

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.  
Approved Minutes

**Members Present:** Brad Rockwood, Donald Gerkin, Dave Ferguson, Kristin Darby

**Members Excused:** Tom Long, Tony Rosas, Michael Rodgers, Michael Duffy, Anita Taylor, Megan Vaughn

**Staff Present:** Will Brozy, Laura Tawes, Lisa Carroll

**Ex-Officio Member Present:** Jeff Degitz

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Carroll County Office Building in Room 003. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Donald Gerkin, Board Chair.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Jeff Degitz, Board members and staff introduced themselves to Rec Council guests.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Staff Updates** – Interviews conducted for vacant Recreation Coordinator position last week with selection coming soon; Program Associate position closed on 9/21/22 with interviews happening soon; continuing to experience vacancies at Piney Run Park, typical at end of summer
2. **Piney Run Park Wagon Rides** – Wagon rides scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each weekend in September and October. The 45-minute ride is followed by a 1-hour campfire; registration is by groups up to 25 in size
3. **Piney Run Park Fall Fest** – Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 10 am – 4 pm, food, crafts, music and more
4. **Charles Carroll Community Center** – The building is under roof and the Commissioners recently toured the construction site; opening estimated to be in March of 2023
5. **Capital Budget Process** – Advisory Board's priorities for new capital projects was shared with Budget Office; outdoor basketball courts at Leister Park and Krimgold Park and at least part of Freedom Park field lighting replacement likely to be included in

recommended CIP; other projects unlikely to be recommended due to high cost and limited funds

6. **Advisory Board Vacancies** – Caitlin Christ has resigned from the Board and the terms of Tom Long and Mike Rodgers end in late 2022. We will be working to fill these three openings with a goal of having representation from each of the commissioner districts.

### **Self-Help Project Requests:**

- Central Carroll – Presented by Frank Roelke: Requesting infield mix at Roaring Run. Total Project Cost: \$7,841 Rec Council Contribution: \$4,698 County Funds: \$3,143
- Central Carroll – Presented by Frank Roelke: Requesting infield mix at Sandymount Park. Total Project Cost: \$3,681 Rec Council Contribution: \$480 County Funds: \$3,201
- Central Carroll – Presented by Frank Roelke: Requesting infield mix at Deer Park. Total Project Cost: \$2,341 Rec Council Contribution: \$832 County Funds: \$1,509
- Central Carroll – Presented by Frank Roelke: Requesting main field work to include reestablishing crown and seed at Deer Park. Total Project Cost: \$24,648 Rec Council Contribution: \$6,649 County Funds: \$17,999
- Freedom Area – Presented by Steve Burke: Requesting new scoreboard and gym improvements at Carrolltowne Elementary. Total Project Cost: \$28,550 Rec Council Contribution: \$9,800 County Funds: \$18,750
- Freedom Area – Presented by George Jarboe: Requesting agility course and shade structure at South Carroll Dog Park. Total Project Cost: \$27,618 Rec Council Contribution: \$8,868 County Funds: \$18,750
- West Carroll – Presented by Jon Gill: Requesting infield mix at Northwest Middle. Total Project Cost: \$9,702 Rec Council Contribution: \$1,577 County Funds: \$8,125
- Winfield – Presented by Larry Holston: Requesting dugout shelters at Winfield Park. Total Project Cost: \$18,000 Rec Council Contribution: \$4,437 County Funds: \$13,563
- Winfield – Presented by Larry Holston: Requesting dugout fencing at Mayeski Park. Total Project Cost: \$12,054 Rec Council Contribution: \$2,956 County Funds: \$9,098

Jeff Degitz announced that procurement for Self-Help projects within Carroll County Public Schools will be managed by the Board of Education. Since there was not a quorum present, the attending members made a recommendation to approve all projects except the agility course for

the South Carroll Dog Park. It was later determined that there was not enough money in Self-Help to fund the remaining projects. The department will use Field Maintenance Grant funds to support the county funding for infield mix at Deer Park. An electronic vote was taken by google form after the meeting. 8 members voted unanimously to approve the projects as recommended.

Jeff Degitz shared that the next step in this process is to take the board's recommendation to the County Commissioners for their approval of the fund transfers.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Volunteer Hall of Fame Discussion:**

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will be presented on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Carroll Arts Center. The board was presented with Volunteer Hall of Fame nominees Jim & Betty Huber from the former Pleasant Valley Rec Council and Peggy & Bob Miller from the Carroll County Equestrian Council. The board recommended to approve those nominated. An electronic vote was taken by google form after the meeting. 8 members voted unanimously to approve the projects as recommended.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 p.m in the Nature Center at Piney Run Park. On a motion by Kristin Darby, Brad Rockwood seconded, and concurred by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff R. Degitz*

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Jeff R. Degitz, Director

*Laura Tawes*

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Laura Tawes, Secretary