

Parks Rep: Simpson, Jude

Report:
Surveyed the play equipment- all appears sound and in good working order.

Surveyed the picnic tables-many are weathered but seem adequate for usage.

Surveyed the trash cans - the wood frames around some of the cans closer to the Puddin Town Rd entrance may need to have some of the slats replaced soon. Other cans in park looked adequate.

Surveyed the grills- all are fine and no parts missing.

Increased soil erosion and bare ground around the creek where people go in and out of Spring Creek (beach area).

Maintenance Issues:
Equipment: No equipment maintenance needed at this time.

Bank stability and erosion at beach area of Spring Creek Park

I am requesting an assessment of the of the beach area at Spring Park to occur soon so steps can be taken to address the erosion and stabilize the soil around the "beach area" in the park.

Guidelines to improve the riparian buffer and stream bank erosion such as outlined by Shane Adams, College Township’s GIS Specialist/Field Technician from Judi Sittler’s July 30, 2023 memo to the P&R committee would be an appropriate place to start to increase awareness and ensure measures are taken to mitigate the erosion, keep the stream healthy for its occupants and allow its visitors to have safe and sustainable access to the stream at designated places.
Date: Nov 8, 2023  
Park Name: Spring Creek  

Parks Rep: Simpson, Jude  

Report:  
Increased soil erosion and bare ground around the creek where people go in and out of Spring Creek (beach area) and around bench near beach area.

Maintenance Issues:  
Take measure to assess and address the bank stability and erosion at beach area of Spring Creek Park.
Dear College Township Parks and Recreation

Thank you for this opportunity to share thoughts about the Harris Acres Parklet. For us, the Parklet is perfect just as it is — a peaceful neighborhood oasis. As you know, Harris Parklet is currently a “maintained open area,” essentially an open field, that is mowed twice a month.

The Parklet is used primarily by neighbors whose yards back up to the park, and occasionally by young people from the neighborhood playing ball or other games. Our lot backs up to the park, so we probably use it as much as anyone, which is once or twice a week. We also have a view of the park out our back windows so are in a good position to assess its use, which is very limited.

To maintain and enhance its peaceful nature, I would happily support planting more trees, or incorporating a meadow/pollinator garden that would be mowed less often. I have concerns about any development that involves adding any facilities, structures, or courts.

My primary reason for opposing development is the limited access and lack of parking. For anyone whose lot does not abut the park, the only access is a very narrow strip of land off of East Hubler. Walkers in the neighborhood use that access way, but anyone who drove to the park would have to park on Hubler. The street is not wide enough to accommodate on street parking, and the neighbors who live close to the park on East Hubler certainly do not want cars parked in their front yards. There is no way to add parking.

My second concern is about disruption to the neighborhood. We occasionally see walkers and young people playing sports, and both are fun to see. But any structures or courts would likely have very little use, and would be an eyesore for backyards facing the park. Because of the lack of access, I would not foresee any of the facilities listed in the survey getting any use at all (climbing apparatus, gazebo, amphitheater) and do not make sense for this small and inaccessible space. Any sort of paved court would also get little use, and if it did would be very disruptive to the currently very quiet surrounding houses. The Parklet has a picnic table and grill, but never in the 22 years we have lived here have we seen anyone use them.

My third concern is runoff. Any hardscape or paving creates potential drainage and flooding problems. Heavy rain and melting snow from the Parklet flow through backyards downhill from the Parklet to Outer Drive, and threaten the basements. In my view, anything that would create more water flow from the parklet is a bad idea.

My final concerns is whether investing Parks and Recreation funds in the Harris Acres Parklet makes economic sense from a cost benefit perspective. I believe any further development to the parklet would be a bad budget decision because any additions would get very limited use, and would be a bad policy decision because whatever use it did bring would create chaos in the neighborhood. Funds could be far better spent developing parks with better access and parking, and where the improvements would be more used.
Frankly, the design and features of Harris Acres Parklet is perfect for the very low traffic and use that it gets, and as it exists currently it is an asset to the neighborhood. With the possible exception of more plantings, our vote is to leave it just as it is!

Albert and Marsha Bartlett
403 Outer Drive
Oct, 10, 2023

Dear College Twp. Parks & Rec. Dept. and Public Works Dept.,

My wife and I have lived in our home since May of 1975. We turned over a portion of our adjoining property to College Twp. to have our Panorama Park owned and maintained by them years ago. I used to mow and rake leaves at the park when I was younger. Now, I am 75 years old and I have limited physical strength. The College Twp. Public Works crew mows the grass now, and they rake & blow the leaves in the fall. I have asked these men to clear the brush and unwanted small trees at the corner of the park next to my corner of my property. Nothing has been done for the past two years. I trimmed all of these unwanted brush and small trees myself. Now, it is time for College Twp. to maintain the property within Panorama Park.

Please see the map of the Park with my adjoining property, along with a picture showing the unwanted brush and small trees.

Please remove this brush and unwanted small trees.

Thank you,

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