

## Centre Documenters

Meeting: College Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Township: College

Documenter name: Justin Segal & Mo Almo

Date: March 11th, 2024

Start Time: 7:01pm

End Time: 8:24pm

### Notes

#### **In Attendance:**

David Schulte (Chair, Parks: Dalevue) - present

Earl Moore (Vice-Chair, Parks: Thompson Woods Parklet, Shamrock, Slab Cabin, Oak Grove) - present

Janet Sulzer (Parks: Fieldstone, Harris Acres, Panorama) - present

Jude Simpson (Parks: Pike Paths, Slab Cabin Overlook, Spring Creek Park) - absent

Stephen Spoonamore (Parks: Mt. Nittany Terrace, Stoney Batter Nature Area, Nittany Orchard) - present

Judi Sittler (Parks: Cairns Crossing, Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow) - present

Sue Smith (Parks: Limerock Parklet, Glenn Park; Mountainside) - present

Kathleen Matason (Parks: CRPR, Millbrook Marsh) - present

Amy Kerner (Public Works Director) - present

Sharon Meyers (Support Specialist - Engineering/Planning) - present

#### Zoom Guests:

George Castillo

Isabella Monaco

Antonio Dell'Aguzzo

Lucas Cochran

William Ross

Zhiyi Zhong

### **Zoom Meeting Protocol**

#### **Open Discussion - none**

#### **Special Presentation 1 - Ball Field Maintenance Best Practices**

- David Schulte praised College Township for their maintenance of the baseball fields. Matt Fenton, Vice Chair of College Township Planning Commission spoke to the committee. He used to be Vice President of the College Township Little League. He had experience with umpiring as well.
- Matt Fenton stated there is not enough land for more fields and not enough money. Matt said that it is important to educate people about good practices to maintain little league fields, which included pushing rainwater to create a barrier to preserve the sand. Little league fields are like golf courses, Fenton said. He stated how the fields have a draining issue, and cites how Beaver

Stadium field is crowned to help for field drainage. He claimed that you need to get rid of the old dirt to put the new dirt down for optimal use.

- Stephen Spoonamore asked about the mowing patterns of the grass, and said that the outfield grass gets pretty thick. Fenton did not know how often the fields are mowed. Jim Carver, in the audience, stated that they mow the fields at least once a week, sometimes twice. Schuler explained to the rest of the committee that they brought Fenton in to see what he does to maintain his fields, outside of College Township.
- Spoonamore said that the Penn Hills field might need an upgrade. Fenton said that if they upgrade the fields, then coaches will notice and will be eager to come.

**New Business** - none

**Old Business** - none

**Parks Reports**

Planning Commission - Sharon Meyers

- They are still working on ordinance and workforce housing.
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Public Works - Amy Kerner

- They cleared trees at a bike path around Center County Country Club
- Mountainside playground equipment is done

Bike Paths - Jude Simpson

- Jude was not present, Amy covered it in the Public Works

Cairns Crossing - Judi Sittler

- A couple of boards need replacing on the boardwalk
- Amy Kerner and Judi will walk around cairns crossing to scope out the area further

CRPR - Kathleen Matason

- no additions

Dalevue - David Schulte

- no additions

Fieldstone - Janet Sulzer

- After sending the playworld equipment to a person from HOA they are also interested in Fieldstone getting playworld equipment
- Janet with the help of Amy will meet on-site with current catalogs to get input, interest, and availability
- The mulching of a berm at Fieldstone will take place soon

Fogleman Fields - David Schulte

- no additions

Fogleman Overlook - David Schulte

- David wants to discuss this with Amy Kerner, no further additions

Glenn Park - Sue Smith

- no additions

Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow - Judi Sittler

- no additions

Harris Acres - Janet Sulzer

- Amy Kerner and Janet mailed a proposal for marking the boundaries of the existing backway into the park
- Janet says property owner expressed concern with the proposal, and cited noise, and David said potentially affecting property values

*A note from your Documenter – Did you know? In the case of a property value increase, the person owning the property would be required to pay higher property taxes yearly reflecting the new value of his property.*

Limerock Terrace - Sue Smith

- no additions

Millbrook Marsh - Kathleen Matason

- no additions

Mountainside - Sue Smith

- Sue talked to someone who is worried about the access into the park, cited strollers are literally difficult to get into the park
- Sue wants a neighborhood gathering to celebrate the new equipment
- The committee budgeted \$35,000 for the renovations, and roughly \$11,000 paid in 2023, the other half will be paid in 2024. Only around \$23,000 was used.

Mt. Nittany Terrace - Stephen Spoonamore

- no additions

Nittany Orchard - Stephen Spoonamore

- no additions

Oak Grove - Earl Moore

- no additions

Panorama - Janet Sulzer

- no additions

Penn Hills - David Schulte

- no additions

Shamrock - Earl Moore

- no additions

Slab Cabin - Earl Moore

- Earl reported that the playground has not drained well due to the excessive rain
- Amy was unsure of the requirement of the job to drain the Slab Cabin playground better, but acknowledged it would be a difficult task.

Slab Cabin Overlook - Jude Simpson

- no additions

Spring Creek Park - Jude Simpson

- no additions

Spring Creek Estates - Judi Sittler

- Judi states she will be onsite at Spring Creek Estates soon, because has not been there yet

Stoney Better Natural Area - Stephen Spoonamore

- no additions

Thompson Woods Parklet - Earl Moore

- no additions

Thompson Woods Preserve - Earl Moore

- The governance committee is governing a survey for stakeholders in the preserve. It will be sent out soon.

### **Consent Agenda** - February 12th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- David Schulte was concerned about how the committee approved the 2025-2029 Dalevue reports last meeting without discussion [he was not in the meeting last time and did not have a chance to discuss]. Stephen Spoonamore answered that after discussing it with other committee members and seeing the notes that David provided in the report they thought he would approve of their decision. David did not approve the change made to the pavilion plan for 2026 without discussion. He wanted to change the \$9,300 budget plan from 2026 to 2025. He said what is in the report currently is not what he specifically requested.
- Amy Kerner stated that she pushed the pavilion in Dalevue because the Council prioritized the funding for the master plan first.
- Earl Moore said since they are making changes to the report already, he requested the \$65,000 for Slab Cabin's equipment replacement budget to be moved from 2026 to 2025.

- Stephen responded to Earl that there was a mistake within the Dalevue budget in the report, and that is why they can make the change. However, they were not able to make additional changes to the report because it was not on the agenda.
- Janet Sulzer wanted to separate the minutes approval from the Dalevue budget.
- David motioned to approved, Stephen seconded, and the rest of the committee approved the minutes of February 12th, 2024 with the Dalevue \$9,300 budget moved from 2026 to 2025

**Communications** - none

**Other Matters** - none

**Chair Informatives**

- CI-1 - Clearwater Conservancy Watershed Cleanup Day
- CI-2 - Expenditures - Parks & Recreation Fund - 2023 Actual
- CI-3 - Indoor Recreation Facilities in Industrial Zone

**Staff Informatives**

- SI-1 - EZP Update
- SI-2 - Approved Five Year Plan

**Announcements** - Statement of Financial Interests - please complete and return to Sharon Meyers

**Adjournment**

Summary

*After you've taken your notes, summarize the 3 most important outcomes from your notes. Ask yourself, what would you tell your neighbor about this meeting?*

- Matt Fenton said that it is important to educate people about good practices to maintain little league fields, which included pushing rainwater to create a barrier to preserve the sand.
- The committee budgeted \$35,000 for the renovations of Mountainside, but they ultimately only needed to use roughly \$23,000 of it.
- There was ultimately a miscommunication within the five year plan report between David and the other Committee members, and it was corrected by approving the Dalevue \$9,300 budget plan to be moved from 2026 to 2025.

Follow-Up Questions

*What are you left wondering? Ask up to 3 of your own follow-up questions.*

- For the Mountainside renovations, how will the committee use the remaining \$12,000 difference?
- Why does creating master plans cost so much money?

Top Quote

*Was there one quote said that embodies the spirit of the meeting, a big idea, or adds color to the experience? Please ensure the quote and title (i.e., "Southwest Atlanta resident") is accurate by referring back to any recording, and please include the timestamp if using a video or recording.*

- *"The total plan was only... about \$25,000 for all five years, and it's going to cost \$60,000 to do a master plan that seems to me a poor use of taxpayer money" — David Schulte // Chair of College Township Parks & Recreation (1:06:20)*