The Carlisle Parks and Recreation Board met on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stuart Community Center. The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Schmidlein, Whitney Baker, Pam Fowler and Katie Maxwell. Jordan Heckman and Eric Oakman were absent.

Borough Council Liaison, Brenda Landis, was in attendance. Parks and Recreation Director, Andrea Crouse, and Parks and Recreation Secretary, Melinda Hench, were present.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmidlein at 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting were presented and approved.

MAXWELL/FOWLER

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
CYCD Pump Track Update
The Borough Solicitor is drafting an agreement with Carlisle Youth Cycling Development (CYCD) to design and build a pump track at Valley Meadows Park. The agreement, which covers the design, maintenance, bid specs, contracts, prevailing wage, insurance and indemnification, will need to be approved by Borough Council. If approved, CYCD would move forward with the design, then preparation of the bid specs, seeking approval from Borough Council at each phase. CYCD will need to raise all of the funds before putting the project out for bid.

CYCD was awarded a $65,000 grant from CAEDC to cover the design work. CYCD must enter into a contract with the borough to finalize the CAEDC grant agreement and to apply for other funds. The estimated cost of the project is $100,000-$150,000.

Lincoln Cemetery Community Art Project
Lindsay Varner, the historical society’s Community Outreach Director, obtained a $2,000 grant from the PA Humanities Council for a temporary art project at Lincoln Cemetery. The project will commemorate the approximately 600 people interred at the cemetery and will consist of 3 or 4 mosaic tile murals to be displayed at the flagpole. Lindsay is working with Jim Griffith of Create-A-Palooza to create opportunities at various community events for the public to contribute to the imagery and creation of the tiles. The tiles will be fired in Create-A-Palooza’s kiln. Members of the Tool Library will assist with mounting the mosaics on masonry board and securing them in frames of treated lumber.

The project also involves displaying the names of the interred on strips of fabric to be hung from the fence surrounding the cemetery. The public will be invited to participate in this portion of the project as well.
2019 Recreation Program Municipality Report
Director Crouse presented the municipality report for 2019 recreation programs. The report tracks participation in Parks and Recreation programs based on the municipality of the participants. For the 168 recreation programs offered last year, 42.9% of the participants resided in the Borough of Carlisle, 17.4% in North Middleton Township and 10.8% in South Middleton Township. The remainder was split between 10 or more other municipalities.

Fort LeTort Assessment Report
Andrea recently met with members of the Carlisle Kiwanis Club to discuss the Fort LeTort assessment done by Leathers & Associates. Leathers offered three maintenance scenarios. The first would cover minor repairs to the existing structure at a cost of approximately $45,000. The second would be a fairly major renovation at $170,000. Hand rails and several pieces of equipment would be replaced using plastic wood. This option would add more than 10 years to the life of the structure. It would still be necessary to provide annual maintenance on the remaining wood sections. The final scenario would be a total replacement at approximately $350,000. The new structure would last more than 30 years.

Kiwanis Club members said they are confident they can raise money for the total replacement. Many details need to be worked out, including the scope of the project, whether public funds would be used, or if Kiwanis would be required to bid the project. Regardless, this is an exciting opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS
Carlisle Community Pool Concessions
Staff is moving forward with converting the pool concession stand into a vending hut. Kristin Zeigler, Recreation and Pool Manager, will present the 2019 pool report at the March board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Following a motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Baker/Fowler

The next board meeting will be held March 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Stuart Community Center. Any member who is unable to attend the meeting is asked to notify Andrea Crouse.