ATTENDED BY –  
P&R COMMITTEE:  
Earl Moore, Vice Chair  
Ned Brokloff  
Kathy Matason  
Jude Simpson  
Judi Sittler  
Sue Smith  
Stephen Spoonamore  
Janet Sulzer  

EXCUSED:  
Dave Schulte  

STAFF:  
Amy Kerner, Public Works Director  
Sharon Meyers, Sr. Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning  

GUESTS:  
Nate Patrick, Fieldstone HOA Secretary  

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

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:  
Mr. Moore determined there were no members of the public present via zoom at the moment and determined it was not necessary to review the zoom protocol.  

OPEN DISCUSSION:  
· Mr. Moore asked the observers in the room to introduce themselves. Olivia and Mo, students of Journalism at The Pennsylvania State University, are present to represent Centre Documenters. A part of a nationwide network, dedicated to building a corps of curious citizens equipped with the skills necessary to support local government transparency.  
· Ms. Smith noted the play equipment and new signage at Mountainside Park. Ms. Kerner clarified that the signage is part of the package when purchasing the new equipment.  
· Ms. Matason has brought the two Township Parks missing from the CRPR website to their attention.  

NEW BUSINESS:  
NB-1  2024 Five Year Plan (2025-2029)  
· Ms. Kerner introduced the topic and added that she will be sharing her screen in order to make changes to the five year plan spreadsheet in real time. She added that staff has already incorporated Mr. Schulte’s recommendations and this plan will help when Council discusses the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).  
· The difference between Thompson Woods Preserve and Thompson Woods Parklet was clarified.  
· The committee worked through the five year plan spreadsheet discussing changes to be made, as noted below.
• It was determined there should be a description added to Bike Paths to include potential patching and resurfacing.
• Ms. Sittler stated that the boardwalk has potential for boards to be replaced, not this year but recommended some money be set aside for 2025.
• Mr. Brokloff presented a three year plan to pave the overflow parking set aside by the developer in the land development plan for the Stearns Crossing PRD. This idea will help deter people from doing doughnuts in the current park/parking area. Mr. Spoonamore suggested the proposal does not reflect the intent of College Township’s parks as it would be paving most of the park. Ms. Kerner interjected, the park has two wide easements which prevent much from happening in the park. However, there is a larger meadow area still open to input from the committee and residents.
• After reviewing the surveys for Harris Acres and Fieldstone, Ms. Sulzer made her recommendations for each park. She added that there were quite a few people that took the survey and suggested to do nothing. However, the earthen barrier and plantings at Fieldstone Park are in need of weeding and mulching, and general maintenance, and a more prominent access needs to be created at Harris Acres. She suggests something similar to the access at Panorama Park which was completed a few years ago.
• Mr. Nate Patrick, College Township resident, Fieldstone HOA Secretary, and father of four introduced himself and stated his concerns of mowing frequency and potential for play equipment in Fieldstone Park. It was determined that Ms. Sulzer, the park representative for Fieldstone Park, will send Mr. Patrick some information of the play equipment previously proposed to the community for him to present at the annual HOA meeting.
• Ms. Smith requested the older play equipment at Mountainside Park be refurbished sooner rather than later and recommended $2,500 be added to 2025 for this purpose.
• It was suggested that three pins/holes for Frisbee/Disc Golf be moved from 2027 to 2026 for Nittany Orchard as there is interest in the community to have a small course in College Township.
• Mr. Spoonamore stated Penn Hills is on the peewee baseball schedule as a practice field for 2024 and the entire field needs to be regraded. Mr. Brokloff suggested the grading of the pitcher’s mound and home plate be moved up to 2025 and pavilion refurbishments be assessed by an engineer and potentially moved to 2026. He also suggested moving the potential installation of a basketball court back to 2027, in order to speak with residents in the neighborhood to see if this is still wanted.
• It was determined that Thompson Woods Parklet will need general vegetation management in the near future.
• Mr. Spoonamore suggested the line item referring to the waterline and drinking fountain in Nittany Orchard be removed as it is unnecessary.
• It was determined that Township incurred electricity costs be added to Slab Cabin for the duration of the five year plan.

Mr. Spoonamore moved to accept the Five-Year Plan as discussed and amended. Ms. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*edit during March 11, 2024 Parks and Recreation Meeting: Mr. Schulte asked that the $9,300 line item for Dalevue Park be moved from 2026 to 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 Fogelman Overlook Continued Discussion
• Mr. Brokloff gave an update on the vandalism at Fogelman Fields and added that it is an open investigation and he cannot make any further comments.
• Ms. Kerner stated she believes there may be a copycat driving through Slab Cabin Park. Mr.
Moore stated there are visible vehicle tracks at Slab Cabin, however, they are not new tracks and he believes them to be a month or so old and appeared around the same time as the incident at Fogleman Fields.

**OB-2  2023 Annual Report Final Draft**

- Ms. Kerner stated the suggestions and corrections recommended at the January meeting have been made to the Annual Report and asked the committee if there are any further changes to be made.
- Ms. Kerner asked for a motion. Ms. Meyers added that the presentation to Council will be made on either March 7th or April 4th. Ms. Kerner offered Mr. Moore to make the presentation unless he would like to delegate another committee member to do so.
- Mr. Moore accepted the responsibility to present the 2023 Annual Report to Council at their regularly scheduled April 4th meeting.

Mr. Spoonamore moved to accept the 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee Annual Report as written. Mr. Brokloff seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OB-3  Park Surveys for Fieldstone and Harris Acres**

- Ms. Sulzer stated that her proposal for each park was discussed during the five-year plan. She intends to work with Ms. Kerner to draft a letter to the Harris Acres residents whose properties border the park access and will report anything new.
- Mr. Moore added that Ms. Sulzer is waiting to hear from the Fieldstone HOA on their recommendations. However, Ms. Sulzer persists with her original recommendation of revitalizing the earthen barrier and plantings along Brandywine Drive in Fieldstone Park which is sure to be a large project.

**PARKS REPORTS:**

(Written reports received were emailed to all members by the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)

- Mr. Spoonamore discussed the complaints of gunfire near Stony Batter. It was determined that the police and/or game commission should be notified at the time of the gunfire. Mr. Spoonamore stated that the person shooting does not seem to be in violation of any Township ordinance or state laws, it’s just unwelcoming for the visitors to Mt. Nittany.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1  January 8, 2024 Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting as written. Ms. Sulzer seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven voting for and Mr. Spoonamore abstaining.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None presented.

**OTHER MATTERS:** None presented.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Monday, March 11, 2024 (if needed)
- Monday, April 8, 2024
- Monday, May 13, 2024 (if needed)
- Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Monday, August 12, 2024
- Monday, September 9, 2024
- Monday, October 14, 2024 (if needed)
Monday, November 18, 2024

**STAFF INFORMATIVES:**

**SI-1 EZP Update**
- Ms. Kerner introduced the EZP update which is used by staff of the happenings and important deadlines for plans and other projects in the engineering, zoning, and planning departments.

**SI-2 Email Kyle Schlittler Spring Creek Park Habitat Improvement Project**
- Ms. Kerner provided the document and added that there are lots of moving parts and there will need to be coordination between Mr. Schlittler, Ms. Kerner, and Mr. Northridge, the Township Assistant Engineer, as well as CRPR, Millbrook Marsh and Spring Creek. Ms. Simpson asked to be included as she is the park representative for Spring Creek Park.
- The mitigation of poison hemlock was also discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Moore announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm if needed, which will be determined by the chair.

Statement of Financial Interests, provided at the beginning of the meeting, shall be completed and returned to Sharon Meyers as soon as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mr. Spoonamore moved to adjourn the February 12, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.*

*Mr. Brokloff seconded. Motion carried.*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary