

New Carlisle Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2023

In Attendance: Malarie Varnak, Bob Harbart, Calyn DeNeve, Triss Smith, Alison Abbott, Carl Brown-Grimm, Brent Fisher, and Sarah Mitchell. Malarie called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting 10-27-23: 2 small edits to names, Bob gave a motion to approve, seconded by Calyn, all approve.

Appropriation Report

Sue Moffitt provided the approved 2024 Budget for review.

Visitors Comments

Farmers Market Update: Sarah reported they had a successful market season. She would like to coordinate music for next year as well as additional advertising. Two other market vendors were helpful in running the market. We should form a public committee prior to next season to plan improvements.

Old Business

Meeting Notifications/Zoom Meetings: The meeting was posted on the park facebook page. No updates on Zoom.

Audio Recorder for Meeting Use: The purchase of \$40.11 for an digital voice recorder for meeting use was voted on - motion to approve by Calyn, seconded by Triss, all approved.

Park Board Ordinance Revisions: no updates, Alison and Malarie plan to meet with Andrea in January.

New Business

Updates from Liaison: Despite the weather, we had a great response from the Event. Malarie will send out thank you notes to the NP Art Club and NP Dance team.

Intro to Trello: Triss has set up the park master planning list. All members will be able to access it, and it will be read-only for public.

Master Plan List Work Session: All Items on the list were discussed briefly, Triss took notes in Trello as needed. Further discussion and prioritization will take place at the next meeting.

- A date for a walk-through of the parks with Perry will be set up in December.
- Malarie will obtain a quote for repair to the fieldstone planter at Bourissa.
- A programming committee could be established to offer new and ongoing activities.
- Board will need to establish set standards and tracking for the Splash Pad.
- Alison and Calyn will look into a tree donation program.
- Further research Street Tree Programs, possible public committee
- NP Senior light post banners in the park & Michigan St, donation to Parks, Malarie and Alison will research.
- Board will look into potential public input opportunities.

Next Meeting: TBD - Early January

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned, motion by Calyn, seconded by Triss.