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

EXCUSED:     David Schulte

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

GUESTS:   Ned Brokloff, Resident
Mike Loquasto, Resident

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.

- Mr. Spoonamore suggested meeting with each company separately.
- 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.
  - 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:
  - Whitehall Road Regional is finishing up, hope to open soon.
  - Spring Creek Estates has a slide, graffiti to be taken care of by crew.
  - Slab Cabin – playground is overgrown with weeds.
  - 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:
  - Approval of No Parking signage at Spring Creek Park.
o 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,

Sharon E. Meyers

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Recording Secretary