CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 5:56 pm.

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Moore verified Ms. Sulzer and Ms. Simpson were excused.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
• Mr. Spoonamore attended the Mount Nittany Conservancy meeting on June 11, 2023 and stated that he will put an overview together and share it with the committee to keep everyone informed. Mr. Spoonamore was asked to be a member of the Mount Nittany Conservancy or at least a permanent liaison. He said he would have to ask the Township as it could be considered a conflict of interest. Ms. Kerner stated that she will look into it.
• It was discussed that Thompson Woods has a committee designated to it, thus the Preserve may be removed from the list for parks reports.

MINUTES:
Mr. Spoonamore moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting as written. Ms. Matason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None presented.
PARK TOURS:

Spring Creek Estates
- Ms. Kerner introduced the Park and discussed the boundary. Ms. Trainor pulled up a map of the park on her phone for all to get a better understanding of the layout of the park.
- Ms. Kerner discussed a Township concern of a fire pit and seating area within the park and suggested the committee see the area and provide their recommendations.
  - Upon arriving at the fire pit it was suggested to possibly make the area a service project
  - Liability was discussed and the potential to make this an educational experience
  - There was a discussion of setting a precedent if this activity is ignored
  - Litter and drinking could be a concern
  - Open fires are prohibited in parks with the exception of Slab Cabin Park
- The committee observed the area of the stream that has been revitalized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with help for the State College Branch of Trout Unlimited
- Bluebird boxes could be set up in the area but would need to be monitored
- Standard signs should be installed at the park entrances

Fogleman Overlook
- Ms. Kerner introduced the park and pointed out the boundaries.
  - Snow is cleared from the walkway all the way to the school
  - Gas Company and Power Company easements present
- Mr. & Mrs. Brokloff, local residents of Stearns Crossing, attended the meeting and gave some insight on the use of the park.
  - The bench gets a ton of use, mostly by people stopping by to enjoy the sunset
  - No parking sign was installed about a month prior, police have been patrolling, many people in the neighborhood have applied for parking permits for overflow parking
  - Ticketing is typically due to response of a complaint
  - Mr. Brokloff helps keep the residents informed on their neighborhood facebook page
  - Parking is used the most at Halloween
  - There is no on street parking throughout the neighborhood
- Mowing of the area, should it be mowed weekly or twice a year to keep the area in a meadow like state with natural vegetation?
- Independence Day fireworks – people will park in the parking area and walk to Fogleman Fields since the view is obstructed by a tree line
- Ms. Ambrose the HOA President was present and Mr. Spoonamore discussed what he believes to be Township obligations
  - Surveys of residents within a certain radius of the park
  - Development of a Master Plan for the park
- Mr. Spoonamore stated he will be in touch with the residents and HOA President present at the meeting to discuss prior exchanges with Mr. Kalp and what the next steps will be
  - Mr. Spoonamore will send the soccer tournament schedule to Mr. Brokloff as well as a park survey

Stoney Batter Natural Area
- Ms. Kerner introduced the park and boundaries and it is believed that Mr. Loerch places and maintains the flowers in the shale pit/parking area
- Dust control treatment was discussed
- Development of a new trailhead closer to the parking area could be tricky
  - Property comes to a point with private properties on either side, would prove difficult to create a trail without encroaching on private property
  - The area would be a difficult hike and may need to create turn-backs
• Maybe develop a new trailhead behind the old Corning property
  • Mount Nittany Conservancy discussed making a hike up Mount Nittany part of the freshman orientation, for all Penn State campuses
    o Buses to bring Penn State students
    o Food trucks to provide lunch for students and not sell to public as commercial activities are strictly prohibited in Township parks
    o More programs being proposed by the university
    o Acquisition/Purchase of private properties
    o Potentially work with Conservancy to develop a Master Plan and align/unify goals for the area
• Damage to Camp Road
  o Discussion of damage being caused by ATV’s and dirt bikes; it was determined that much of the damage observed is from trucks and typically occurs at hunting season
• Code and Ordinances
  o An option may be to have an ordinance specifically written for Mount Nittany as it is very unique compared to other parks in the Township
  o The people most affected need to be asked their opinion
• Parking
  o Doesn’t seem to be the issue that has been presented in the past
  o There are a few key times that parking is an issue, particularly Memorial Day weekend, Penn State Graduation, and a week or so during leaf change in the fall
• Signage
  o Possibly relocate closer to parking area
  o Maybe also relocate porta-potty closer to current parking; may have issue with people “watering” private property

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

PARKS REPORTS:
(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date) There were no questions or further discussion regarding the parks reports.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:
• Charrette flyer provided

OTHER MATTERS: None presented.

ADJOURNMENT:
With no other matters to discuss, Ms. Sittler moved to adjourn the June 12, 2023, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Ms. Matason seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

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Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary