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

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Moore reviewed Zoom protocol as there were public participants via Zoom.

OPEN DISCUSSION:
• Ms. Sittler provided an informative for all committee members, particularly the one representing parks which facilitate streams, to be added to the next agenda.
• Status of Parks and Recreation Committee member replacement was discussed.
  o There was no update from Council
  o Mr. Brokloff may consider filling out an application for the position. However, he doesn’t want to commit to something he would not be able to fulfill.
• Mr. Spoonamore plans to attend the Mt. Nittany Conservancy meeting as an observer as Ms. Kerner has not received direction from Council on whether being an active participant in Mt. Nittany Conservancy meetings creates a conflict of interest or not.
• Ms. Kerner has ordered an additional porta john to be placed in the Shale Pit area, as directed by Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:
• There was a brief discussion of some minor spelling changes to the minutes.
Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting as amended. Ms. Sittler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
None presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Township Park Survey – Fogleman Overlook Draft

- Ms. Kerner introduced the topic and an original survey that may have been sent to residents surrounding the Fogleman Overlook Park. The draft survey provided in the meeting packet is very general and can be used to gather information pertaining to various parks throughout the Township.
  - Mr. Brokloff stated that Stearns Crossing residents never received such a survey. It was determined that a draft Master Plan was developed and sent to most residents within a quarter mile radius of the Fogleman Overlook Park, asking them for input.
    - Mr. Brokloff informed the residents through their HOA email list and neighborhood Facebook page of Stearns Crossing that there has been some Township discussion recently about the park in their neighborhood. He concluded that of the 161 households in Stearns Crossing, 22 would like to use the draft Master Plan previously discussed, and 7 would like to see a new survey. He added that people whose home borders the park show the most concern for the park and amenities provided. Ms. Ambrose added that people residing further from the park are more concerned about traffic volume and speeding through the neighborhood.
  - Mr. Moore questioned if a survey is required. Ms. Kerner stated that a survey is not required.
  - There was a lengthy discussion of whether a survey was sent in the past, who it would have been sent to, if a Township survey should be distributed now, how it should be distributed. It was determined that the Township needs to manage expectations and should regenerate the draft Master Plan to be compliant with easements on the property and ask residents if they would like to see any additional amenities.
  - Parking at Fogleman Overlook Park was discussed as well.

*Ms. Smith moved to table the discussion of Fogleman Overlook Park. Ms. Sittler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

- Mr. Moore discussed the draft park survey provided in the meeting packet and asked each member their opinion on the survey to be used as a broad survey for every park in the Township.
  - Ms. Matason – good format
  - Ms. Smith – good
  - Ms. Sittler – add a line for yes/no; e.g. something not desired
  - Mr. Spoonamore – great, keep it simple
  - Mr. Moore – add fitness structures
  - Mr. Schulte – doesn’t like format; low swing (?); activity panels are not used; play structures are all inclusive of various structures, not necessary to list such structures
  - Ms. Simpson – good; likes the household and age at the beginning
  - Ms. Sulzer – likes it; add “special needs” by the age groups; add play field/court facilities (baseball, basketball, pickleball, etc.)
  - Mr. Brokloff asked if a question of how often the park would be used could be added to the demographics portion of the survey.
- It was determined that staff will fine tune the survey with the suggestions provided and present a new draft at a future meeting.
PARKS REPORTS:  
(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)  
· Ms. Sulzer stated there is someone mowing and trimming around that park sign at Harris Acres. It has not been determined if this is a Township employee or resident. Ms. Kerner is looking into it.  
· No parking signs and large rocks have been placed at Spring Creek Park. Enforcement and ticketing of illegally parked vehicles is also working.  
· No residents have reached out to apply for a service project at Spring Creek Estates.

STAFF INFORMATIVES: None presented.

OTHER MATTERS:  
· Ms. Kerner stated that Council has approved the CIP and has determined since the Spring Creek Master Plan has been completed, in order to remain consistent with other regional parks, they have decided to start the Master Plan process for Dalevue Park. Mr. Schulte stated that the master plan he developed is nearly complete and it would be undesirable to spend the park assets on the process of developing a new Master Plan when those monies could be used to complete the project.  
· Mr. Moore questioned the reasoning for a Master Plan. Ms. Kerner replied that having a Master Plan in place benefits when the Township applies for grant money.  
· Slab Cabin bank stabilization was also discussed and committee members should be made aware when such projects are to occur.  
· Poison Hemlock was sprayed by the Public Works Crew earlier in the summer.  
· It was commented that the “Bikes May Travel in Lane” posted on Pike Street in a good idea.  
· Mountainside Park play equipment coming soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
· Mr. Moore announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm, if needed.

ADJOURNMENT:  
With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Spoonamore moved to adjourn. Ms. Matason seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sharon E. Meyers  
Recording Secretary