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,

Sharon E. Meyers
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Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary