

## MINUTES

County Administration Building  
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Rising Sun Room  
Elkton, MD 21921

November 19, 2012

### OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, 5:30 PM
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor Vice Chairman, Chris Hersl, George Raley, Matthew Morris, Cynthia Cantor, Superintendent, Clyde VanDyke, Director, Danielle Hemling Recreation Coordinator, former Commissioner Mark Guns, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2012  
Motion to Approve: Don Harmer  
Second: Chris Hersl

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Parks and Recreation/501c3 for Calvert Regional Park  
Former Commissioner Mark Guns wants to work with Parks and Recreation to start driving ideas and organizing events to raise funds through a 501c3 for Calvert Regional Park. Parks and Recreation wants to finish work on Conowingo Park and the Cecil Sports Complex so focus can be directed toward Calvert Regional Park. Per Director Clyde VanDyke, Lisa Webb, the Economic Development Director will be meeting with Ken Lewis, CEO and President of Union Hospital regarding the Regional Park and Union's involvement. Superintendent Cindy Cantor and Director Clyde VanDyke will be scheduling a meeting with Cecil County Executive elect, Tari Moore and Harford County Executive, David Craig, to discuss the economic impact a Regional Park would bring to Cecil County based on what Cedar Lane Regional Park (which budgets 1M/yr) has brought to Harford County. Cedar Lane Regional Park is on board to partner with Cecil County for tournaments, games, events, etc. Per Chairman Don Harmer, Bill Feehley, Treasurer of Cecil County, may also be able to help complete paperwork for a 501c3 as he is a CPA.

Motion to create an Advisory Board to facilitate a 501c3 nonprofit to support Calvert Regional Park lead by former Commissioner Mark Guns: Matthew Morris  
Second: Steve Minor

Steve Minor, Vice Chairman, would like a presentation to take to Gore leadership to possibly obtain assistance with matching funds, volunteering, and to help explain our vision for the Regional Park. A full concept map of Calvert Regional Park will be developed. A meeting, possibly at the Cecil Arena, will be scheduled with Parks Board Member Matthew Morris, his Engineering contact Dan, and Director Clyde VanDyke to discuss the layout of the map. Former Commissioner Mark Guns would like to see a partnership with Cecil County Public Schools due to increasing childhood obesity, diabetes, etc. Chris Hersl, Board of Education Representative, brought up the possibility of acquiring funding from insurance companies as a preventative disease control measure. The Board Members will continue to search for additional Advisory Board members.

- Conowingo Park Fields-Director Clyde VanDyke  
In late October and again early November, the fields at Conowingo Park were vandalized by a vehicle turfing the fields from goal post to goal post. Repairs required topsoil, grass seed, reinforcement of fencing rails to posts with screws, and a new security gate. If the seed does not take root, the fields will need to be re-seeding in the spring. If we had to re-sod the fields, the cost would be \$16,000-\$17,000. The next step in securing the fields would be the addition of an 8 or 9 gauge wire mesh tacked to the existing fencing.



- **2013 Forecast**

Per Director Clyde VanDyke, Conowingo Park should be done by this time 2013. SHA comments are being finalized, permits will be obtained in March, and Phase II will then go out to bid. Work will begin after June 15, 2013 due to an outflow pipe that needs to go to the river. The Cecil Sports Complex projects was delayed due to Hurricane Sandy. The baseball and football fields will be completed simultaneously with a tentative start date of March 4, 2013. Chairman Don Harmer will talk with Craig Whiteford regarding the 2014 CIP Priority 1 to confirm funding was already awarded and is being carried over.

**Motion to Adjourn: Steve Minor**

**Second: Chris Hersl**

**Meeting Adjourned : 6:42pm**

**Next Meeting: to be held Monday, January 28th at 5:30 pm, at the County Administration Building.**